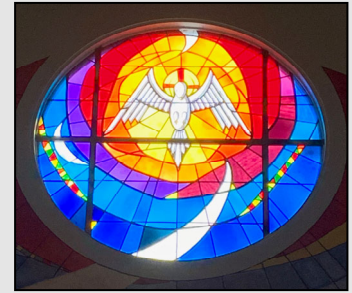


St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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September
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God wills everyone
to be saved and to
come to knowledge
of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:30 PM

Father Justin Biase • Sardone Family
Lenore Sears • Piotrowski Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 AM

John Ruggiero • Bill & Cheryl Costello
Wayne Sos • loving wife, JoAnn

10:00 AM

Thomas W. Runkel • Catherine & Dave Runkel & family
Linda Veneziano • Philip M. Palmerson Jr.

11:30AM

Dorothy McInerney • Pondaco family
Luca & Michael Canzona • Daria Canzona

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM

José B. Martinez • Debbie & Bob Mueller
Frank Tortorello • Tortorello Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish



The Altar Flowers are given in
loving memory of:

FRANK TORTORELLO

At the request of the Tortorello
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, 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, Yolanda Spinelli, Ilona Supczynski, Melissa Tortorello.

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today at 10 a.m., the Religious Education Program of the Parish Community formally begins our classes. Based on our study and discernment, we made necessary changes in our Religious Education Program and now conduct classes on Sundays. As a parish community who is concerned with the faith journey and faith formation of our young people, let us cooperate and be supportive of our program. Let us collaborate on our profound mission to build the Kingdom of Jesus that we start in our homes, extend to the Church community and society as well. I ask for your prayers to be united with this beautiful endeavor as we work together to make such changes a success. We appreciate the warm response and high involvement of our catechists, aides, parents, and the entire Religious Education Program staff. Thank you so very much.

This Sunday is the Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year.

Seven hundred fifty years Before Christ, the country of Israel was enjoying a time of great financial and material prosperity, but in terms of spiritual life, they were bankrupt. The Prophet Amos, a shepherd, told them so. He was asked, by God, to leave one flock in service of another. God sent him north into Israel to convict people of their sins against the Covenant, such as working on the Sabbath and cheating the poor out of their hard-earned money. Through the voice of Amos, the invisible God speaks to his people. The prophet is unimpressed by the fancy liturgies and the solemn assemblies.

Amos knows that the merchants in the temple are fixing their scales to cheat the pilgrims coming to Jerusalem for the feast. These wealthy men became rich and made themselves more productive by taking advantage of the less fortunate. 'Never will I forget a thing they have done,' the prophet says, speaking for God. It is an announcement of God's judgment on those who are deaf to the cry of the poor. They needed forgiveness but would only receive it if they humbled themselves to ask for it.

Interestingly, the point is made by another country prophet who was born in the same region as Amos. A man who has the same frankness in speech, same preference for the poor, and the same message: "You cannot be the slave both of God and money." Jesus expresses his belief that people who cannot be trusted to deal with money can hardly be trusted with the genuine riches of the kingdom of God. The danger is that they will begin to twist their religious beliefs around their money-belts.

Jesus spoke in parables. His approach made people spend a little time thinking about what he had to say. Jesus challenged people with today's parable. Although his point is elementary, he leaves us with many questions. The key to understanding is when Jesus says: "the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their generation than are the children of light." The most important word in this verse is prudent. Jesus is not praising the dishonest steward because he was corrupt, he praises him because he was prudent. He knew what he needed to do to survive, and he did it.

As we know, there are four cardinal virtues, prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. Prudence means knowing what a person needs to do, and the concrete means to accomplish it. Let's look closely at today's parable so we can understand it better. The rich man was most likely an absentee landlord who in that culture was not a much-loved individual. He had so many riches that he had to hire someone to manage his finances, a steward. The steward was accused of being dishonest with his master's money, and the master believed the charge was correct. The manager, the steward, realized that he was going to be out of a job. The steward's dishonesty became even more evident when he began to reduce the debts of those various clients who owed to his master. In doing this, he was creating a lot of goodwill for himself, setting up a string of favors that he knew would not be forgotten.

Take note that the steward is evidently stealing from the rich man and giving away the rich man's assets when he asks each debtor: "how much do you owe my master?" The rich man must have been rich, and he could show that he was because he overlooked the steward's dishonesty and remarked on the prudence of the steward. In a way, his overlooking the dishonesty reflects the Kingdom of God, where God is willing to forgive our sins and where God asks us to forgive and love each other, even our own enemies. God's standard of justice is to be generous. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

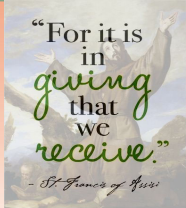
ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly First Sunday Collection
Saturday/Sunday, Sept 14/15 2019**

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,388.00	157 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,340.00	126 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$2,005.00	144 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$821.00	137 people
Totals	\$5,554.00	564 people
Online Giving Sept 9—Sept 15	\$1,744.00	71 donors

**Second Collection
Diocesan Assessment \$1,057.00**



**Upcoming Second Collection
September 28/29**

The Good Samaritan Ministry



“Never **REACH OUT** your hand unless you are willing to **EXTEND** an arm.” Pope St. Paul VI
The Annual Catholic Appeal is important.

As members of our diocesan family, we are called upon to love and serve all our brothers and sisters—both within our Catholic community & beyond. Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows our diocese to continue to serve as a resource to the parishes and other organizations in their efforts to provide service, evangelization and outreach to people throughout Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth & Ocean Counties. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church.

Below you will see the Annual Catholic Appeal comparisons from our parish 2018 vs. 2019 results to date. Unfortunately, we are behind from last year's pace, with 85% of goal at this point last year compared with 74% at present. Your contribution makes a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.

2019	Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00	2018
As of September 9, 2019		As of September 10, 2018
Pledged Amount: \$32,609.60		Pledged Amount: \$37,245.00
Collected: \$30,730.28		Collected: \$33,372.30
Percent of Goal Raised 74%		Percent of Goal Raised 85%
Donors: 138		Donors: 163
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Pledge Balance As of September 9, 2019 \$1,879.32		Pledge Balance As of September 10, 2018 \$3,872.70

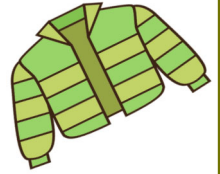
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEEDS HELP Important Message from Bishop O'Connell:

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**

Dear Parishioners,

A very sincere
THANK YOU for your
generosity to our

Farmingdale students! With the items donated we
were able to complete supply lists for all our
students. We appreciate your kindness and thank
you for always including us.

Sincerely, Farmingdale Public School



Parish Harvest Festival

Including

Showcase of Ministries



Join Us

BBQ Desserts & More

All our wonderful ministries & volunteer
opportunities will be present & will have information
available to those interested in serving.

MINISTRIES INCLUDE: Altar Servers, Music,
Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers, Homebound,
Lectors, Chapel Readers, Rosary Altar Society,
Legion of Mary Auxiliary, Men's Prayer Group,
RCIA, Walking with Purpose, Respect for Life,
The Good Samaritan Ministry, The Social Concerns
Commission, The Giving Tree,
Hospitality Committee, Knights of Columbus,
Religious Education, Website, Money Counters,
Buildings and Grounds, Youth Ministry

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



The Feliciano Family
Fernando, Lissette
Isabella & Fernando

The Jurjevic Family
Svetko & Antonia

Kristen Townend

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

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.

"The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents."
Catechism of the Catholic Church #2226

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



THANK YOU TO ALL YOU CELEBRATED WITH US ON CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.

Welcome Sunday Families, Students & Volunteers!

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.

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

Celebrating Couples Married
1 year, 25 years, 50+ years

Ocean & Monmouth Counties

Oct. 6, 2019
3 p.m. Mass

Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert of Bellarmine
Freehold, NJ

Visit St. Catherine of Siena
Parish Office to register by
September 30, 2019
DEADLINE EXTENDED



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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

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

Walking with Purpose is a weekly women's bible study that through personal study and small group discussions helps to link our everyday challenges and struggles to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Church. **Do you crave meaningful connection with other women? Would you like to know more about how Scripture relates to your everyday life?** If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Join us Tuesday mornings beginning in October. For more information, please email wwp@sienachurch.org or call Laura Randazzo 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.

St. William the Abbot

www.stwilliamtheabbot.com

St. Catherine of Siena Respect Life Committee

On the weekend of Sept. 21/22, there will be a member of our parish Respect Life Committee discussing the 40 Days for Life Program at Planned Parenthood Abortion Center in Shrewsbury, NJ, starting on Sept. 25th & ending on Nov. 3rd.

Please consider giving one hour of your time at this location to silently protest the killing of precious babies. Directions to follow.
A sign-up sheet will be available after all the masses this weekend.

All are welcome to the Bishop's Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

September 25 - November 3, 2019
40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

Opening Mass with Bishop O'Connell Tuesday September 24th at 7:00 pm

Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, Bishop of Trenton at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Road, Freehold NJ 07728.

For more information about the mass, contact Tom Panettiere at 908-338-7128 or tpanettiere@victorypackaging.com