

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

OFFICE HOURS
Mon—Thurs: 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m.—12:45 p.m.
Religious Education
Monday: 10 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019



*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

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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.

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
1st FRIDAY 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA
Monday after 9 a.m. Mass

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

WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER



Jan 5 SAT	4:30 pm	Helen & George Steinecke Req. by Nieces, Patty, Stephanie & Maryann Louis Brogno Req. by the Brogno Family
Jan 6 SUN	8:00 am	Margaret Sagan Req. by Anthony & Shelia Infante Deacon Michael Prinicpato Req. by John & Stephanie Harakal
	10:00 am	Waldemar Wojcik Req. by Pam & Leon Davison James Kehoe Req. by the Keegan Family
	11:30 am	Antoinette Dinny Adase Req. by Pat & Kathy Lavin Lucy Barbieri Req. by Pat & Kathy Lavin
Jan 7 MON	9:00 am	MamaLou Lide Req. by The Galante Family
Jan 8 TUES	9:00 am	Vivian Bartolacci Req. by Joanne Monroe
Jan 10 THURS	9:00 am	Kenneth Moore Req. by Wife, Bertalina & Sons
Jan 11 FRI	9:00 am	Michael Gregor Req. by Anne Hilker

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

MaryAnn Aulisi	Lori Jones	David Piccolo
Peter Bennett	Janice Kehoe	Barbara Sansevere
Jean & Mike Burke	Charles "Butch" Lavin	Lenore Sears
Joseph Cocuzza	Barbara Lipari	Nancy Soper
Nancy Drake	Lauren MacArthur	Wayne Sos
Cyril Elias	Teresa Magyar	Yolanda Spinelli
Mary Flannery	Margie McCullam	Ilona Supczynski
Sharon Foster	Amber Painter	Melissa Tortorello
Marlene Gravatt	Esther Peraza	Richard VanVolkom
John Hart	Jeanette Picciani	Roseann Williams



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

Robert Fort

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

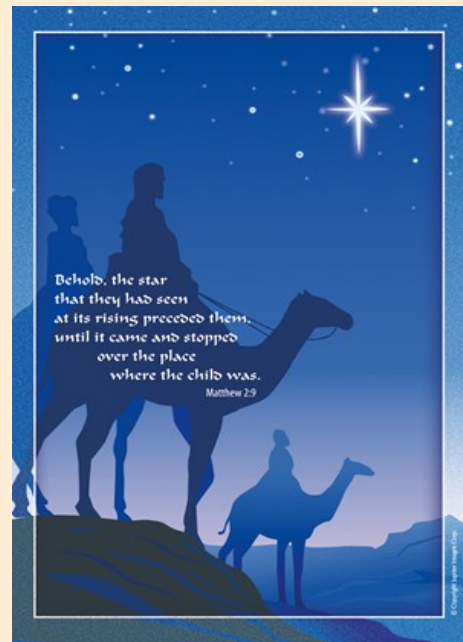
Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Jesus.

It is no exaggeration to say that the story included in the Gospels is there for the purpose of enlightening us and helping us enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ. Each of the four Gospels was written for Christian communities coping with the social circumstances in which they found themselves. Matthew was writing for his own Jewish people and one of his concerns was that they grasped the fact that Jesus, while he had come to liberate them, had also come to liberate all men and women for all time.

Today's Gospel selection is laden with concrete details. First, this child is born of Mary, in the days of Herod, born in Bethlehem and named Jesus in the line of David. These details are not intended as an eyewitness account of the birth of Jesus, but rather they interpret the faith and serve to tell us something of God and God's own deepest concerns.

With the birth of this child, God comes into our history. God breaks into the particularity of the Jewish people and manifest's himself for all of us. In this act, there stands open to us the reality of God, whose power is grasped not so much in terms of force, but in terms of love. The mystery long hidden is now revealed. The birth of this man, Jesus, indeed his entire life should make it possible for us to see that God's own deepest concern is our salvation. In his birth, God identifies with our cause and our concerns. In the humanity of Jesus, God is present in the struggle to overcome the movement of evil, both individual and social, that is the substance of human life and human history.

In today's world, the invitation to all of us is to be ever conscious of the need to reach out to everyone and embrace all people as God's precious children. With so many displaced people traveling across countries to avoid persecution, warfare and violence, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appealed to us to see in them the face of Christ and make them welcome. The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord provides a wonderful opportunity for us to think again about the expansive and all-embracing nature of God's revelation to the world, embodied in Jesus, and above all, what it means for us to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MINISTRIES



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

**Jacyln Kehoe
Ryan Keegan**

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

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

The Usher Ministry is an opportunity to serve God by serving His people and is a wonderful way to actively participate at St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Anyone over age 12 can be an usher.
Confirmation students—earn service hours.

For more information, please email
scottrubinson@gmail.com or call 732-492-6861.



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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

**Sunday, January 27, 2019
Sunday, February 24, 2019**

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



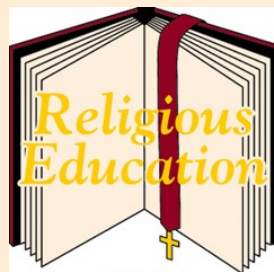
**Youth Group Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2019
7:20 p.m.—8:20 p.m.**

Kids grades, 7—12, come learn about
the events and activities planned for 2019!

Meet our new Ministry Leader, Richard Allen!

Rosary Altar Society

We invite all parishioners to join the
Society as we **pray the Rosary on
Sunday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m.
before the 11:30 a.m. Mass** at the
Church.



**Religious Education
Grade 2 Parent Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Parish Hall**



Sunday, January 27, 2019

After the 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Mass
All are invited for Coffee, Conversation and Complimentary Breakfast

ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence
of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, December 22/23 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,715.00	195 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$2,242.00	110 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,715.00	160 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$868.00	130 people
Totals	\$6,540.00	595 people
Online Giving Dec 17 — Dec 23	\$1,171.00	57 donors



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 us at 732-938-5375.

We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our services.

Second Collection

Energy & Fuel \$1,404.00



Christmas Flower Memorials 2018

Carol Maffia, Helen & Tony Maffia, Leonard Maffia
Richard Maffia
 Pamela Mullen
 Rich & Violet Furjanic
 Peter & Josephine Greco
Peter & Laura Greco
 Ann McGee
Daniel McGee
 Amparo Millan Dominguez
Manuel and Amparo Pineiro
 Viola Luciano
Michael & Florence Barry



Weekly Offering



2019 ENVELOPES

We have a new envelope company, Cathedral Corp. for 2019. For those who used envelopes in 2018, your envelopes will be mailed to your home every 2 months. January and February envelopes will be mailed in December. March and April envelopes will be mailed in February, and so on.

If you no longer want envelopes because you have switched to WeShare Online Giving, please contact the Parish Office. If you go away for an extended time, please update the Parish Office with the dates you will be away.

If you do not receive your new envelopes by the end of December, please contact the Parish Office. Your first envelope is dated January 1, 2019.

The Parish Office phone number is 732-938-5375 and email is frontoffice@sienachurch.org.



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, and follow the easy registration steps. For assistance, please contact the parish office at 732-938-5375.

SACRAMENT & FAITH FORMATION

ANNOINTING 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.

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, 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.

Save the Date....

Walking with Purpose

Women's Ministry

Tuesday, January 8

10:00 a.m. Parish Hall



SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Giving Tree

The 2018 Giving Tree was a huge success, surpassing our 2017 results by **25%**!

Thank you to our very generous parishioners who bought, bagged, and returned beautiful wish list items for people who needed some help this Christmas season!



About 500 gifts were distributed to school children in Farmingdale and Howell, local seniors, nursing home residents, families in a battered women's shelter, and people who contacted our St. Catherine of Siena Good Samaritan Ministry for some assistance.

When the deliveries were made, the recipients expressed sincere gratitude for our help to make their Christmas season a little brighter this year.

A special thank you to our Giving Tree volunteers, the ushers, and parish staff who made ornaments, refilled the tree, moved gifts to the Parish Hall, and helped sort out and pack the gifts for delivery. Your willingness to help with this monumental task is truly appreciated!

Thank You!

The Giving Tree

A LETTER OF THANKS...

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Parishioners and Giving Tree Volunteers,

Many Thanks! You are appreciated so very much and wished a bright and beautiful new year.

Thank you so very much for your generosity and support in helping many of our little ones at our school this holiday. We are grateful for your help.

Many Blessings,

School Nurse



COMMUNITY CORNER



Christmas Gift

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse?
Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 25 - 27.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information.

Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

Upper Room Spiritual Center

3455 West Bangs Avenue, Building 2 , Neptune, NJ 07753

www.theupper-room.org

Men's Spirituality Group

Our desire is to grow in spirit and move closer to God by generating loving, supportive discussions on all things spiritual.

Facilitator: Jack Hudak

Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Fee: \$10

Centering Prayer: Continuing Our Transformation in Christ

Come to learn and pray with Fr. Thomas Keating, (DVD) as he leads us deeper into our center and transformation in Christ.

*Includes Centering Prayer session

Facilitator: Sun Spriggs

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Fee: \$35 - \$50 (sliding scale - light lunch included)

Knitting and Prayer

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills with prayer and compassion, and create a prayer shawl, for someone in need of prayer. Little or no experience required.

Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Time: 1:30pm -3:30pm

Fee: Free Will Offering

Dreams and Inner Healing

Dreams are a language of the heart, a way that our deeper self speaks to us. They are a language of symbols and metaphors that help us to understand what lies beneath our fears and inner struggles. Every dream is an attempt of our unconscious to center us, balance us, and heal us. Dreams expand our capacity to experience God and our true self.

Presenter: Maureen Conroy, RSM, D. Min

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019

Time: 7:00pm – 9:30pm

Fee: \$25 ~ \$50 (sliding scale)

12 Step Spirituality for Every Day Life

Re-cover your relationship with God, yourself, and with others utilizing the practical tools of traditional 12 Step spirituality to foster patience, forgiveness, compassion, acceptance, trust and love.

Presenter: Grace Conte, M.A.

Date: Monday, January 28, 2019

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Fee: \$15 - \$30 (sliding scale)

To register for all programs please call (732) 922-0550 or email office@theupper-room.org