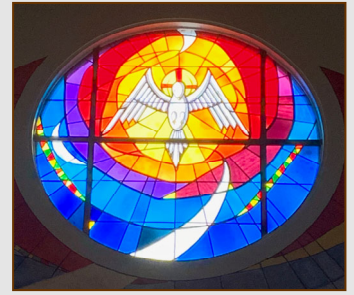


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Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9 am—2 pm • Sun 9 am—12:45 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.

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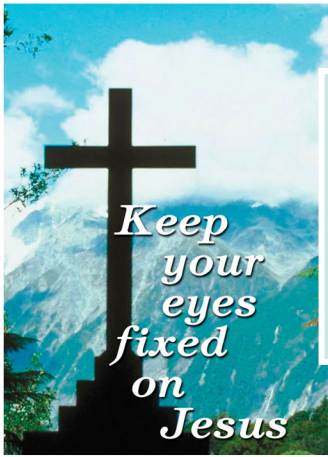
HEBREWS 12:2



Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
AUGUST 18, 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4:30 PM

Mamie Manzella • Glowacz Family
Cole Alan Truax • Kristi Meibauer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 AM

Michael Birchall • Kurzenberger Family
James R. Sisco Sr. • Schrader Family

10:00 AM

Thomas Ventriglio • Kristin Natilli
Anthony DiDonato • your friends

11:30AM

Mariana Sardonía • Terri & Roy Murray
Frank Liore • Colin Rath

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM

Raymond King • Suzanne DeGrande
Marianne Wilkes Drake • Cathy & Jack McKee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 AM

Gerald McKitish • Roberta Mongioi & Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM

Frank Pondaco • Pondaco Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 AM

Robert J. Arciero • Roberta Mongioi & Family



We invite our parishioners to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or perhaps to mark a special occasion. You will help us provide beauty for the Lord's worship and pay a visible tribute to a special person or celebrate a special event.

Please call the Parish Office for more information or to place an order.

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

MaryAnn Aulisi, Peter Bennett, Colette Blair, Frank Bracco, Mike Burke, Sally Carlson, Joseph Cocuzza, Keith Dice, Nancy Drake, Bob Ebhar, Cyril Elias, Sharon Foster, Marlene Gravatt, Norma Jean Hall, John Hart, Lori Jones, Ann Johnston, John Keegan, Janice Kehoe, Barbara Lipari, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Margie McCullam, Linda Moore, McKenna Murray, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Mary Rossiello, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Yolanda Spinelli, Ilona Supczynski, Melissa Tortorello.

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Twentieth Sunday of the Year

I have strong admiration of people who can speak truth to power, even at the cost of reputation, life, or both. Archbishop Oscar Romero who is now a saint, was such a person. He got to know the people of his Archdiocese in El Salvador. Over time Archbishop Romero became aware of how the abuse of power created an unequal distribution of wealth and resources, and how that abused power took the lives of anyone who dared to disagree with the government. As his understanding of the Gospel and his encounter with the poor and powerless within his country connected, he spoke out strongly concerning these abuses. The Archbishop was such a threat to government leaders and while celebrating Mass in a hospital chapel on March 24, 1980, he was assassinated. As a testament to his principles and beliefs, he suffered the same fate that Jesus did. In the hopes to silence the message, the messenger was killed, to no avail. I don't know that I would have that courage.

To ancient Jews, fire symbolized the unapproachable purity of God. The book of Exodus describes the billowing of smoke as God descended to Mt. Sinai. No one dared to approach for fear of being vaporized in its consuming heat. And yet, holiness also held an irresistible attraction. God encouraged Moses to approach and not for the first time. God had already spoken to him from a burning bush in the wilderness. He instructed him to remove his shoes, for he was standing on holy ground. That is the effect on anyone who draws nearer to God; that is transformation. The encounter with pure goodness is likely to make us better, humble people. Just as Moses' bush blazed, but not consumed in flame, we too, may burn with God's holy presence and survive unharmed. For it is not Gods' desire to destroy, but to draw us closer.

Jesus says that he came to set the earth on fire and establish division. Not for the sake of division, but to bring about the peace that comes only by living the way of God made known through prophets like Jeremiah, martyrs like St. Oscar Romero, and leaders like Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi. Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern until Ebed-Melech convinced the king to rescue him. Our struggle to fight against sin can lead to shedding our blood. Often following Jesus does not make one popular. The truth indeed will set you free, but it might make you miserable before it does. If my living Jesus' way compels me to speak the truth to bring about the kingdom he came to proclaim, I must speak it.

One of the most beautiful sayings attributed to Jesus by a Christian scholar, Origen, which does not appear in the Bible: "Whoever near me is near the fire." That may not sound too comfortable, as not everyone wants to smolder with selfless love. Some may even shrink back in terror. Jesus is a disquieting presence, as he himself acknowledges in today's Gospel. Thus, following the road to discipleship carries the risk of upsetting those people around us who find our honesty and integrity too challenging. We might even meet with scorn within our own families, as Jesus warns.

Here are some critical questions to guide us on our reflection. When has living the Gospel put you at odds with another person or them at odds with you? What keeps me from speaking the truth in love when I feel called to do so?

Heavenly Father in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, you have spoken your word to us. At times it comforts. At times it challenges. At all times, help me to hear your voice and give me the courage of your Holy Spirit to live the words I hear. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

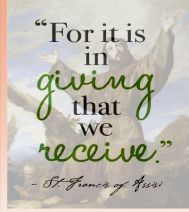
ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly First Sunday Collection
Saturday/Sunday, August 10/11 2019**

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,509.00	134 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,047.00	103 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,579.00	147 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,376.00	88 people
Totals	\$5,511.00	472 people
Online Giving Aug 5—Aug 11	\$2,988.00	90 donors

**Second Collection
Maintenance & Repairs \$1,204.00**



**Upcoming Second Collection
August 17/18
Diocesan Assessment**



“Never **REACH OUT** your hand unless you are willing to **EXTEND** an arm.” Pope St. Paul VI
The Annual Catholic Appeal is important.

As members of our diocesan family, we are called upon to love and serve all our brothers and sisters—both within our Catholic community & beyond. Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows our diocese to continue to serve as a resource to the parishes and other organizations in their efforts to provide service, evangelization and outreach to people throughout Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth & Ocean Counties. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church.

Below you will see the Annual Catholic Appeal comparisons from our parish 2018 vs. 2019 results to date. Unfortunately, we are behind from last year's pace, with 85% of goal at this point last year compared with 74% at present. Your contribution makes a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.

2019	Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00	2018
As of August 12, 2019		As of August 13, 2018
Pledged Amount: \$32,599.60		Pledged Amount: \$37,495.00
Collected: \$30,148.45		Collected: \$32,516.50
Percent of Goal Raised 74%		Percent of Goal Raised 85%
Donors: 137		Donors: 163
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Pledge Balance As of August 12, 2019 \$2,451.15		Pledge Balance As of August 13, 2018 \$4,978.50

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEEDS HELP **Important Message from Bishop O'Connell:**

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal is experiencing a very challenging year thus far. Contributions are down 20% across the Diocese. **The Appeal is the source of support for all our diocesan works and ministries.** Please take a moment to consider how you can help if you have not done so already. Your participation is essential if we want to continue our ministries as we have done. **Thank you for your consideration.**

Here at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 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. Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office.

For more information on the Annual Catholic Appeal, please email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.



Our parish has received a rebate check for the period ending June 30, 2019 in the amount of **\$6,438**.

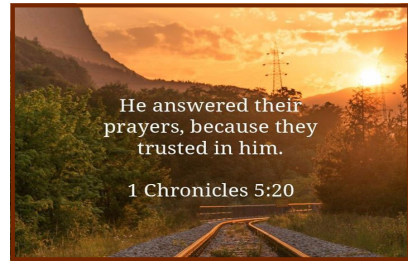
We thank you for your generous support.

From the Heart ...

Charles "Butch" Lavin extends a warm thank you to our Pastor, Father Angelito, Father Al and all our parishioners for all the prayers. He is cancer-free and loving life!

With Love,

The Lavin Family



UPCOMING SESSIONS IN ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

Thursday, August 22—7 pm

To register, please email, passociate@sienachurch.org

Ministry Update

We are in need of **READERS** for Daily Mass at our Chapel.

If you are able to volunteer please email Donna Lee at massminis-

Social Concerns Commission BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

NOW—August 18



Help a child in need start the school year equipped to succeed.

Most Needed Supplies

Backpacks	Folders—2 pocket	Pencil Cases
Binders (1" & 1 1/2')	Glue Sticks	Pencils
Calculators	Highlighters—yellow	Pencil Erasers
Composition Notebooks—wide ruled	Lunch Boxes	Pens—blue or black
Construction Paper	Markers	Post-it Notes—3x3
Crayons—Box of 24	Notebooks—Spiral	Scissors for Kids
Earbuds	Paper—loose-leaf wide-ruled	Tissues
Erasers	Pencil Boxes	Wipes

Ways to Donate

Donate supplies from our most needed list and return them to the collection bin located in our Narthex.

For more information, please email, socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org or call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

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



Gary & Rosann Fiasconaro

**The Fernandez Family
Christopher, Marissa, & Isabella**

**The McDonough Family
Thomas, Lisa, Declan, & Harper**

James & Christina Wilson

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

SACRAMENTAL AND 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. Baptism Arrangements must be made in advance by contacting 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 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 or removed to our prayer list.

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

LOW GLUTEN HOST: An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.



STAY WITH US

Prayer for Family Commitment

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2019

A BLESSING OF CATECHISTS AND STUDENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
11:30 AM MASS

ALL ARE WELCOME

"Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel." Every Christian is continually called to walk in the path of Christ.

**We NEED you.
Can you HELP?**

Catechists for VARIOUS 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



We are pleased to announce that we are now offering **ONLINE** Registration for our **2019-2020 Religious Education Program.**

Grades K—8

Please visit our Parish Website at www.sienachurch.org to access the link to begin the registration process.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375 Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. or Sunday, 9 a.m.—12:45 p.m.

**Announcing:
A Recovery Mass
...Grace for the Journey**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

CELEBRANT: The Very Reverend Robert S. Grodnicki, VF

Pastor, St. Luke Parish, Toms River



Sponsored by The Diocese of Trenton, Dept. of Pastoral Care

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine

61 Georgia Road, Freehold, NJ

Light refreshments to follow in Parish Center



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Three Parishes † One Community

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Catherine of Siena

www.sienachurch.org

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

Walking with Purpose is a weekly women's bible study that through personal study and small group discussions helps to link our everyday challenges and struggles to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Church. *Do you crave meaningful connection with other women? Would you like to know more about how Scripture relates to your everyday life?* If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Join us Tuesday mornings beginning in September. For more information, please email wwp@sienachurch.org or call Laura Randazzo at 732-938-5375.

St. Veronica

www.stveronica.com

St. Veronica Adoration Chapel

"Perpetual Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond."-Pope Paul VI
To become a registered adorer or for any questions please contact Debbie at drev514@aol.com or leave a message at 732-367-7750.

St. William the Abbot

www.stwilliamtheabbot.com



Clothing Sale

The Martha Mary Guild of The Parish of St. Mary, in Colts Neck, Rte. 34 & Phalanx Rd. will be holding its annual Clothing/Linen Sale on **Thursday, Sept. 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

All proceeds will benefit women and children in need. For more information, please call St. Mary Parish Office at 732-780-2666.

DIOCESE OF TRENTON CATHOLIC CEMETERY MINISTRY PRESENTS:

ONE NIGHT WITH
JEFF CAVINS!



PRESENTING
WHEN YOU SUFFER

BIBLICAL KEYS FOR HOPE AND UNDERSTANDING

Thursday,
Oct 17th 2019
St. Isaac
Jogues Parish
Call Maria Guzman-
Paczkowski -
856-317-6400

"CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT" Proverbs 31: 10-31

2019 Catholic Women of Zion Women's Rally Saint Dorothea's Church/School Auditorium

240 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ **Saturday, September 14, 2019 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Mass**, Praise and Worship by Joyful Praise, Healing Prayers, Vendors Continental Breakfast, and Box Lunch to be ordered online. Reservations are necessary: Admission: \$35.00 (Pay at the door) Please register online: www.cwoz.org or call and leave your phone number, spell your last name at: 732-202-8352 by Tuesday, September 10, 2019.