



# St. Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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*Did not God  
choose those who  
are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith  
and heirs of the  
kingdom that he  
promised to those  
who love him?*

*James 2:5*

September



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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*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 on the 4th Sunday of the 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** -- Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalm** -- Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** -- Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** -- Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

*Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?*  
— James 2:5

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sept. 8 SAT.</b>	4:30 pm	<b>George Hankel</b> Req. by Lucille O'Connor <b>Theresa Hobday</b> Req. by sister, Marie
<b>Sept. 9 SUN.</b>	8:00 am	<b>Phyllis Storey</b> Req. by Storey Family <b>Dominick Colonna</b> Req. by Don & Janice Deakyne
	10:00 am	<b>Connie Morrissey</b> Req. by Phyllis Hurley <b>Gerald Martori</b> Req. by Phyllis Hurley
	11:30 am	<b>John R. Lucchese</b> Req. by Phillip & Kristin Natilli <b>Frank Pondaco</b> Req. by Donna Lee

### WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASS—9:00 AM

<b>Sept. 10 MON.</b>		<b>Barbara Fernandez</b> Req. by Christine Mondele
<b>Sept. 11 TUES.</b>		<b>Rosaria Sciascia</b> Req. Walking with Purpose
<b>Sept. 13 THURS.</b>		<b>Samuel J. Morano</b> Req. by Ben, Celeste, Tyler and Ben Talcott
<b>Sept. 14 FRI.</b>		<b>John N. DeLuca</b> Req. by wife, Julie

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

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

It is good to be mindful of the fact that we are back to our usual schedule wherever we may be, in school, at our work, in the Church. It is quite important to note that just as we continue to eat, breath, sleep and all the basic things that we need or do, God would never in any way stop taking good care of us, as he continues to love us.

Today we celebrate the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the year. As we reflect and pray on the readings, the basic belief of our faith reminds us that Jesus saves; the very name Jesus means "God saves." If we do not know Jesus as a savior, we do not know Jesus at all. But what does he save us from? He saves us from many things. Personally, I can't say how many times I've felt Jesus' saving presence in avoiding a terrible vehicular accident while driving on the road. He saves us from sin and the effects of sin, perhaps from strong temptation, major sickness, or harm from someone who does not like us. We believe that at the end of our lives, he brings those who love him into his kingdom of eternal life and assures us that we will share in his risen life on the finality of days. We just mentioned some of the ways and experiences we truly acknowledge him as our savior. Full of hope, we can see that he is with us as our savior all through our lives and beyond into eternity. "I came that they may have life and may have it to the full." (Jn.10:10)

In today's Gospel, we are shown how Jesus may touch us with his healing love if we ask him. Interestingly, we are told that first, the family and friends of the deaf man begged Jesus to cure the man. What Jesus has done reminds all of us about prayer. There were a good number of people asking for a favor from the Lord, they were so persistent and never gave up. They approached Jesus with a sense of urgency and high expectations knowing that our Lord will respond to their plea.

Jesus' outward actions today are symbolic, the miracle is not. Jesus placing his finger in the man's ears symbolically represents opening his ears to sound. Spitting on the tongue symbolically represents loosening, the man's tongue. The miracle resides in the power of God, in the person of Jesus Christ, who releases the man from his infirmities, saying: "Ephphatha! Be opened!"

Jesus recognizes the unthinkable position of the man who is deaf and has a speech impediment, how he is viewed by the general population and suffers rejection by being held at a distance all the time. Jesus refuses to allow the situation to continue so he beckons the man and calls him to him.

Be opened. Right to the heart of the matter. How is Jesus challenging us to be opened? To open our ears to the Gospel message rather than refusing to hear it, or ignore it, to open our lips to proclaiming the Gospel message rather than remaining silent.

We might be inclined to say the man in today's Gospel had an excuse, but do we? There is no excuse for us when it comes to hearing Jesus speak to us and sharing what he has to say with others. Coming here to church makes very little sense if we are coming with no intention of listening or repeating what we hear God say to us.

Is it possible we are being called today to hear our Lord and strengthen our voices when it comes to living our faith among others? Jesus is a wise teacher, teaching us by every way possible. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching us that there is no single way in which we must do things as Christians. Often, we may feel that to be a faithful follower of Jesus we need to speak and act publicly; and some of us may find that is not the easiest thing to do. The Gospel of today points to the fact that this is not always the most effective way. There are many occasions in our lives when we can be powerful witnesses to Jesus by what we do in private, without anyone else knowing what is done. These are the often-unseen ways in which we show love and care for those in need, such as the visit to a person who is sick, the welcome we offer to someone who is lost or lonely, the generosity to the homeless person whom everyone else ignores, the constant love with which we support our children. All the above mentioned may bear quiet yet faithful witness to Christ. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH NEWS

Rosary Prayer and Reflection  
**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:

**Christopher Gathman**  
**Brian and Gina Masterson**  
**Tyler & Alyssa Sliwoski**

*Join us*

**Wednesday, September 12**  
Welcome Reception

We invite all women of the parish to attend the first Rosary Altar Society meeting for the 2018-2019 year. At 7:00 pm in the Church we will begin with recitation of the Rosary, followed by a Wine and Cheese Reception in Classroom #10. To join, sign up online, after Mass on 9/8 & 9/9 or at the first meeting. You may also download a copy of the membership form and submit it with your dues.

Through the Sacrament of  
Baptism, we Welcome to the  
Church:



**Madison Reese Silvani**

## 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](mailto:RCIA@Sienachurch.org) or call our office at 732-938-5375.

*We ask God's blessings on this child and her family every day of her life!*



**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](mailto:massministries@sienachurch.org).



**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:massministries@sienachurch.org)



**CATECHISTS** Needed for our 7th grade students. To volunteer, please email [dre@sienachurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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, September 1/2 2018**

<b>4:30 PM Mass</b>	<b>\$ 1,441.00</b>	<b>123 people</b>
<b>8:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>\$1,618.00</b>	<b>112 people</b>
<b>10:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>\$1,286.00</b>	<b>137 people</b>
<b>11:30 AM Mass</b>	<b>\$1,087.00</b>	<b>138 people</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,432.00</b>	<b>510 people</b>
<b>Online Giving</b> Aug 27 — Sept 2	<b>\$2,805.00</b>	<b>64 donors</b>



We are so happy to welcome new members to our Parish family! We invite you to stop by the Parish Office, Mon.-Thur. 9 am - 2 pm or Sunday, 9 am—12:45 pm., for registration, to learn about our various ministries and to receive offertory envelopes.

Young Adults who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or are employed full-time, are encouraged to register under their own name.

For address changes, including a change in Parish, please stop by the office or call the at 732-938-5375.


**Second Collection**  
**Maintenance & Repairs \$1,518.00**



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

**Sept 15/16 Collection**  
**Diocesan Assessment**

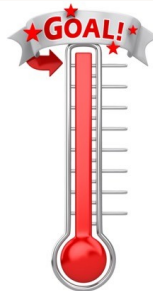
THIS IS WHAT  
*Love*  
 LOOKS LIKE



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal



O Lord God, our heavenly Father, regard, we pray, with your divine pity, the pains of all your children. As we remember the horrifying events of September 11, 2001, hold us in the shelter of your enduring love. Grant that the passion of our Lord and his infinite love may make fruitful for good the tribulations of the innocent, the sufferings of the rescuers and the sorrows of the bereaved. We ask this in the name of your son and our brother, who suffered and died for the sake of all people. Amen.



**Goal \$44,000.00**  
**September 3, 2018—\$37,245.00**  
**85 % of Goal Pledged**

**Pledge Balance**  
**\$4,207.70**

**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.**



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](http://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 and 3rd Sunday of the Month October thru May**. Children will arrive at 10:15 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](mailto:RCIA@sienachurch.org).

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



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](http://www.trentonmonitor.com)



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](mailto:wpp@sienachurch.org) or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.



**Did you know your old shoes provide new opportunities in your hometown?**

**Help people living in poverty gain new dignity, courage and hope**

**Collection Weekend September 22/23**

The Social Concerns Commission of St. Catherine of Siena is sponsoring a shoe drive beginning the weekend of September 22/23.

A collection box will be in the Narthex for new and/or gently used shoes of all sizes and types, including athletic, cleats, dance, dress, flip flops, heels, hiking, pumps, sneakers, sandals, work boots.

Please bag, tie, or elasticize each pair of shoes donated.

Soles4Souls is a nonprofit enterprise committed to fighting poverty through the collection and distribution of shoes locally, nationally and internationally. For more information, email [socialconcernscomission@sienachurch.org](mailto:socialconcernscomission@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](mailto:drev514@aol.com) or leave on machine at 732-367-7750.



### 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](http://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.

**HELP  
WANTED**

**Director of Liturgical Music:** Responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing the musical aspects of Parish Liturgy and worship, including but not limited to: selecting music for weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation, special Masses, and prayer services. Must understand and respect Roman Catholic Liturgical practice and the role of music, be proficient on piano and organ, show a broad literacy in traditional and contemporary sacred and liturgical music, and a minimum of five years' experience leading/directing Church choirs. Submit resume and three professional references to Church of Saint Leo the Great, [50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft NJ 07738](http://50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft NJ 07738), Attn: DLM Search, or by email to [parish@stleothegreat.com](mailto:parish@stleothegreat.com).

**No phone inquiries.**

**Cantor/Leader of Song:** Lead the worshipping community in musical prayer during weekend Masses, on Holy Days of Obligation, funerals, special Masses, and prayer services. Must understand and respect Roman Catholic Liturgical practice and the role of music, be able to read music and demonstrate a broad literacy in traditional and contemporary sacred and liturgical music. Submit a resume and three professional references to Church of Saint Leo the Great, 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft NJ 07738, Attn: C/LS Search, or by email to [parish@stleothegreat.com](mailto:parish@stleothegreat.com). **No phone inquiries.**



### SAVE THE DATE St. Veronica School Golf Outing Thursday, October 4, 2018

Pebble Creek Golf Club in Colts Neck  
Early Bird registration till September 15<sup>th</sup>  
\$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](mailto:olsean4@gmail.com)



## Saint John Vianney High School

### Open House

Saturday, October 20th 10 am—1 pm

Thursday, October 25th 7 pm—9 pm

Pre-Register for Open House & Placement Test at [www.sjvhs.org/admissions](http://www.sjvhs.org/admissions)

Placement Test, Saturday Nov. 3, 8 am

[www.sjvhs.org](http://www.sjvhs.org)

Please contact Admissions Coordinator Patti Gilmartin for additional information or to set up a private tour.