



St. Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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Summer Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday:
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



HUMBLY WELCOME THE WORD
THAT HAS BEEN PLANTED
IN YOU AND IS ABLE
TO SAVE YOUR SOULS.

James 1:21b



September 2, 2018



St. Catherine of Siena Chapel
One West Main Street

Weekday Mass 9:00 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday following 9:00 AM Mass
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM 1st Friday

St. Catherine of Siena Church
Weekend Masses
Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 11:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:30 PM — 4:00 PM

Holy Day Masses—Main Church
9:00 AM / 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 P.M. or during the 11:30 A.M. Mass. Arrangements for all Baptisms must be made in advance by contacting the parish office at 732-938-5375. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor letters, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is mandatory for parents. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend. Classes are held in Classroom 10 at 7:30 P.M. on the last Monday of each month. To sign up, please fill out the **registration form** on our website for the date you wish to attend.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the parish office to begin marriage preparation at least one year before the anticipated wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available as needed, by calling the Pastor's Office at 732-938-5375 OPT. 7

Recommendation for Sponsorship: In order to be a godparent/sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all their Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; if married, be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully (*showing attendance through the use of your church envelopes, the welcome envelopes located in the narthex, or via WeShare online giving*); be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months. Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out a form to be recommended for sponsorship. All requests will be seen by the Pastor and you will be notified when your form is ready.



Homebound Ministry

If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, please contact the Parish Office.

Parishioners with Celiac Sprue An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. *Please notify the Celebrant or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.*

MASS READINGS



First Reading -- For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm -- The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading --

Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel -- This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 1 SAT.	4:30 pm	John & Mary Kruse Req. by June Hankel
Sept. 2 SUN.	8:00 am	Lucena Enriquez Req. by Doran Family Ed Wojciechowki Req. by Sillup Family
	10:00 am	Giussepe Cosentino Req. by Philip & Kristin Natilli Walter Meehan Req. by Leon & Pam Davison & Concetta DeGrande
	11:30 am	Jeanice Moran Req. by Roy & Terri Murray

WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASS—9:00 AM

Sept. 3 MON.	Brendan Byrne Req. by Jim McMahon
Sept. 4 TUES.	Dean Wright Req. by wife, Annette
Sept. 6 THURS.	Mary Sanseverino Req. by Tony Sonsini
Sept. 7 FRI.	Dorothy Lee Morgan Req. by sister, Mary Obrochta

Please pray for the sick and all those who have asked for our prayers:

MaryAnn Aulisi	John Hart	Amber Painter
Jean & Mike Burke	Lori Jones	Esther Peraza
Joseph Cocuzza	Janice Kehoe	Jeanette Picciani
Denise Davidowski	Edward Kress	David Piccolo
Nancy Drake	Charles "Butch" Lavin	Barbara Sansevere
Bob Fort	Barbara Lipari	Lenore Sears
Richard Giordano	Lauren MacArthur	Nancy Soper
Angie Gorda	Teresa Magyar	Yolanda Spinelli
Marlene Gravatt	Margie McCullam	Ilona Supczynski
		Roseann Williams



A list of prayers for those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Office at **732-938-5375**.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Tomorrow, Monday, September 3, is Labor Day. It marks the end of summer vacation and the beginning of the school year as well as the regular schedule of our Church's activities in the parish community. Labor Day is a great time to reflect, discern and pray as we thank the Lord for all the people who are working with us and working for us. Also, it is an opportunity to be mindful that work and prayer go together to be able to fulfill the work with enthusiasm, fulfillment and happiness. Labor Day is a time to relax, take things slowly and be ready for the upcoming busyness of our lives with the Lord as our inspiration, help and guide.

With a lot of things going on in the world, here is an interesting question, can we live without religion? "Of course, we can," as many people would say today. Some people would say, we can do better without it. They claim that religion is bad for us because it encourages violence, bigotry and intolerance. They cite the Crusades, the Inquisition and the many religious wars down through the centuries as sources of terrible destruction. Unfortunately, the appalling wars and genocides of the last century demonstrate that humankind is all too capable of committing atrocities that are not in the name of religion whatsoever. The consequent debates between religious believers and non-believers can often be heated and badly informed. Is it possible at least to say something from God's word about what the difference is between good and bad religion?

Today's readings on the twenty-second of the year seem to fittingly address this question. We heard in the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy how wonderful the religious Law given to Israel is, whereas in the Gospel, Jesus shows how harmful religion can be when it is misused. How can we resolve this paradox? If we look first at Deuteronomy, there is a sense of deep appreciation of the Law God had given them. As we can see, the people had been in miserable slavery in Egypt and God had freed them. The Ten Commandments were seen as a precious gift and were a way of keeping them free so that they did not slip back into the slavery of idolatry. And finally, the rituals of the law helped them to become one as a community.

Time and again we hear Jesus as a Jew respected God's Law. In fact, he made it clear that he had not come to abolish it but to fulfill it. However today, when the Pharisees who were zealous for the Law criticized Jesus' disciples for not performing the washing rituals, he makes a strong prophetic attack on the way religion can become bad. He quotes the Prophet Isaiah to back him up and support him. Worship can be just words covering up injustice. Religion therefore becomes hypocritical as it serves human interests and not the original commandments of God. Jesus insists that good religion comes from the heart. External rituals are helpful, but they remain superficial unless they come from the heart. Moreover, unless the heart is changed, then the destructive forces that come from within will make a person unclean.

For hundreds of years Christians have had a religion that can provide both a powerful story and symbolic rituals by which we can introduce the next generation to our beliefs and values. Looking back, like the Jewish people, we recount the wonders of a loving God who has rescued us from slavery and taught us a Law that reflects the justice, care and compassion of God. In Jesus that law comes to fulfillment in the revelation of a love that expressed itself in the sacrifice of the cross. But Jesus himself warned that good religion can be perverted into bad. All the failings of the Pharisees in the Gospel can be our failings today. Our experience tells us too easily how religion can be misused to produce violence and injustice. Our faith can make sense of our world and give us a purpose to live. Once we are aware how our religion can go wrong, we are still called by Christ to offer its story of good news to a world without a better narrative. We may not be able to convince some people by our beliefs, but if we are witnesses to a good religion they may at least start to think about it. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH NEWS

Rosary Prayer and Reflection

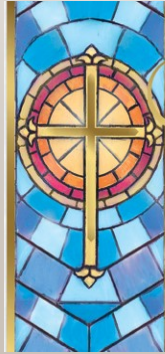
Saturday, September 1
4:00 pm Main Church

Sunday, September 2
After 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass

Friday, September 7
First Friday Adoration
After 9:00 am Mass—Noon
Chapel



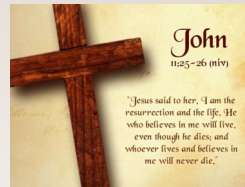
“There is no problem, no matter how large—whether it be world, family, or personal problems—that cannot be solved through recitation of the Rosary.”
-St. Lucia of Fatima



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

The Raggi Family

Jon-Michael, Mary Ann,
Rosalia, Olivia, and Jon-Michael



Pray for the Deceased of our Parish family, especially for:

Frank Pondaco

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Extraordinary Ministers needed for all masses.
Anyone age 16 and over is eligible to serve.
Please consider serving in this beautiful ministry.

For more information, please contact Donna Lee at
massministries@sienachurch.org.



Anyone over age 12 can be an usher. Confirmation students—earn service hours. Contact scottrubinson@gmail.com or 732-492-6861.

RCIA—The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information contact RCIA@Sienachurch.org or call our office at 732-938-5375.



Our Homebound Ministry diligently serves 13 faithful in our community.

We thank our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for their ongoing dedication.

To learn more about this wonderful Ministry, please email [Donna Lee at massministries@sienachurch.org](mailto:DonnaLee@massministries@sienachurch.org)



CATECHISTS Needed for our 7th grade students. To volunteer, please email dre@sienachurch.org.



Looking for a volunteer to teach songs for Grades 1-3 in our Religious Education Program.
To volunteer, please email dre@sienachurch.org.



Save the Date....

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Fall Festival
Sunday, September 23, 2018
Beginning After the 10 A.M. Mass

ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection
Saturday/Sunday, August 25/26 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$ 891.00	116 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,689.00	143 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$2,016.00	156 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,035.00	101 people
Totals	5,631.50	516 people
Online Giving Aug 20— Aug 26	\$1,116.00	57 donors

Second Collection
Energy & Fuel \$1,201.00



FOR IT IS IN GIVING
 THAT WE RECEIVE.
— St. Francis of Assisi

Sept 8/9 Collection
The Catholic University of America



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity. You can learn more at: collection.catholic.edu



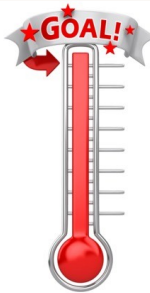
The Parish Office and Religious Education Office will be closed on **Monday, September 3**, in observance of Labor Day. Mass will be held in our Chapel at 9 a.m.

EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Care of Grounds	\$2,469.90
Repairs and Maintenance	\$4,860.00
Liturgical Supplies	\$4,610.02
Telephone/Internet/Cable	\$864.09
Water	\$290.00
Gas	\$176.19
Electric	\$1,496.45
Waste	\$111.95
TOTAL	\$14,878.60

THIS IS WHAT
Love
 LOOKS LIKE

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal



Goal \$44,000.00
August 27, 2018—\$37,245.00
85 % of Goal Pledged

Pledge Balance
\$4,262.70

Only \$6,755.00 remains to meet our \$44,000.00 Goal!

Our Parish will receive a 15% rebate from the Diocese if we are successful.

Thank you for your generosity!
 If you have not made a contribution, please prayerfully consider helping our parish meet our Goal.



ONLINE GIVING
 By WeShare

Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish community online as it does benefit our parish in so many important ways. To get started with online giving, go to sienachurch.org, click on the Online Giving logo, follow the easy registration steps. For assistance, please contact the parish office at 732-938-5375.

FAITH FORMATION



Our Children's Faith Journey

The RCIA for children is a process that invites any child age 7 to 18, interested in the Catholic Faith, to discover what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. It is open to anyone seeking to get to know Jesus. Like the RCIA for adults, this process is accomplished in a comfortable, friendly and informal environment designed for children. Certain Rites are celebrated in the church throughout their journey in faith. Near the end of the process, the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist—are celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Our program will be offered on the **1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the Month October thru May**. Children will arrive at 9:45 AM. The program will conclude after the 11:30 AM Mass. Families are invited to celebrate Mass together with their children. There is no cost for this program.

For more information, call the parish office or email RCIA@sienachurch.org.



Are you interested in getting together with other women to explore your faith? Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study for women that aims to bring women to a closer relationship with Christ. Personal study and small group discussions at WWP each week link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

STARTING Tuesday, September 25, 2018
10:00 – 11:30 AM

TWO PROGRAMS WILL RUN SIMULTANEOUSLY



**Opening Your Heart:
The Starting Point**



**Keeping in Balance:
Creating Order Within**

Interested in Learning More? Please email wpp@sienachurch.org or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

thank you



Our Back to School Supply Drive was a huge success! A warm thank you to our generous parishioners, friends of the community, including Equestra and Shop n Bag Supermarket. With your donations our newly formed Social Concerns Commission collected over **2,535** school supplies! We were able to help every age of students in our local community schools along with Good Counsel Homes, St. Clare's Children Home, and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton.

We also would like to thank all the individual monetary donors along with St. Catherine of Siena's Rosary Altar Society, and "Why Catholic?". A special thank you to the Father Angelito and the dedicated volunteers of our Social Concerns Committee. On August 23rd, the Trenton Monitor published an article on this initiative (page 31). To read article in its entirety, see www.trentonmonitor.com



CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PAIR AT A TIME

COMING SOON Soles 4 Souls Shoe Drive

Please Save Your New and Gently Used Shoes.

Drive begins September 23rd

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



People are hungry all year long... but often forgotten in the summer months.

Through the efforts of our Social Concerns Commission, our parish now supports the **Howell Emergency Food Pantry**. They are in need of non-perishable food items and personal care items. Donations can be dropped off in our Narthex or to the parish office.

To find out more on the numerous ways you can help, please contact: socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org.

COMMUNITY CORNER

St. Veronica Church 21st Anniversary of the Adoration Chapel & Perpetual Adoration

September 14, 1997– 2018

**“Immersing oneself in silent Eucharistic
adoration is the secret to knowing the Lord.”
Pope Francis**

Sign-up with a partner, friend, or family member and share an hour. Request to be placed with a single adorer for a built-in substitute. Sign up to sub for an adorer on bulletin board in the chapel for a single date.

Urgently Needed Hours:

Monday 1 PM, 7 PM

Friday, 9 AM, 11 AM

Saturday 5 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 7 PM

Contact Debbie at drev514@aol.com or leave on machine at 732-367-7750.

Saint Peter's School and Parish

406 Forman Ave. Point Pleasant Beach NJ

Saint Peter's 41st Annual Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday November 10, 2018** from 9-5 pm at Saint Peter's School and Parish. Direct Sale Vendors and Crafters are wanted. Your merchandise will reach over 2,000 enthusiastic buyers! Applications are being accepted through September. Please email spscraffair1@gmail.com with questions and to receive an application.



SAVE THE DATE St. Veronica School Golf Outing

Thursday, October 4, 2018

Pebble Creek Golf Club in Colts Neck
Early Bird registration till September 15th
\$125/person

Includes:

18 holes with golf cart
Continental Breakfast and BBQ Lunch

With questions, please contact Anne Olsen:
732-850-1230 olsean4@gmail.com



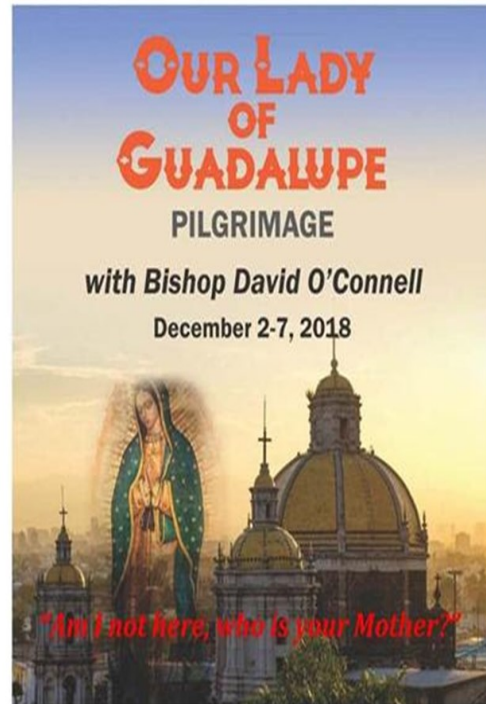
2018 CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION WOMEN'S RALLY

**Speaker: Maria Vadia
Holy Family Church**

**1139 East County Line Road, Lakewood NJ 08701
Saturday, September 15, 2018
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, will celebrate Mass at the 2018 Women's Rally.

Please register online: www.cwoz.org or call and leave your phone number, spell your last name at: 732-363-0139 ext. 777 by Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.



Our Lady of Guadalupe is among the most tender, beautiful, vibrant, and influential truths of the Christianity of the Americas.

Join us and our Bishop David O'Connell on this pilgrimage to honor her as we enter into her story and her presence at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Space is limited so reserve now!

For more information, visit
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/events/pilgrimage-our-lady-of-guadalupe-mexico>