

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
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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.

Third Sunday of

LENT

March 24, 2019



“Sir, leave the fig tree
for another year;
perhaps it will bear fruit.”



Luke 13:8-9



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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.

WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER

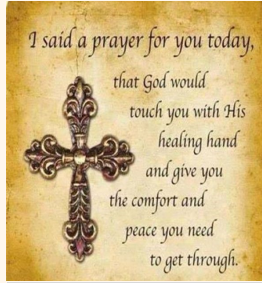


WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
March 24, 2019

March 23 SAT.	4:30 pm	Bella Rayne Gowers Req. by Ust Family Robert Fort Req. by Anne Hilker
March 24 SUN.	8:00 am	Mary Obrochta Req. by Terry & Arnold Carpenter Meghan Crilly Req. by Phyllis Hurley
	10:00 am	Fred Carpenter Req. by Bertalina Moore Lorraine Crawford Req. by John & Donna Hawrylko
	11:30 am	Beatryce Raimondi Req. by the Lamantia Family Jean Anne Burke Req. by Terri & Roy Murray
March 25 MON.	9:00 am	Olympia & Joseph DeMeo & Family Req. by Libby Miller
March 26 TUES.	9:00 am	Remy Jeminaz Req. by Ninfa & Ted Gonzales
March 28 THURS.	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
March 29 FRI.	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish

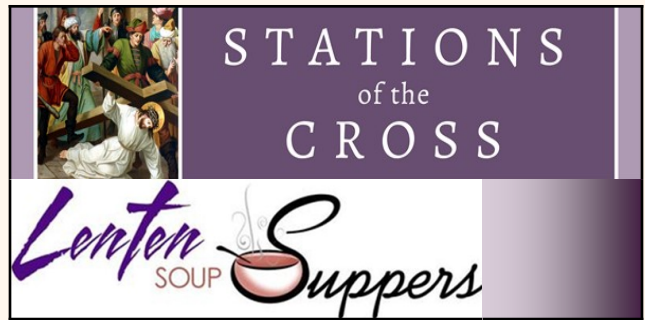


April 5, 2019
1st FRIDAY—Chapel
9 a.m.—11 a.m.



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

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



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

I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.
 -Luke 13:1-9

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent is a beautiful time to look back, check on our journey of faith, and most importantly, realize our own mistakes, wrongdoings and the sins we have committed and ask God how we can grow more spiritually. Tomorrow, Monday, at 4:45 PM and 6:15 PM, Wednesday at 4:45 PM we have the sacrament of penance and reconciliation for the Religious Education students as well as for the whole parish. There are several priests invited to help us for hearing confessions and giving absolution. Do not miss this excellent opportunity to receive the grace of the sacrament.

Today is the Third Sunday of LENT

I want to share with you an exciting story, and you might enjoy it. There's a preacher who started his sermon by showing his congregation four glass jars. The first jar contained some alcohol, the second was full of cigarette smoke, the third had chocolate syrup and the fourth with good garden soil. Then he produced four worms and put a worm in each jar. He set the jars aside as he preached on the evils of drinking alcohol, of smoking and chocolate. After about ten minutes, he finished and said 'now let us see what happened to the worms.' He took the worms from the first three jars, each of which contained alcohol, tobacco smoke, and chocolate, and they were all dead. He took the worm from the last jar with the good garden soil, and it was just fine.

Moreover, he asked his congregation, "what does this show you?" A person in one of the front rows said, "if you drink alcohol and smoke and eat chocolates, you won't have worms." That was the end of the sermon. The story shows how different people can interpret the same thing in different ways.

A cantor friend was practicing today's psalm response with her daughter, "The Lord is kind and merciful." She heard her daughter sing, "The Lord is kind of merciful." There is a big difference between being kind and merciful and kind of merciful. Which wording reflects your experience of God?

The ever-living God took flesh in Jesus. The parable about the fig tree is a statement about God's desire to save us. Jesus, the ever-living God, cultivates us and fertilizes us with mercy. When we repent, we reorient our lives to live Jesus' values and teaching. The same God who asked a murderer to lead the Israelites forgives and empowers us to bear fruit.

The Corinthians thought they were better than anyone else. However, they were sinners like everyone else. Paul advises them to learn from their ancestors who complained in the desert; many of them were saved, though not all. Some chose not to repent. Paul is the gardener who offers the Corinthians another chance to know God is kind and merciful.

Let us keep in mind that none of us are perfect. All of us need the gift of God's unconditional love and mercy. Let us turn to the Lord. Learn from our ancestors. God is kind and merciful. Believe and live the kindness and mercy of God. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, March 16/17 2019

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,669.00	157 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,065.00	113 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,651.00	171 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,033.00	129 people
Totals	\$5,418.00	570 people
Online Giving Mar 11— Mar 17	\$1,634.00	70 donors

Second Collection

Diocesan Assessment	\$1,145.00
Candles	\$133.00



Next Week's Second Collection— Mar 30/31

Catholic Relief

EASTER FLOWER Memorial



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.

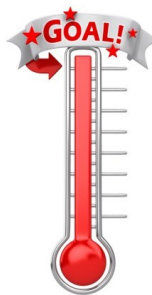
Please place the Easter Flower Memorial envelope or form, along with donation, in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office no later than **Sunday, March 31**. Suggested donation begins at **\$15**. Please print clearly and fill in all information requested. Thank you for your generosity.

May our Lenten journeys & sacrifices lead us to and enrich our Easter joy!



“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 11, 2019
 Donors: 32
 Pledged: **\$11,930.00**
 Paid: **\$10,670.00**
 % of Goal: 3%



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:

Gabrielle Sena

John Morgan

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.

RE^{IG}IOUS 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.

Dear Father Anarcon & Parishioners,

On behalf of the Missionaries of the Poor,
& the residents they serve, thank you for
your caring and compassionate support.
Your food drive provides many essential necessities but
also comfort with the knowledge that they are not
forgotten. Truly you are living out the words of the Gospel,
"whatever you did to the least...you did for me." May God
continue to bless this generous Parish! — Steve Gebhardt

*Thank
You*

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

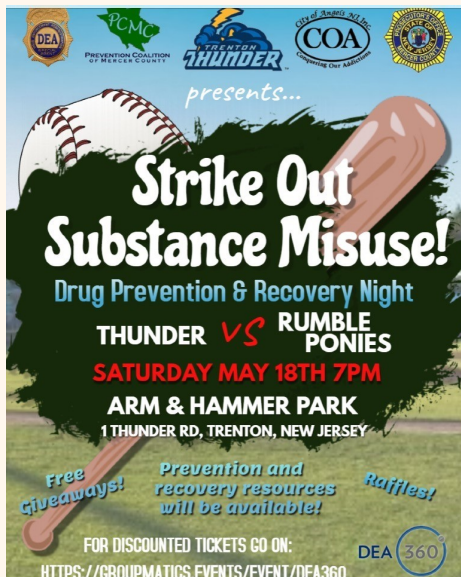
Upper Room Spiritual Center
Neptune, NJ 07753
e-mail: office@theupper-room.org

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.

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Fee: \$10

"Take me out to the ball game! Take me out to the Park!"
Save the Date: Saturday, May 18th, 2019, at the Arm and Hammer Ball Park, a great opportunity to network with Recovery Professionals and Gain some great information while enjoying the game!



The **Respect Life Group of St Mary, Middletown**, invites you to a preview showing of the movie, Unplanned. This movie depicts what really goes on in Planned Parenthood Association (PPA) clinics and the true story of Abby Johnson's (a former clinic director for 8 years) transformation.

The movie will be shown on **Wednesday, March 27, at 7 PM** at the Hazlet Cinemark Cinema 12 theater located at 2821, NJ-35, Hazlet, 07730. The cost of a ticket is \$10.

For tickets or more information, please contact **St. Mary Rectory at 732-671-0071.**



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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

Stiches from the Heart, our crochet group, will meet on **Wednesday, March 27, 7 pm**. All are welcome. Stations of the Cross is held every Friday during Lent at 7 pm. A Noon Mass has been added for Lent, Monday thru Thursday. We are having a Penance Service on Monday, April 1st at 7 pm. There will be at least six priests available to hear confessions.