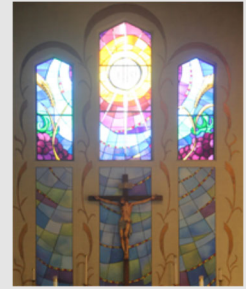


# St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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



December 8, 2019

## SECOND SUNDAY

of

# Advent



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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Matthew 3:1

### 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.

PARISH OFFICE: 732-938-5375 • OFFICE OF REL. ED: 732-938-6229 • PARISH FAX: 732-938-3260

Through the Sacrament of *Baptism*,  
we welcome to the Church:



*Anthony James Carter*  
*Logan James Delmonico*  
*Carter Michael Grasso*  
*Kellin Boyd Kuki*  
*Sloane Marie Santopietro*

*We ask God's blessings on these  
children and their families  
every day of their lives!*



Please join us on **Monday, December 9** for  
Mass to honor the Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Mother.

Mass is held in our Church at  
9:00 am & 7:00 pm.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who  
have recourse to thee.

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY · DECEMBER 7

4:30 PM

Anthony Farinella • Mary Sears  
Frank D'Alessandro • Loving Wife

SUNDAY · DECEMBER 8

8:00 AM

Pauline Capone Madzin • Catherine & Dave Runkel  
Shelia A. Aherne • Catherine & Dave Runkel

10:00 AM

Jean Anne Burke • Donna Lee  
Kathy McGarry Fitzgerald • Mom & Dad

11:30AM

Rose Cantatore • Luigi Cantatore  
Rosa & Ernesto Andrade • Phyllis Tesuro

MONDAY · DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM

Harold Taylor • Roy & Terri Murray  
Angie Gorda • Joan Burklarewicz

7:00 PM

Jose B. Martinez Sr. • Roy & Terri Murray

TUESDAY · DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM

Peter Perizas • Patricia Viant

THURSDAY · DECEMBER 12

9:00 AM

Jack Mount • Mr. & Mrs. Roseanne Kerek

FRIDAY · DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM

Monsignor James J. McGovern

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

MaryAnn Aulisi, Peter Bennett, Hugh Blair, Victoria Bott, Frank Bracco, Mike Burke, William Clemens,  
Keith Dice, Nancy Drake, Bob Ebhar, Cyril Elias, Sharon Foster, Cheri Gargiulo, Marlene Gravatt,  
Norma Jean Hall, John Hart, Lori Jones, Ann Johnston, John Keegan, Laurie Krawowski,  
Charlie "Butch" Lavin, Barbara Lipari, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Margie McCullam,  
Linda Moore, McKenna Murray, John O'Leary, Amber Painter, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo,  
Mary Rossiello, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Melissa Tortorello,  
Giuseppe Turriciano, Isabel Wallace, Phyllis Weissblum.



## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. We continue with our usual preparation for the coming of the Lord in our midst as we have the Exposition, Adoration, Evening Prayers and Benediction tonight at 7 PM in the Church followed by our fellowship with refreshments in the Parish Hall.

An essential part of our Advent celebration would be coming back to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will be offering the Sacrament on December 10 at 4:30 PM in the Church together with the Religious Education Students of the Parish. We have invited some local priests to help us in hearing Confessions, giving a word of advice and granting Absolution to every penitent.

In the history of the Church, the word "mission" has had many different meanings. Nowadays, it can refer to the outreach each of us are asked as Catholic Christians to those who are not aligned with our faith. Way back in the early 20th century, it was used to describe the work of the Church in the developing countries. I can relate to that because in some parts of my own home country, the Philippines, there are church members who offered education, medical support, and overall care as well as sending out the important message about our faith.

From our own experience here at St. Catherine's, we also have "missions." There are visits by religious congregations like the Maryknoll Sisters, for example, as they visited our parish community last August. Some other religious orders that our parish welcomed were from the Passionists, Redemptorists, Dominicans, and Jesuit communities. They speak to us on the good works they assist with to challenge and renew each of us, while seeking some monetary support. Some "missions" might spend a few days or even a week visiting all names in the parish enrollment, and then there would be a week of conferences, talks, confessions, and spiritual devotions. Usually, the style of the meetings tended to the dramatic and pessimistic. A significant subject was that of the last four things, namely, heaven, hell, death, and judgment. And when the second Vatican council came, this cynical twist seemed to become a thing of the past, and such missions became a rarity. God was loving, compassionate and a friend. He always forgave us of our sins. In our world of wanting to tell and be told how good we are, even though when we are not, how do we find space for this darker side of our human soul?

It is quite interesting to see the division we have described as having the remarkable distinction between the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the Old Testament image, the picture of God is that of an angry judge, whereas, in the New Testament, the picture is that of a loving savior. In our first reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, we are offered a vision of peace, even among those who are natural enemies. The underlying concern of the awaited savior will be to put the right injustices and give a voice to people who are poor and wretched.

In the Gospel reading, you feel John the Baptist would be entirely at home in one of those old-style parish missions. As he prepares the way for the Lord, he launches into a full-blooded attack on the powers that be, the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Interestingly, John does not specify the failings of his antagonists. He highlights their assumption that they are in the right being children of Abraham, and he suggests that they are not producing good fruit. The image he chooses is that of a farmer separating the wheat from the chaff with his winnowing fan. This is not a picture we can perhaps conjure up easily today, but was an everyday sight at that time; an activity that demanded energy and vigor.

John calls the voice of Israel without exception to a change of heart. If the people do not change, John says they will be overcome by a catastrophe that will destroy Israel. The judgment of the people will not be carried out by John himself. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. John warns of fireworks ahead. He calls the attention of Israel to its infidelity. The one who is to come will be more powerful and will exercise God's authority of judgment. We recognize the one John spoke of like Jesus. Someone who will continue warning of the coming destruction and calling the whole people to a change of heart.

The call is addressed to us. We hear it most, especially during the time of Advent when, as a community, we are called to a change of heart. That challenge is addressed to each of us. There are no exceptions. Most of us are aware of areas in our lives that need to be changed and to be touched by the power of God's forgiveness. We all need to be recalled into the fidelity of our own baptism. We all need to be challenged by the Word of the Lord. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



*Let Every Heart Prepare*

**Advent Reconciliation**

**Tues., Dec. 10—4:30 p.m.**

**Saturday's —3:30 p.m.**

*ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP*

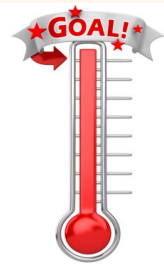
Weekly Collections & Attendance THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!		
Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Nov 23/24 2019		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,405.00	154 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,101.00	91 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,416.00	148 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,207.00	167 people
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,129.00</b>	<b>560 people</b>
Online Giving Nov 18—Nov 24	\$1,379.00	71 donors
<b>Second Collection</b> Human Development		<b>\$1,256.00</b>

Weekly Collections & Attendance THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!		
Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Nov 30/Dec 1 2019		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,534.00	148 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,576.00	120 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,391.00	150 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$964.00	155 people
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,465.00</b>	<b>573 people</b>
Online Giving Nov 25—Dec 1	\$2,409.00	78 donors
<b>Second Collection</b> Maintenance & Repairs		<b>\$1,356.00</b>



**Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00**

<b>2019</b>	
As of November 18, 2019	
Pledged Amount:	<b>\$33,444.60</b>
Collected:	\$32,489.94
<b>Percent of Goal Raised</b>	<b>76%</b>
Donors:	146
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Pledge Balance As of November 18, 2019	<b>\$954.83</b>



<b>2018</b>	
As of November 19, 2018	
Pledged Amount:	<b>\$37,872.00</b>
Collected:	\$34,800.90
<b>Percent of Goal Raised</b>	<b>86%</b>
Donors:	169
*****	
Pledge Balance As of November 19, 2018	<b>\$2,636.10</b>

*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.*

*Above 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 75% at present. Your contribution makes a difference!*

*Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.*

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.





Sponsored by Our Knights of Columbus Council  
Hot Breakfast • Hot Cocoa  
& More!

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

After the 10 am and 11:30 am Masses

Parish Hall

*All are Welcome!*

*Photography by David Mellone*

*\$25 Family Portrait*

*proceeds benefit*

*St. Catherine of Siena Parish*

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following

New Parishioners:

**Jospeh Gersbeck**

**The Mendoza Family**  
Kyle, Ana, & Lucas

**Albert & Sandra Reher**

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



*St. Catherine of Siena Church*  
**Advent 2019**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 7 pm • Church**

**Advent Benediction and Fellowship**

Hosted by the Ministries of Social Concerns,  
The Giving Tree, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion &  
Walking with Purpose

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 7 pm • Church**

**Advent Benediction and Fellowship**

Hosted by the Ministries of Rosary Altar Society,  
Legion of Mary, Money Counters & Music Ministry

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 7 pm • Church**

**Advent Benediction and Fellowship**

Hosted by the Ministries of Religious Education,  
Readers, Altar Servers & RCIA

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 • 7 pm • Church**

**Advent Benediction and Fellowship**

Hosted by the Ministries of Hospitality,  
Knights of Columbus & Ushers

## SACRAMENTAL AND FAITH FORMATION

**ANOIDING 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 certificates, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is required. 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.

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES:** In order to obtain a sponsor certificate at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, the following is required: **Registration in the parish for at least 6 months prior to the request; received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation; if married, married in the Catholic Church; be at least 16 years of age; attending Mass faithfully participating in the life of the Church, receiving the Eucharist and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.** Please stop by the Parish Office to request a sponsor certificate. All certificates are approved by the Pastor.

**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.

The Monmouth County Simbang Gabi Community  
Welcomes

### **SIMBANG GABI** *Advent Novena of Masses at* **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH**



**December 17, 2019**

**7:30 PM Mass**

**7 PM Confession & Rosary**

**Reception Immediately**

**Following Mass—Parish Hall**



*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:14*

**Simbang Gabi** is a tradition held by Filipino Catholics to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Also known as *Misa de Gallo* ("Mass of the Rooster"), the tradition began in the 1600s in the Philippines where church bells would start ringing as early as 3:00 a.m. during the last nine days of Advent leading up to Christmas. The bells and the loud crowing of the roosters awakened the townspeople for 4:00 a.m. or 5:00 a.m. Mass and allowed farmers and fishermen and their families to go to Mass before they worked in the fields or when they came back from the seas in the early hours of the morning. The Filipino Catholics brought the tradition to the United States. And since the cold December weather would not allow them to celebrate at dawn, the celebration was held at night. Thus, the devotion became known as Simbang Gabi, which literally means **"Night Mass."**

The *Monmouth County Simbang Gabi Community* invites **all** to the 9 consecutive nights of the Simbang Gabi. Each of the 9 Night Masses is held in a different church within Monmouth County. All Masses will be celebrated in English. All 9 nightly Masses will start at 7:30 p.m. and are preceded by Confession and Rosary at 7:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

**Sat., December 14 at Saint Ann Church, Keansburg**  
**Sun., December 15 at Holy Innocents Church, Neptune**  
**Mon., December 16 at Saint Benedict Church, Holmdel**  
**Wed., December 18 at St. Clements Church, Matawan**  
**Thurs., December 19 at Church of Saint Anselm, Tinton Falls**  
**Fri., December 20 at St. Joseph's Church, Keyport**  
**Sat., December 21 at Holy Family Church, Union Beach**  
**\*\*Sun., December 22 at Church of St. Dorothea, Eatontown**  
*On 12/22 only—Confession & Rosary at 4:30 p.m.*  
*Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m.*



**This is Christmas**  
**A Christmas Carol Festival**

December 16  
6:30 pm

**Parish Hall**  
**31 Asbury Road**  
**Farmingdale**

For more info,  
call 732-938-5375

**All are Welcome**

**Christmas Carols**  
A visit from  
St. Nicholas  
**Tree Lighting**  
Christmas Cookies