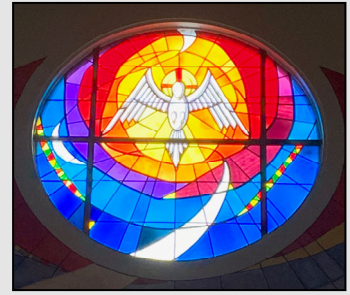


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Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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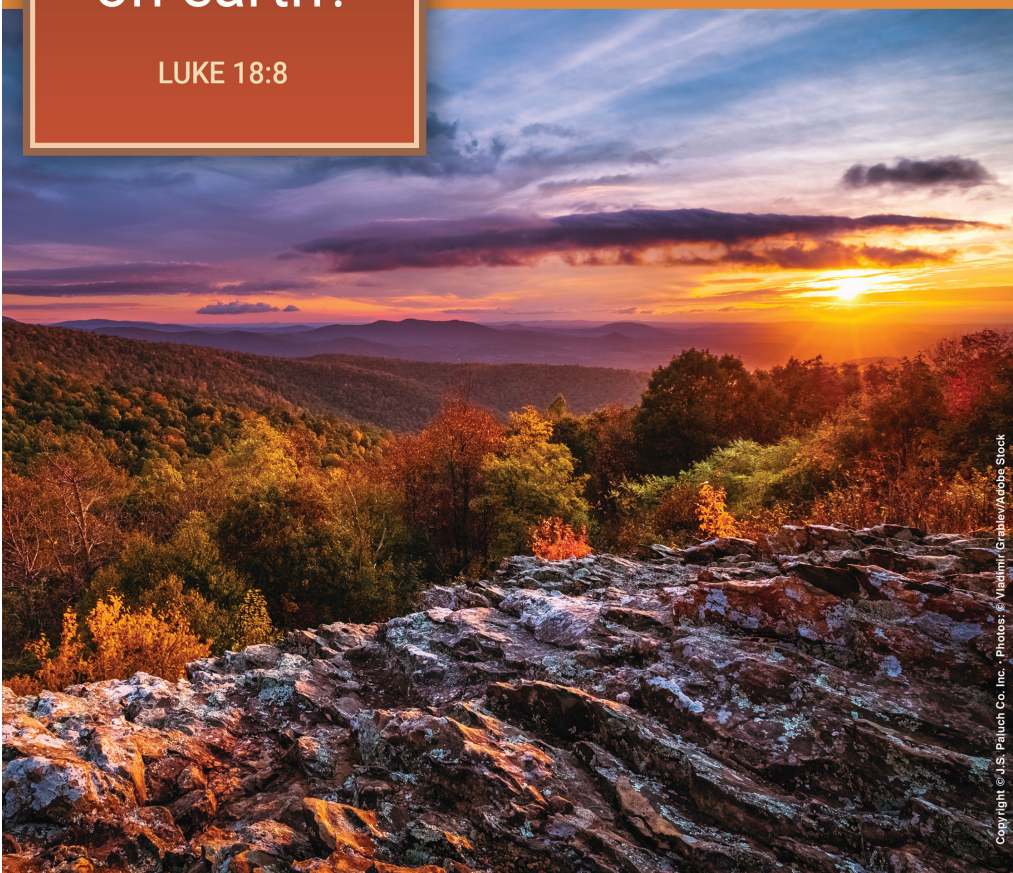


When the  
Son of Man  
comes,  
will he  
find faith  
on earth?

LUKE 18:8

*Twenty-Ninth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

**October 20, 2019**



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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

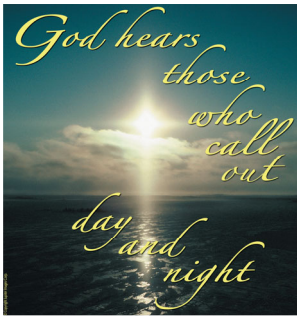
Monday—9 a.m.

Tuesday—9 a.m.

Thursday—9 a.m.

Friday—9 a.m.

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I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;  
whence shall help come to me?  
My help is from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
— *Psalm 121:1-2*

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

4:30 PM

Robert Joseph Berens • Neal & Lorraine Pronek  
William Anderson • Neal & Lorraine Pronek

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 AM

George Argast • Bill & Eileen Murphy  
Wayne Sos • loving wife, JoAnn

10:00 AM

Son, Alan & Husband, Andrew • Irene Nuccio  
Shannon Willis • Burke Family

11:30AM

Rosa & Ernesto Andrade • Phyllis Tesauro

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 AM

Alvaro Soto • Giakas Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 AM

Vivian Kerschan

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 AM

Jonathan Panek • Giakas Family



**ALTAR FLOWERS** We invite our parishioners to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or perhaps to mark a special occasion. You will help us provide beauty for the Lord's worship and pay a visible tribute to a special person or celebrate a special event. Please call the Parish Office to place an order.

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, William Clemens, Joseph Cocuzza, 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, 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 Hospitality Sunday. We have refreshments and delicious food in the Parish Hall after Mass. Also, the Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a bake sale. Please make every effort to support them in this beautiful endeavor as the proceeds support our Good Samaritan Ministry Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets. As you know, the season of giving is fast approaching. Our Giving Tree Ministry is already working hard on making the tags for our annual giving Christmas tree. Our giving Christmas tree helps out many local families in need. We request those who are interested in helping gather at the Parish Hall today at 11 a.m.

Today is the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year.

Let me share a story about a man who has never been married and is looking earnestly for a wife. At sixty-one years of age, he protests that he is not a confirmed bachelor, but a prospective husband. Recognizing that time is running out, he feverishly writes to the lonely hearts columns. Too bad this guy was not around when the internet and technology would be a great help. From the interview, it became clear that our hero had developed, through the years, a dry sense of humor. He said that nobody seems to want the serious attention of a sixty-one-year-old whose declared pastime is playing the bagpipes.

To speed up his chances of success, the man has started going to "Singles Weekends." These adventures have not been smooth because he prefers darts to discos and bars. Although some people like darts, few women saw themselves bonded until death to a bagpiper. His success so far has been the exchange of addresses with promises to keep in contact. Nobody ever has. Everyone has lives to pick up again, and farewells are always polite and have a touch of the eternal about them. Having the belief that reward will come to those who are persistent, he remains vigilant that Cupid will hit the target before too long.

When people are persistent but seem to have little chance, we wonder why they bother. Often, in our society, persistence is regarded not as a virtue but as a vice. Refused time and time again, he has nerve asking again. Some people refuse to take no for an answer and hope that their persistence will pay off in the long run. Sometimes it does.

In the Gospel, the victory is not too dramatic, but the widow's perseverance wins the day. The tradition of Israel, a judge, was expected to be impartial; except to three groups of people, namely, the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. Because these kinds of people lived in the absence of familiar love and support, they were vulnerable in a society where influence and money talked. A judge was expected to be partial to them and champion their cause to ensure their rights. The religious law stated: "if you ill-treat them in any way, and they make any appeal to me for help, I shall certainly hear their appeal." (Ex.20:22)

In the parable, the judge and the widow are maimed and at a crisis point. We have no case history for the widow, but we do for the judge. He is a man who is influenced neither by religious principle nor by public opinion. Both justice and compassion are absent from his dealings with the widow. She does not have influential friends to bring pressure on the judge, and she has no money to bribe him. All she has is the justice of her cause and her persistence.

In telling the parable, Jesus is not comparing God to the unjust judge and suggesting that he answers prayers only to avoid being bothered further. Instead, Jesus contrasts with the judge. Arguing that if an unjust man can come to justice eventually, how much more God will answer his chosen ones when he delays helping them. Usually, we say 'rush to help.' But God has his own time, and his delay in judgment can give people more time to repent.

It is an excellent reminder to all of us that Jesus encourages us to be persistent in our prayer and never lose heart. In an age when we are accustomed to instant coffee, EZ pass and receiving immediate results, we are impatient in what appears to be endless delays. But the values we cherish are not instantly available. Values like peace and justice take time to establish. The danger is that we give up too quickly that we rest our case too comfortably. We have to be persistent. We have to invest our time in our beliefs. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

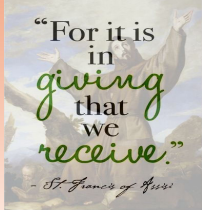
*ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP*

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

**Weekly First Sunday Collection  
Saturday/Sunday, Oct 12/13 2019**

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,563.00	162 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,105.00	89 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,430.00	135 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,108.00	138 people
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,116.00</b>	<b>524 people</b>
Online Giving Oct 7—Oct 13	\$1,749.00	70 donors

**Second Collection  
Diocesan Assessment \$1,180.00**



**Upcoming Second Collection  
October 26/27**

**Energy & Fuel**



**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.*

<b>2019</b>	<b>Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00</b>	<b>2018</b>
As of October 14, 2019		As of October 15, 2018
Pledged Amount: <b>\$32,679.60</b>		Pledged Amount: <b>\$32,278.00</b>
Collected: <b>\$31,353.11</b>		Collected: <b>\$34,076.10</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Raised 74%</b>		<b>Percent of Goal Raised 85%</b>
Donors: 138		Donors: 164
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Pledge Balance As of October 14, 2019 <b>\$1,326.49</b>		Pledge Balance As of October 15, 2018 <b>\$3,201.90</b>

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

Hospitality: God's Love  
Made Visible

**GREETERS**  
and  
**ushers**

**MANY HANDS MAKE  
LIGHT WORK!**

Men & Women are  
invited to serve

To volunteer please call the Parish Office at  
732-938-5375 or email  
[frontoffice@sienachurch.org](mailto:frontoffice@sienachurch.org)

THE GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY OF  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH



**FOOD DRIVE**

**SHOW THANKFULNESS BY FEEDING THOSE IN NEED**

**NOW—NOVEMBER 10**

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION**

- CANNED CORN
  - CANNED GREEN BEANS
  - CANNED VEGETABLES
  - CANNED YAMS, AND /OR WHITE POTATO-
  - CANNED CRANBERRY SAUCE
  - CANNED TURKEY GRAVY
  - CANNED FRUIT
  - CANNED OR BOTTLE JUICES
  - CANNED PUMPKIN
  - BOXED STUFFING MIX
  - BOXED INSTANT POTATOES
  - DESSERT MIX—BROWNIES, COOKIES, CAKE
- \$25 GIFT CARDS

PLEASE RETURN YOU DONATION  
TO THE NARTHEX.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY.



Help us assemble the  
Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets  
on

Saturday, November 16  
10 a.m. Parish Hall

For more information, please email:  
[socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org](mailto:socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org)  
or call 732-938-5375



**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

**HARVEST BAKE SALE**

**October 19 & 20**

**After All Masses  
Parish Hall**

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



## SACRAMENTAL AND 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 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](http://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](mailto:rosary@sienachurch.org) for more info.

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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](mailto: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](http://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.

DON'T MISS THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE MONITOR

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### 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.



## DIOCESE OF TRENTON 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](http://www.sienachurch.org)

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Please join us for our next Connect Coffee on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 10 am. Come as you are and see what this fresh and relevant Catholic Scripture based program for women is all about. Bring a friend!

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375 or email [wwp@sienachurch.org](mailto:wwp@sienachurch.org)

**St. Veronica**

[www.stveronica.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.stwilliamtheabbot.com)