

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9 am—2 pm • Sun 9 am—12:45 pm
Religious Education Hours: Mon: 10 am—7:30 pm • Wed: 10 am—6 pm



PARISH INFORMATION

PASTOR

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

WEEKEND ASSISTANT

Rev. Alfred Burke

DEACON

Daniel Sakowski

WEEKEND MASS

SCHEDULE

Saturday—4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8 a.m. /10 a.m. /11:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

MAIN CHURCH

9 a.m. /7 p.m.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL

One West Main Street

WEEKDAY MASS

SCHEDULE

Monday—9 a.m.

Tuesday—9 a.m.

Thursday—9 a.m.

Friday—9 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of **LENT**

April 7, 2019



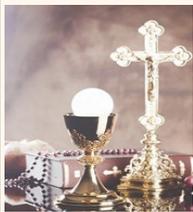
Jesus said,
“Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her.”

John 8:7

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WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS April 6, 2019

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy
- *Psalm 130.*

April 6 SAT.	4:30 pm	Sandra Koziar Req. by Joanne Monroe Jean Anne Burke Req. by Pat Lacoste
April 7 SUN.	8:00 am	Muriel Ruggiero Req. by Bill & Cheryl Costello Meghan Crilly Req. by Lou & Macia Ciccone
	10:00 am	Lillian Bini Req. by Jim & Marian Ferris John N. DeLuca Req. by Julie DeLuca
	11:30 am	Joan Porter Req. by Roy & Terri Murray Mary T. Pellechia Req. by husband, Nick & Family
April 8 MON.	9:00 am	William Sharkey Req. by Shirely Sharkey & Family
April 9 TUES.	9:00 am	John N. DeLuca Req. by Julie DeLuca
April 11 THURS.	9:00 am	Dylan Patrick Joyce Req. by Mom & Grandma
April 12 FRI.	9:00 am	Dennis Kruk Req. by Kruk Family Joseph Picollo Jr. Req. by Picollo Family



May the Good Lord Bless all the Faithful Departed, and Especially for:

Daniel Michael McGee

May His Soul and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.



Please Pray for the Sick and All Those Who Have Asked for Our Prayers

MaryAnn Aulisi	John Hart	Esther Peraza
Peter Bennett	Lori Jones	Jeanette Picciani
Colette Blair	Janice Kehoe	David Piccolo
Mike Burke	Charles "Butch" Lavin	Mary Rossiello
Robert Carlson Jr.	Barbara Lipari	Barbara Sansevere
Joseph Cocuzza	Lauren MacArthur	Nancy Soper
Nancy Drake	Teresa Magyar	Wayne Sos
Cyril Elias	Margie McCullam	Yolanda Spinelli
Sharon Foster	Linda Moore	Ilona Supczynski
Marlene Gravatt	McKenna Murray	Melissa Tortorello
Norma Jean Hall	Amber Painter	Roseann Williams

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2019

RECONCILIATION Saturday's 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY April 14
Palm is distributed at all Masses

DAILY MASS

St. Catherine of Siena Chapel
Monday, April 15 at 9 a.m.

DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS

The Co-Cathedral of St. Robert of Bellarmine
Monday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m.

DAILY MASS

St. Catherine of Siena Chapel
Tuesday, April 16 at 9 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY April 18

No Morning Mass
St. Catherine of Siena Church
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY April 19

St. Catherine of Siena Church opens at 9 a.m.
Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross at 3 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY April 20

St. Catherine of Siena Church Morning Prayers at 9 a.m. followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets & Foods
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY April 21 Masses at 8, 10 & 11:30 a.m.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

I would like to start this reflection with a true story that has been told. The teacher gave her class a mathematics test. The first instruction on the test was: "Read through all the questions on this paper before you begin to write your answers." There then followed a list of thirty mathematical problems to solve.

As expected, most students jumped straight into the questions, working their way through to the end. It was then they discovered that the final question turned out not to be a question at all but another instruction. It said: "Now that you have read through this test paper, please ignore all the questions above and simply stand up and quietly leave the classroom." The observant students, who followed the first instruction to read through all the questions before they started answering, passed the test by merely getting up and walking out of the room after a couple of minutes. It was a great lesson to teach the students not to rush to give an answer or make a judgment.

There's a great deal of making rash judgments and demanding quick answers in our Gospel today. Only Jesus seems to take the time carefully to read the bigger picture of the whole situation. He resists the temptation to offer a swift response like simple "yes" or "no" answer to the question the scribes and Pharisees put to him. Instead, Jesus gathers his thoughts. He bends down and starts doodling in the dust, thinking, pondering, reflecting, seeing the broader picture.

Here is an interesting question, have you ever been "caught in the act?" There is no way to get out of it, though we often try. The woman was caught in the act. So was the man. Where was he? He deserved the same punishment. Jesus catches the leaders in the act of misunderstanding the law in a way that imprisons them.

Jesus offers a new way. Taking his time he writes on the ground. We don't know what he wrote. Whatever it was, they are moved to change their intentions, and Jesus invites anyone without sin to cast the first stone. They walk away and no longer condemn her; neither does Jesus. He forgives her and tells her to sin no more.

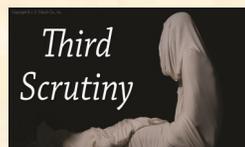
As we can see, Jesus did something new. He put her situation in a context we all share, and that is, we all sin and need God's absolution. If we turn to Jesus, admit our need for forgiveness, and take on the suffering that changing our hearts and our ways can entail, we will experience the promised resurrection that Paul proclaims in today's second reading.

However, we have a choice. We can be honest when caught in the act and suffer the consequences of sin or judgment, thus opening the way to forgiveness and acceptance. Also, we can try to wiggle our way out and miss God's freely offered mercy. Admitting our sin and need for God turns weeping into rejoicing at the great things God does for us.

Our God, full of mercy, all of us are and sinners need your merciful love. Make us turn to you today to hear you say to us, "Neither do I condemn you." Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



This weekend, we continue the celebration of the Scrutinies. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent we pray in a particular way for those who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We pray that any attachment to evil might be removed, and that they be truly converted to Christ.

ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, March 30/31 2019

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,978.00	171 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,307.00	105 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,149.00	136 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,109.00	149 people
Totals	\$5,543.00	561 people
Online Giving Mar 25— Mar 31	\$1,204.00	62 donors

Second Collection

Catholic Relief Services	\$2,024.00
Candles	\$86.00



Next Week's Second Collection— Apr 13/14

Maintenance & Repairs

EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Office Supplies	\$667.48
Repairs and Maintenance Supplies	\$133.28
Religious Education	\$1,086.96
Telephone/Internet/Cable	\$622.74
Water	\$168.77
Gas	\$2,137.36
Electric	\$765.82
Waste	\$123.79
Landscaping/Care of Grounds	\$8,206.45
TOTAL	\$13,912.65



Parish Office
 Closed
 Thursday, April 18
 and Monday, April 22



“Never **REACH OUT**
 your hand unless you are willing to
EXTEND an arm.” Pope St. Paul VI

Each parish is part of the larger church of the Diocese of Trenton. We are led by Bishop O’Connell, who is charged with the education and guidance of all the members of his flock. We must help him to shepherd his flock. **Each one of us** is the beneficiary of blessings from God. Our time, talent and treasure are all gifts. **We are called to make a difference and share our gifts with those who are less fortunate than ourselves.** Together, we can do more than any one parish can do alone



Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00

As of March 18, 2019
 Pledged Amount: **\$20,135.00**
 Percent of Goal Raised=46%

 Pledge Balance Owed on
 March 18=\$4,502.00



We are always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. **Thank you** for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family.

Catholic Appeal pledge cards are available in the narthex. For more information on the Annual Catholic Appeal, please email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MINISTRY NEWS



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

Alicia Appell

With Warmth and Prayers,
We Welcome You into
Our Family of Faith.



The first step for Infant
Baptisms at St. Catherine of Siena Parish is our Baptism
Preparation Class.

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Sunday, April 28, 2018

For more detailed information and to register, visit our
parish website, www.sienachurch.org.

Rosary Altar Society

Wednesday, April 10 • 7 pm

All are invited to pray the Rosary and stay
for a Q&A session hosted by Father Al.

For more info, please email
rosary@sienachurch.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are busy planning for the 2019-2020 Religious
Education year and we need your help! Catechists for all
grades are needed. You don't need to have a child in the
program to be eligible to teach, just a desire to share your
faith with the children of the Parish.

For more details, please contact Patrice Riley, at
732-938-6229 or email cre@sienachurch.org.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
the ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Live STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday

APRIL 12

7 PM

**Soup & Salad at 6 pm
Parish Hall**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

It is not too late to sign-up your child!

Looking for creative parishioners who can assist in
making costumes/props. Donations for materials are
welcomed.

Please email religiousedkids@sienachurch.org.



St. Catherine of Siena
Music Ministry
Presents

An Easter Cantata

Jesus Remember Me

Performed by the Adult and
Children's Choir

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

St. Catherine of Siena
Church

3 pm

Refreshments to Follow
Parish Hall

SACRAMENT & FAITH FORMATION

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: To schedule an anointing, call the Pastor's Office at 732-938-5375 OPT. 7.

BAPTISM: We celebrate Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM or during the 11:30 AM Mass. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor letters, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is mandatory for parents. 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. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

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

MATRIMONY: Couples planning a marriage must contact the Parish Office to begin marriage preparation at least one year before the anticipated wedding date.

RCIA: The process by which adults become Catholic and/or receive the Sacraments is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: 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. The RCIA for Children will be offered on the **1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the Month October thru May**. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY: In order to be a godparent/sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, according to Canon Law, 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.

OBTAIN A MASS CARD: We welcome all who would like to request their special intentions or deceased loved ones be prayed for at weekday or weekend Mass. Please call or stop by the Parish Office.

PRAYER LIST: Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added to our prayer list.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: We welcome all on Monday's after the 9 am Mass in our Chapel.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Easter Baskets of Blessings Drive St. Catherine of Siena



The Social Concerns Commission extends out into our community to lend support to those facing hardships. Together, reaching out to God's children, let us make a difference this Lenten season to give hope to others through a small token of our parish community's love for the children of our area.

Donations Welcomed Now through April 7th

We will be collecting:

Books	Easter Baskets	Play-Doh
Bows	Easter Candy	Sidewalk Chalk
Bubbles	Easter Eggs	Stickers
Coloring Books	Easter Grass	Stuffed Animals, Small
Crayons	Markers	Gift Cards
Clear Wrap	Toys/Games	Small Personal Care Items: toothbrushes, hairbrushes

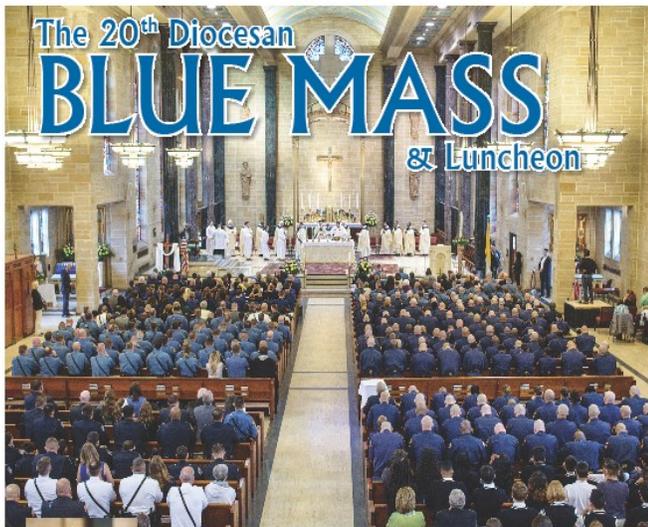
Please bring all donated items to the collection bin located in the Church Narthex.

Basket Assembly Day
Saturday, April 13, 2019
7th & 8th Grade Students Earn Community Service Hours

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office or email socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org

Store Bought Baskets Gladly Accepted

OUR DIOCESE ... OUR COMMUNITY



The 20th Diocesan **BLUE MASS** & Luncheon

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton invite law enforcement personnel of all faiths who live or serve in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties to the...

Celebration of Law Enforcement

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 • 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton

Luncheon donation of \$20 per person requested.
Immediate families of law enforcement personnel are included at no cost.

For further information, call 609-403-7199, or visit www.bluemass.org

Reservations required by Tuesday, April 23 • apedre@dioceseoftrenton.org • 609-403-7199
To order lunch tickets, submit checks made payable to: Diocese of Trenton-Blue Mass and mail to:
Diocese of Trenton-Blue Mass, Attn: Anna Pedreiro, 701 Lawrenceville Rd., P.O. Box 5147, Trenton, NJ 08638-0147

The 20th annual Mass and Celebration of Law Enforcement, also known as the Blue Mass, sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton for law enforcement personnel of all faiths who live or serve in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties will be held on **April 30, 10:30 a.m.** in **St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton.**

The event is offered to build support, and show visible appreciation for the efforts of law enforcement in keeping the public safe, and to ask God to protect them in this critical work. The Mass also offers an opportunity for the law enforcement community to honor and pray for fallen officers and their families.

A luncheon donation of \$20 per person is requested. Immediate families of law enforcement personnel are included at no cost.

For further information, call Anna at 609-403-7199 or visit www.bluemass.org.



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FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Three Parishes † One Community

St. Catherine of Siena ~ St. Veronica ~ St. William the Abbot

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Catherine of Siena

www.sienachurch.org

All are welcome to join together in fellowship on **Friday, April 12, 2019** at our Lenten Soup Dinner, 6 pm and Live Stations of the Cross, 7 pm. Looking for creative individuals who can assist in making costumes/props for the upcoming Live Stations performance. For more information, please email religiousekids@sienachurch.org.

Jesus Remember Me, an Easter Cantata performed by the Adult and Children's Choir. All are welcome to enjoy the concert being held on **Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 3:00 pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall immediately following. For more information, please email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

St. Veronica

www.stveronica.com

Starting **April 8, 2019**, St. Veronica Church, 4215 Route 9, Howell NJ will commence a support group for those who have lost loved ones. The meetings will be held on **Monday evenings**, in the rectory (basement office) at 6:30 pm for a duration of 6 weeks. To register and for more information, please call Deacon Tom at **732-363-4200**.

St. William the Abbot

www.stwilliamtheabbot.com

Stations of the Cross is held every Friday during Lent at 7 pm.

A Noon Mass has been added for Lent, Monday thru Thursday.

All are welcome.