

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



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.

ONE OF THE LEPERS,
REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED,
RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD
IN A LOUD VOICE.

LUKE 17:15

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October 13, 2019 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WE PRAY... CELEBRATE... REMEMBER



If we have died with Christ Jesus
we shall also live with him;
if we persevere
we shall also reign with him.

— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:30 PM

Robert Russamano • loving cousin
Gregory Peterson • Dr. & Mrs. Squillaro

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 AM

John Kilpatrick • Susan & Wally Giakas
Marianna Sardonia • Cathy & Jack McKee

10:00 AM

Angelina Gorda • John Goff
Shannon Willis • Burke Family

11:30AM

Vincenta Martinez • Nancy Martinez
Julio Nelli • Riddle Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 AM

Joseph Diaz • Lois & Bob Hrdail

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish



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

JAQUELINE LISE TOMPKINS

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

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, 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, Ilona Supczynski, Melissa Tortorello.

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in the Ordinary Time.

A story was told about an English writer, Somerset Maugham, who had a problem. He had earned a good amount of money from his Spanish royalties, but the law forbade him to take any of the money out of the country. Maugham decided to use the money to pay for a luxury vacation. He chose one of the best hotels and dined at pricey restaurants every evening. Nothing was too costly. When he felt satisfied that he had spent most of the money that was due to him, he told the manager that he would be leaving the next day. He asked for the bill.

Instead of going off to get the bill, the manager stood where he was and beamed at his well-distinguished guest. Maugham was confused. The manager told him, "It has been an honor having you in our hotel. You brought so much publicity to us while you have been here. We would like to show you our appreciation and gratitude. Therefore, it's on the house, and there is no bill for you."

When we do not expect it, gratitude can be very confusing. When we do expect it, and it isn't shown, we are often left feeling bewildered and disappointed. Naturally, there is a great deal of awkwardness surrounding gratitude. We know from our experience that doing some people a favor is to risk losing their friendship. Then why risk getting hurt by doing favors for people? Why do some people treat you like a leper after you have helped them?

The leper we hear about in the first reading is Naaman, a pagan commander of the Syrian army who has already led military incursions into Israel. His wife had an Israelite slave who had been taken captive, and this girl told Naaman about the prophet Elisha. Naaman was desperate for a cure and made another expedition into Israel; not to capture slaves but to be cured of his leprosy. When Elisha heard he was coming, he sent a message to the Syrian commander to bathe seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman was furious, but eventually his friends persuaded him to follow the advice of the prophet. He did and was cured.

Rather than return to Syria, the commander sought out the prophet to show his gratitude and offer him a reward. Elisha declined the reward, but agreed that Naaman should take back some earth to build a shrine for the one true God. Naaman, not only rejoiced in the gift of healing he had received, but also recognized the giver. He praised God and thanked the prophet. So it is that the God of Israel heals the outsider and the pagan.

I believe that it is worth noting that Luke is the only Gospel writer in the New Testament to write about Naaman, and sees this story as an excellent example of God's reach to those outside Israel. We must keep in mind that Luke is writing to the gentiles and has a particular interest in presenting God's call to all peoples. Hence, when Luke tells the story of the ten lepers, it is not surprising that the only one who shows gratitude is a foreigner, the Samaritan. Like Naaman, it is the outsider who shows his faith in God and his appreciation of God's servant.

It is quite interesting to note how we welcome outsiders in our midst is a concern of so many countries today. Various elements converge to undermine our freedom to open our arms and accept the outsider as a blessing rather than a curse. We are afraid. We are fearful of the unknown; whether it be the unknown of race, color, language or creed. We fear that the world we have known will be utterly changed, even if that world has not been a particularly happy or rewarding one. We fear that we will be overwhelmed by the numbers of those who are different from us and that we will lose our jobs and our homes. We are also disdainful of different ways of life. We have an inbuilt belief that our way of doing things is right, even if, it does not fulfill our hopes and dreams, and the culture of others threatens our culture and pattern of life.

How about during Jesus' time? We might wonder if his listeners felt the same way. He must have made them feel very uncomfortable about their way of living and how limited and enclosed it was. Yes, it takes great acts of faith and love on our end to overcome our fears and open our hearts to all who knock at our doors. Perhaps, we can only do it through recognizing that we have so much to thank God for and, through this celebration of life, we change our perspective and want to offer others we meet and be open to the gifts they bring in their turn. At the end of the day, we are not enemies. We are friends in Jesus who still have the chance to know each other. Pope Francis reminds us: "Jesus did not come to teach a philosophy or an ideology, but rather a way, a journey to be undertaken with him, and we learn the way as we go, by walking. Amen."

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

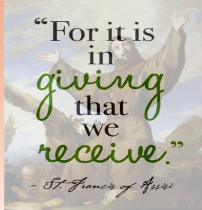
ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly First Sunday Collection
Saturday/Sunday, Oct 5/6 2019**

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,400.00	130 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,051.00	118 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,481.00	101 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,883.00	259 people
Totals	\$5,815.00	608 people
Online Giving Sept 30—Oct 6	\$3,758.00	94 donors

**Second Collection
Maintenance & Repairs \$1,325.00**



**Upcoming Second Collection
October 19/20**

World Mission Sunday



**A NOTE REGARDING OUR 2019
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who has made their donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal in 2019. We truly appreciate your commitment to the programs within the Diocese of Trenton as well as to your own parish. Your ongoing generosity and commitment means so much!

It is not too late to donate and we need your support. In the coming weeks, the Diocese of Trenton will be sending requests to those who have not yet had a chance to make a donation. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift at this time. It is our sincere hope that our entire community will come together to support this effort. We ask that you pray for the success and participate to whatever your means will allow. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

May God continue to bless you for all you give in stewardship to our Church.

Three Ways to Make Your Donation

ONLINE
www.dioceseoftrenton.org/
catholicappeal

BY MAIL:
Annual Catholic Appeal—Diocese of Trenton
Department of Development
701 Lawrenceville Road
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-4887

BY PHONE: 609-403-7197

Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.

2019	Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00	2018
As of October 6, 2019		As of October 7, 2018
Pledged Amount: \$32,634.60		Pledged Amount: \$37,278.00
Collected: \$31,080.11		Collected: \$33,911.60
Percent of Goal Raised 74%		Percent of Goal Raised 85%
Donors: 138		Donors: 164
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Pledge Balance As of October 6, 2019 \$1,554.49		Pledge Balance As of October 7, 2018 \$3,366.90

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.

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



The Gaffney Family
Jon & Emma

The Ongsiako Family
Donna & Kiersten

The Santopietro Family
Joseph & Amanda
Siena & Sloane

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



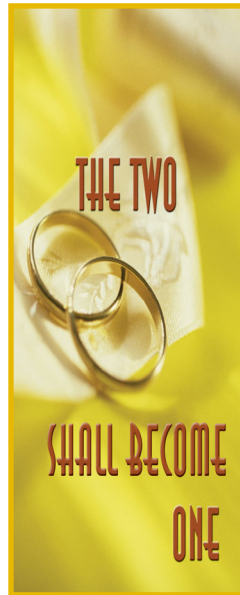
Holy Baptism

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

Isabella Ann Fernandez

*We ask God's blessings for this
child and her family
every day of their lives!*

Congratulations & Best Wishes to ...



Johannes Jacobus Smith
&
Michelle Alexis Player

**who were married at
St. Catherine of Siena Church
on
Saturday, October 12, 2019**

**We pray that God Bless this
Couple Abundantly.**



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

To Our Friends at the
St. Catherine of Siena Parish,

I know a thank you card was sent by my
administrator, but I wanted to send my
sincere thank you from the school Nurse's Office.
Your parish has been so wonderful and generous to
our school community and it does not go unnoticed.

Thank you for making a difference.
Health & Happiness, Ms. Mastowski, Adelpia School Nurse



The Giving Tree Ornament Preparation

Sunday, October 20, 2019

11:00 am—1:00 pm Parish Hall

Have fun and get in the holiday spirit!
Help make the Giving Tree successful by
assembling our tree ornaments.

Email: andjak@gmail.com

**** 8th Graders Welcome—Start earning your service hours**

HARVEST BAKE SALE **October 19 & 20**



**After All Masses
Parish Hall**



**All proceeds go towards
The Good Samaritan Ministry
Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets**

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

**Bring your homemade or store bought baked goods to the
Parish Hall before Mass**

For more info, email:

socialconcernscomission@sienachurch.org

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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Sunday, October 27
Sunday, November 10

For more detailed information and to register, visit our Parish Website, www.sienachurch.org.

Rosary Altar Society



All are invited to recite the Rosary in our Church.

Saturday, Oct. 5 at 4 pm
Saturday, Oct. 12 at Noon
*Fatima Anniversary * Bring a lunch*
Sunday, Oct. 13 at 11 am
Sunday, Oct. 20 at 11 am
Sunday, Oct. 27 at 11 am

Join us

New members welcome! Next meeting Nov. 13 at 7 pm. Email rosary@sienachurch.org for more info.

walking with purpose

A Catholic Women's Bible Study



Are you interested in getting together with other women to explore your faith?

You may or may not have knowledge of Scripture. If you would like to discover and/or deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ God as well as explore how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life, this is the program for you.

The 2019-2020 program will meet weekly Tuesdays from October through May 2020.

Registration is now open. Please call the Parish Office or email wwp@sienachurch.org.



The Diocese of Trenton The Monitor Magazine

This is the launch weekend for the Diocese's new publication, **The Monitor Magazine**. We have been given a supply of complimentary copies for our families to take home (while supplies last). If you are not already a Monitor subscriber, we encourage you to pick up a copy and give every consideration to signing up for this monthly magazine and comprehensive news coverage that is available on the website, TrentonMonitor.com. A subscription envelope will be provided. Please fill it out and drop it in the collection basket when you come back to church. We'd like to see a great response from our parish for our new diocesan publication.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Catherine of Siena

www.sienachurch.org

The Social Concerns Commission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish proudly announces a presentation being held on **Saturday, October 19** at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us for

OUT OF THE SHADOWS

**A Discussion on Behavioral Health & Addictions
Presented by Dr. Joseph Miller, Ph.D., FACHE**



Hackensack
Meridian Health

Teens, Young Adults &
Families Welcome

Light Refreshments Served

For more information, please call the Parish Office 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.

Bereavement Group

Starting **October 7, 2019**, St. Veronica Church, 4215 Rt. 9, Howell, 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 6:30PM for a duration of 7 weeks. To sign up please call St. Veronica Rectory at **732-363-4200**.

St. William the Abbot

www.stwilliamtheabbot.com

29th Annual LIFE CHAIN

Please join us in a peaceful, prayerful witness against abortion and for greater respect for all human life.

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE!

SUNDAY, October 20, 2019 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rain or Shine

Meet Near St. Veronica's Rectory

Refreshments will be served following the Life Chain.

For more information, contact Joan or Hu Mador at 732-367-2565.

LIFE CHAIN is an annual event to provide a prayerful, peaceful, non-denominational public witness against abortion and for greater respect for all human life. Pro-life witness will be forming a "Life Chain" approx. 1 mile long along Rt 9. in front of the St. Veronica's Rectory.