

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



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER

6

2019

If you have faith the size
of a mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
“Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,”
and it would obey you.

Luke 17:6

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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.

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



Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— *Psalms 95:6*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:30 PM

Nancy Fitzgerald • Teresa Porter
Anthony Farinella • Marian & Jim Ferris

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 AM

Frank Percaccio • Mary Ann Percaccio
Marie Bowers • The Riddle Family

10:00 AM

Thomas Mangano • Philip & Kristin Natilli

11:30AM

Anna & Guiseppe Cantatore • Luigi Cantatore
José Martinez Sr. • Maryann Cullen

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 AM

Jonathan Panek • Terri & Roy Murray

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish



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, 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,

In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. It is now twice that Jesus mentions to his apostles what is going to happen to him. Still, they did not understand. The apostles were expecting Jesus to expel the Romans from their land and to take over ruling the nation, what they got was completely different. Perhaps they had an inkling that not everything in Jerusalem was going to be pleasant when they asked Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus' response implies how little faith they had. They could not just put it away in the corner of their house, so make it handy to get in case of an emergency. Even the tiniest amount of faith can do impossible things.

We have to keep in mind that it is not the AMOUNT of faith that is so important. A mustard seed, for example, is about the size of a flyspeck; it is the KIND of faith that is important. For instance, it is not enough to have the attitude: "I believe in the existence of God, but do not have much time for him." It is good to come to God for help when we are having problems, but we should not just be connecting with him when we need something. In other words, we cannot expect God to be our servant.

The KIND of faith we all need is illustrated in the parable in today's Gospel. The parable is not condoning slavery; it is just using slavery as an illustration. It is essential to understand that a slave has no life of his own, for he/she was someone else's property. A slave did not need any thanks for doing what they were expected to do. They just did whatever they were told. God does not treat us like this, however, the point is he could. Our very being depends on him, and we owe him all that we are.

When we invite someone to participate in Mass, join a club or volunteer for a parish or civic authority, we often hear, "What will I get out of it?" I am glad that this is not God's question. God freely plants the seed of faith within us and offers forgiveness to all. When we accept these gifts, whether our faith seems small or significant, we are merely doing what is expected of us as servants of God. A side benefit can be "getting" satisfaction for being faithful to the baptismal promise we made to love Jesus. Satisfaction can grow into an attitude of gratitude.

In God's mercy and grace, he has made us his children. I am sure that when we were children, we did not always get what we wanted when we wanted it. When God does not answer us immediately, it is not because he does not hear us, it is because, in His love and wisdom, he wants us to wait. The Prophet Habakkuk reminds us that God's time is not our time. God's vision "will surely come." It has its own time, "presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint." It is like watching a pot of water. We cannot make it boil any faster. Nor can we make a seed planted into the ground grow any quicker, even with the modern technological assistance. God's vision and the seed of faith planted within us have their own time. We can tend them, nurture them, watch them, and stir into flame the gift God has given us, but we cannot force them when their fulfillment comes. When we live God's vision with patience, we do what we promised at baptism. As kids, we learned that sometimes our parents said "NO." At times, God also says, "NO." If we have the right kind of faith, then all we can say is "thy will be done." God's will has its time. As St. Francis of Sales has said, "be patient, most of all with yourself." What will you get out of it? The satisfaction of knowing we are servants who have done what we are obliged to do; we might find God's vision fulfilled where we least expect. Amen.

O loving and generous God, you have planted the gift of faith in our hearts. Help me trust that the faith I have will be enough whether life may be easy or difficult. Stir that gift into a flame that sets the world on fire with the light of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

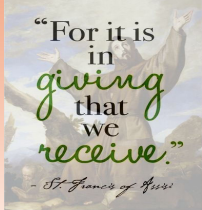
ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly First Sunday Collection
Saturday/Sunday, Sept 28/29 2019**

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,203.00	127 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,316.00	103 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,559.00	144 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$920.00	143 people
Totals	\$4,998.00	517 people
Online Giving Sept 23—Sept 29	\$1,034.00	59 donors

**Second Collection
The Good Samaritan Ministry \$1,749.00**



**Upcoming Second Collection
October 12/13**

Diocesan Assessment



**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 September 30, 2019		As of October 1, 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 September 30, 2019 \$1,554.49		Pledge Balance As of September 24, 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 Social Concerns Commission
proudly supports



NHS Coat Drive

In Support of the Kids and Families of Monmouth County

DONATE BY

Now—Oct. 13

For more information, contact socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



To Our Friends at the St. Catherine of Siena Parish,
On behalf of the staff & students of Adelpia School, I would like to take this opportunity to express our *sincere appreciation* for the generous donation of school supplies for our students. Many have benefited from your contributions & the faces of our students have been brightened this school year. Your kindness toward our school is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Danielle Palazzolo, Principal



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

The DeMarco's
Michael & Angelina

The Wisnowski Family
Matthew & Sonia
Isabella & Hunter

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



Holy Baptism

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

Christopher Nicholas Contessa

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



Parish Harvest Festival

Including a

Showcase of Ministries

September 29, 2019

Our Parish Harvest Festival and Ministry Fair was a wonderful day filled with fellowship, enthusiasm and lots of sunshine! Special thanks to our fantastic Knights of Columbus Council & Hospitality Ministries for the delicious foods, decorations and support to the Parish. We thank our Rosary Altar Society and all other dedicated ministries for the desserts! A shout out to the St. Catherine of Siena Youth Volunteers for all their help, especially with the kids crafts and games! Thank you to all who signed on in Ministry!

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.

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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COMING IN
EARLY OCTOBER



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

The Social Concerns Commission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish proudly announces a seminar 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**.

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.

St. William the Abbot

www.stwilliamtheabbot.com