

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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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.

## Second Sunday of LENT

March 17, 2019

Peter said to Jesus,  
“Master, it is good that we are here;  
let us make three tents, one for you,  
one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Luke 9:33



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## LENT 2019 AT ST. CATHERINE'S

Sacrament of Penance  
Saturdays 3:30 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service  
Monday, March 25 • 4:30 p.m. • 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 27 • 4:30 p.m.

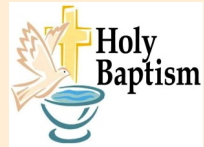
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**WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER**



**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**  
**March 17, 2019**

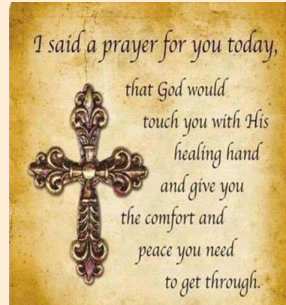
<b>March 16</b> <b>SAT.</b>	4:30 pm	<b>Sammy &amp; Angela Guido</b> Req. by June Hankel <b>Jean Anne Burke</b> Req. by John & Kitty Mandica
<b>March 17</b> <b>SUN.</b>	8:00 am	<b>Joseph James O'Doherty</b> Req. by Catherine & Dave Runkel <b>Yolanda Spinelli</b> , Living Intention, Req. by Doreen Sabio
	10:00 am	<b>Angela Pertofsky</b> Req. by Donna Buhl <b>Jean Anne Burke</b> Req. by Carol Jamieson
	11:30 am	<b>Pamela Nixon</b> Req. by the Nancy & John Doran <b>Raymond King</b> Req. by Donna Lee
<b>March 18</b> <b>MON.</b>	9:00 am	<b>Fred Carpenter</b> Req. by the Carpenter Family
<b>March 19</b> <b>TUES.</b>	9:00 am	<b>Philip Pondaco</b> Req. by the Pondaco Family <b>Robert J. York</b> Req. by Ralph Kuehmstedt
<b>March 21</b> <b>THURS.</b>	9:00 am	<b>Remy Jeminaz</b> Req. by Ninfa & Teddy Gonzales
<b>March 22</b> <b>FRI.</b>	9:00 am	<b>For the People of the Parish</b>



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

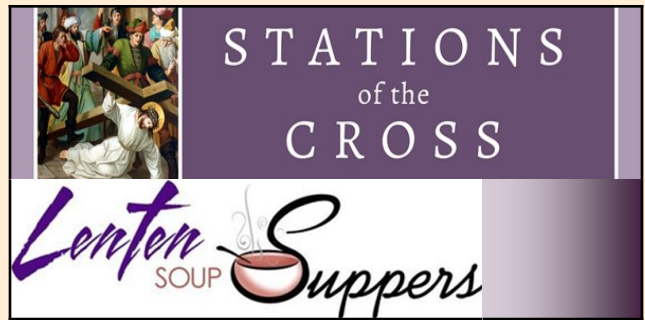
**Mason Daniel Erbeck**  
**Taylor Rose Sangi**

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



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

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



**Fridays, March 8 - April 12**  
 Join us each Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross service. These services will begin with a soup supper hosted by various groups from the parish ministries. Come for the prayer and stay for the fellowship!

**6:00 PM Soup Parish Hall**  
**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross Church**



**April 19, 2019**  
**3:00 PM Service**  
**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
 whom should I fear?  
 — Psalm 27:1

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

On Monday, March 18 our candidates for Confirmation are going to have their retreat as a vital part of the preparation for their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. As a parish family, I would like you to include them in your special prayers that as they continue their journey of faith and eventually receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on their momentous day. Let us give our full support to these young people in our thoughts and actions by our example of how to live an indeed, genuine Christian life.

Today is the Second Sunday of LENT

The Gospel reading for today is found toward the end of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. Shortly after the Transfiguration, Jesus will turn his face toward Jerusalem and start his journey to the city where prophets are usually killed. After Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah of God, Jesus utters his first prediction of his passion, death, and resurrection, followed by his description of the difficult conditions of discipleship. In the Transfiguration, God, through Elijah and Moses proclaims, "This is my chosen Son." This serves as confirmation that Jesus' suffering will end in glory. If we are thinking at first glance, it might seem an odd selection for Lent: why not a Gospel on healing or mercy and forgiveness? The Church has chosen this Gospel of the Transfiguration to encourage and strengthen us as we undertake the Lenten practices that we have been accustomed to and to keep in mind that through them we hope to share in the glory of God, glimpsed here in Christ on the mountaintop. Lenten practices by themselves are meaningless if they do not have this greater meaning. In fact, the whole Lenten season is without a purpose if it does not ultimately lead to the glory of Easter.

How often have we heard the promise that God is with us and transforms us? I relate to Abram's response: "How am I to know?" In other words, I want to believe you Lord God, but. . . I feel so unworthy; I am a sinner; I can't get it together. Every Lent I seem to face the same sins, character faults or failings. As St. Francis de Sales said, "There is no better way of growing toward perfection in the spiritual life than to be starting over again." Let us be reminded that awareness is a good beginning.

This Sunday's Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Resurrection we celebrate at the end of Lent. While at prayer, Jesus is transformed. God visits him through Moses and Elijah, in a cloud, and with a voice, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." He leaves the mountain transfigured and journeys to Jerusalem, to his passion and journey. Our journey, like his, is not easy, but we are not all alone. Follow Jesus' example. Turn to God in prayer; voice out your needs, frustrations, fears, dreams, and desires. Listen for God's voice, "You are my son, my daughter. I am with you."

Dear Lord Jesus, it is good that we are here and that you are here with us. Make me dazzle with the light of your love so that others can come to see you in my words, deeds, and attitudes this Lent. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

# OUR DIOCESE



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 20, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 until Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face-to-face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. **The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below.**
2. **All other Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE (no meat).**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 9-10 to Trinity Sunday, June 15-16**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.  
Bishop of Trenton

## ADMINISTRATION

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

### Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, March 9/10 2019

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,723.00	184 people	
8:00 AM Mass	\$935.00	68 people	
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,402.00	179 people	
11:30 AM Mass	\$964.00	191 people	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,024.00</b>	<b>622 people</b>	
<b>Online Giving</b> Mar 4 — Mar 10	<b>\$2,893.00</b>	<b>89 donors</b>	

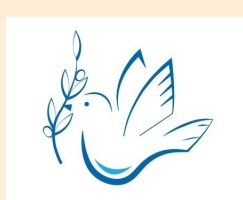
### Second Collection

Black & Native American	\$1,136.00
Candles	\$142.00



### Next Week's Second Collection— Mar 23/24

#### Maintenance & Repairs



#### The Good Samaritan Ministry

**Thank you with a Grateful Heart!**



The Good Samaritan Ministry of St. Catherine of Siena Parish would like to thank all parishioners who donated to the Ash Wednesday collection. We collected a total of **\$2,728.33**.

Your generous support provides the fuel that drives our ministry and allows us to fulfill our mission of the Church. We receive numerous calls from the people of the parish and surrounding community in need of food and assistance with rent and utilities. All monies collected help local individuals and families of all backgrounds who are facing these temporary, emergency hardships. Again, we thank you for your kindness and appreciate your caring commitment.



“Never **REACH OUT**

your hand unless you are willing to

**EXTEND** an arm.”

Pope St. Paul VI



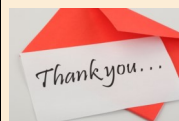
The Annual Catholic Appeal is integral to the mission and services of the Diocese of Trenton. Providing day to day assistance to those among us with the greatest needs, training for seminarians, for youth in our Catholic schools and religious education programs, the Annual Appeal ensures the funding necessary so that these programs may continue to serve thousands throughout our Diocese. As in the past, this year's efforts will create new opportunities and hopefully expand services for those living and working within the counties of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean.

#### THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

#### Evangelization - Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults

Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be his disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization takes place.

Together in Mission is a tool to support these evangelization efforts. Your gift promotes individuals and family life. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, Ministry to separated and divorced persons are just a few of the services offered.



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. For more information on the Annual Catholic Appeal, please email [frontoffice@sienachurch.org](mailto:frontoffice@sienachurch.org).

## 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

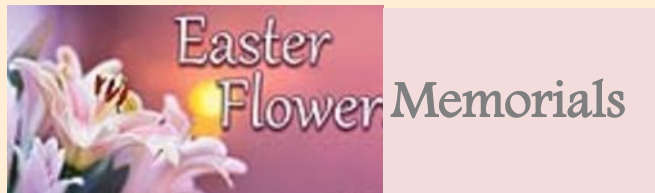
Please bring all donated items to the collection bin located in the Church Narthex.

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

Store Bought Baskets Gladly Accepted

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MINISTRY NEWS & COMMUNITY CORNER

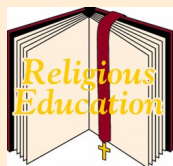


As we approach the Resurrection of Our Lord from death, we call to mind all our beloved deceased. The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our Altar and Narthex are a special part of the celebration of Easter at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

You are invited to honor your loved ones this Easter by offering an Easter Flower Memorial. Your name, along with the names of those you honor, will be published in our Easter bulletin and the week after.

You may use the Easter Flower Memorial envelope included in the March offertory envelope mailing or you may use the form located in the Narthex and Parish Office.

Please place the Easter Flower Memorial envelope or form, along with donation, in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office no later than **Sunday, March 31**. Suggested donation begins at \$15. Please print clearly and fill in all information requested. Thank you for your generosity.



We Welcome our Eighth Grade Religious Education Students, together with their families to their **Retreat on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5 pm.**

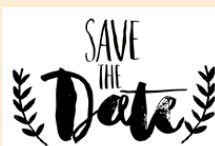


St. Catherine of Siena Parish Warmly Welcomes the Following New Parishioners:

**William Clemens**

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

St. Catherine of Siena Music Ministry  
Presents



**Jesus Remember Me**

by Lani Smith  
Palm Sunday Concert



St. Catherine of Siena Church  
**April 14, 2019**  
3 pm  
Refreshments to Follow



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up you family's CRS Rice Bowl in our Narthex and our Parish Hall at Lenten Soup Suppers. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!



*For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annulment Information Sessions annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. For more information, call 609-406-7411 or [rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org).*

March 19, 7:30 pm –9:00 pm St. Rose of Lima, Belmar  
March 28, 7:30 pm—9:00 pm St. Aloysius, Jackson  
March 25, 7:30 pm—9:00 pm Christ the King, Long Branch (Spanish)