



# Welcome to Your Parish

## **Connect** with

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

info@sienachurch.org

732-938-5375

www.sienachurch.org

Office Hours: Sunday 9:00 AM—12:45 PM Monday-Thursday 9:00-2:00 PM

#### **CLERGY**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

pastor@sienachurch.org

#### Deacon

Daniel Sakowski

deacondan@sienachurch.org

#### **STAFF**

## Pastor's Associate, PCL

Laura Randazzo

passociate@sienachurch.org

#### **Music Director**

Charles Clarke frontoffice@sienachurch.org

#### **Office Assistant**

Janet Amato

officeassistant@sienachurch.org

The Church is open for prayer during office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

# **Weekend Mass**

# Saturday

4:30 PM Vigil

# Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM | 11:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 AM | 7:00 PM unless otherwise announced

# Confession

# Saturday

3:30 PM—4:00 PM other days by appointment

# **Weekday Mass**

9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday



Weekday Mass is at 31 Asbury Road Until Further Notice.

# **Our Pastor's Sunday Message**

# Pentecost Sunday

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost, the powerful moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, transforming their fear into bold faith and sending them out to proclaim the Good News. Pentecost marks the Among the Jews, Pentecost was also beginning of the Church's mission in the called the 'Day of the First Fruits' world—and it is also a reminder that (Num 28:26). As the name indicates, it the Holy Spirit continues to guide, was the celebration of the 'First Fruits'. empower, and strengthen each of us It was celebrated when the first fruits of today.

At our 10:00 AM Mass, we rejoice as one of our candidates receives the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through this sacrament, the baptized are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, completing the grace of Baptism and to live as disciples of Christ.

As we witness this sacred moment, may we be reminded of our own Confirmation and renewed in our openness to the Holy Spirit. Just as the apostles were changed at Pentecost, we too are called to be transformed—to live our faith with courage, joy, and purpose. Come, Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth—and our hearts!

In the Old Testament, Pentecost was the feast of the celebration of the giving of the Law to Moses on the fiftieth day after the Israelites' departure from Egypt (Passover) (Ex. 19-20). In the new dispensation, Pentecost is the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Ten days after the Ascension, when the one hundred and twenty disciples were gathered in the May God bless you, Upper Room, the Holy Spirit descended upon them.

According to the law of Israel, hundred and twenty was the number for an official liturgical gathering. Thus, the one hundred and twenty disciples gathered in the Upper Room were the ideal worshipping community.

the harvest began to come in, which was around the first of June. It opened the harvest season. By the providence of God, on the day of Pentecost, the Church, the first fruit, was born. Thus, Pentecost marks the beginning of the new church of God.

being equipped with spiritual strength The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples because of Jesus' prayer, and He was not sent for a short time, but to abide with us forever. The power of the Holy Spirit is present even today. As He infused courage and confidence among the frightened disciples of Jesus and transformed them from being a band of frightened men into fearless preachers of the Gospel, so the Spirit is there, even today, among us to resuscitate and empower us.

> My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we celebrate the feast of the Pentecost, let us pray that the Lord may once again fill us with the Holy Spirit so that our hearts, which may be dead like the dry bones, maybe set ablaze with the love of Christ, and may we proclaim the Good News of Christ until nation after nation may yield to the sway of Christ. Amen.

Father Angelito

SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

#### Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or: Alleluia.

#### **Second Reading:**

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

#### Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21

# **PENTECOST** SUNDAY



# We are Called

To know, love, and serve as Jesus did.

## We pray for each other, particularly:



For our newest members in baptism

Giovanni Binetti, Elliana Graziano



For the sick of our community

To request **Anointing** and/or **Homebound**, please call the parish office at 732-938-5375.



#### Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God —

Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us.

Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings.

Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement of God. Amen.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, June 7

4:30 PM George Hankel

r/b Loving Wife, June

Sunday, June 8

8:00 AM Salvatore & Francesca Ciaravino

r/b Ciaravino Family

10:00 AM Lorriane Pronek

r/b Kati & Suzan Urick

11:30 AM Dinh Nguyen

r/b Loving Wife & Children

Monday, June 9

9:00 AM Nicholas Haros

r/b Nicholas Haros, Jr.

Tuesday, June 10

9:00 AM Pat Clearwater

r/b Martinez Family

Thursday, June 12

9:00 AM Charles Talkowski

r/b Lou & Marcia Ciccone

Friday, June 13

 $9:\!00~AM \qquad Emma~Weir~Living~Intention$ 

r/b Reiff Family





To know, is learning to trust God.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Annulment**

The Church encourages divorced and remarried persons to purse annulment. To arrange a confidential discussion, email deacondan@sienachurch.org

#### **Becoming Catholic**

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for you! Contact the parish office at 732-938-5375 or email passociate@sienachurch.org.

#### **Bulletin**

Please email submission requests by 5:00 PM 14 days before the weekend bulletin date, to bulletin@sienachurch.org

#### Change of Name/Phone/ Address

Update information to officeassistant@sienachurch.org

#### Faith Formation | Children

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is for children in K through 8th grade. Inquire to, email prep@sienachurch.org or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

#### **Faith Formation | Teens**

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) has sacramental preparation and ministry opportunities for teens, grade 9 –12. Inquire to email prep@sienachurch.org. or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

#### **Sacraments**

#### **Baptism**

Parish families who wish to have a child baptized should be registered in the parish. First time parents are to take a pre-baptismal class before the sacrament of baptism. Classes are offered monthly. Please call the parish office at 732-938-5375 for further information.

# Confirmation/ First Eucharist Children

Preparation is a two– year process for children in our Parish Religious Education Program. (PREP) For those seeking the sacraments, please email prep@sienachurch.org or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

# Confirmation/ First Eucharist Young Adults/Adults

If you've been baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation, we invite you to complete your sacraments of initiation! Contact the parish office at 732-938-5375 or email passociate@sienachurch.org.

#### Marriage

For parishioners (attending 6 months or more), a minimum of one year preparation is required. It is recommended to contact the parish office before booking venue.

#### Sacramental Records

To request a sacramental record, i.e., copies of Baptismal Certificates, First Eucharist Certificates, Confirmation Certificates, Marriage Certificates email officeassistant@sienachurch.org.



We warmly welcome all visitors joining us today at St. Catherine of Siena Parish—whether you are here for the first time, visiting family, or simply passing through.

We are blessed by your presence and hope you feel at home in this house of God.

If you are new to the area and would like to learn more about our parish community, or how to register, please contact the parish office at 732-938-5375.

May the peace of Christ be with you during your time with us!

#### Our Newest Members:

The Villegas Family Sean, Mariah & Camila

# Love

To love is to learn how to follow Christ together.

To love is to learn how to follow Christ together.
Love is not just a feeling—it's a daily decision to walk with others in faith, humility, and compassion.
As Christ loved us, we are called to love one another: with patience in difficulty, generosity in need, and mercy in weakness.

When we love as Christ loves, we become instruments of His peace and healing in the world. True Christian love unites us, strengthens the Church, and draws others closer to God.

Let us love not just in words, but in action—serving, forgiving, and building each other up in Christ.

# Observances for the week of June 8, 2025 Sunday:

Pentecost Sunday

#### Monday:

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

#### Wednesday:

St. Barnabas, Apostle

#### Friday:

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

#### Saturday:

Flag Day

#### **Next Sunday:**

The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Reflect and Respond

#### **1st Reading Question**

The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to speak in multiple tongues so that all the people could understand them.

When do you feel the Holy Spirit present in your life?

#### 2nd Reading Question

Paul assures us that as believers, the Spirit of God dwells in us.

How ought the indwelling of the Spirit positively impact our day-to-day living?

#### Gospel

The resurrected Jesus sent out the disciples to forgive (or retain) sins. What has been your experience of the sacrament of Reconciliation?



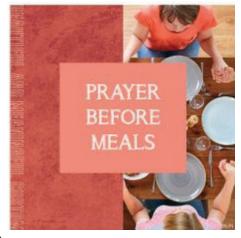
## **Live the Liturgy**

Inspiration of the Week

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

# Prayer Before Meals, Explained

Anyone who has ever dined in a Catholic home has probably heard the prayer before meals that begins with the famous words: "Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts." These words in particular are first found in the Galesian Sacramentary, a book of Christian liturgy that dates to the seventh or eighth century, but the practice of praying before meals is Biblical, harkening back to the Jewish ritual washing of hands before eating. In the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the



Last Supper and other meals, setting an example followed by Paul in Acts 27:35.

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato SI*', Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

"That moment of blessing," he wrote, "reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation...(and) reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need."



To serve is to live like Jesus—with love, humility, and purpose.



# **SERVE**

## To serve is to live like Jesus—with love, humility, and purpose.

At the heart and soul of our parish is the call from Jesus: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We believe the best way to live this out is by forming community and sharing our faith together—this is the heart of ministry.

If you're looking for a way to grow in faith and serve others, we invite you to get involved in parish life.

Whether it's through liturgy, faith formation, outreach, or hospitality—there's a place for you here.

#### **VOLUNTEER AND SHARE YOUR GIFTS**

Looking for a meaningful way to get involved at St. Catherine of Siena Parish? We are currently seeking volunteers to help with:

#### Parish Events & Hospitality

Mass Ministries (ushers, lectors, & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Music Ministry (cantors, choir)

Office Help (weekday assistance, phone support, data entry, organizing supplies)

#### Teach Students the Faith

We're seeking adult teachers to support our Parish Religious Education Program

Whether you have an hour a week or can help occasionally, your time and talents make a difference!

To learn more or sign up, please contact the parish office.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another..."— 1 Peter 4:10

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 29 PARISH SUMMER PICNIC. HELP US PLAN THE PICNIC—Volunteer today!

#### Godparent For the Sacrament of Baptism | Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation

## To Serve as a Godparent

To serve as a godparent is more than an honor—it is a sacred calling. A godparent supports the faith journey of a child by example, prayer, and ongoing spiritual encouragement. Chosen not just for closeness, but for character and commitment to the Catholic faith, a godparent walks alongside the child and their family, helping to nurture a life rooted in Christ.

## To Serve as a Confirmation Sponsor

To serve as a Confirmation sponsor is a meaningful role in the life of a young Catholic. A sponsor stands as a witness to the faith, guiding the candidate through prayer, encouragement, and example. Chosen for their active Catholic life, sponsors help the candidate grow in their relationship with Christ and take their place as a fully initiated member of the Church. It is a commitment of presence, prayer, and ongoing spiritual support.

### **Eligibility**

According to Canon Law, godparents & sponsors must:

Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church

Be at least 16 yrs of age

Received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation

Not be bound by canonical penalties

Not be the father or mother of the one being baptized

#### **Letter of Good Standing**

Before we can issue "a letter of good standing" from the Office of the Pastor, we ask that you be an active, registered parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months. An active member:

Attends Mass on a regular basis & is registered, showing regular participation with the life, mission and support of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Note, if he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish years ago <u>but now lives elsewhere</u>, <u>he/she is not a member of this parish</u>.

Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides.

This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.



To grow in Christ is to become who we are meant to be.

# **FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**



# **DISCOVERING THE MASS IN THE BIBLE**

**10 Week Summer Study** Tuesday, June 10

# 10:00 AM PARISH HALL

"Lamb of God... Bread of Life... Do This in Memory of Me."
These powerful phrases echo through every mass—but do we truly know their meaning?

Together, we will explore how every part of the Mass is rooted in Scripture — from the Old Testament to the Last Supper.

Join us for coffee & snacks in this low pressure environment.

All are welcome.

Come deepen your love for the Eucharist — the source and summit of our faith.



# Welcoming God's Word into Our Hearts

Join us each week as we gather to reflect on the **Sunday Mass readings**, share faith-filled conversation, and grow in friendship & understanding.

This is a time to listen deeply, ask questions, and allow Scripture to speak into our lives — together.

#### **STARTING SUNDAY, JUNE 22**

Sundays after the 8 AM Mass Parish Hall Light refreshments and warm fellowship provided.

For more info email: Laura Randazzo passociate@sienachurch.org

The more you study the faith and encounter God in prayer, the more your trust in Him grows.

Make time each day to nurture your relationship with God, and consider joining others in reading Scripture and growing together in faith.



FORMED.org Great Catholic content for the whole family!

Over 4,000 Catholic movies, cartoons and audio books. Subscribe at no cost.

Signing up for Formed is quick and easy. Just follow the simple instructions below:

Go to <u>formed.org/signup</u> Search for your parish by zip code.

Click on your parish.

Register with your name and email address.

Check that email account for a link to begin using Formed.

# PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Forming hearts, growing faith, following Christ.



Color the bow red; **RED** is the color of Pentecost, the vestments of the priest and the color people wear to signify the **LOVE** and **FIRE** of the **SPIRIT**.

# Children's Liturgy of the Word



## CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGES 4-8 Join Miss Kitty & Miss Megan

# Sundays during the 10:00 AM Mass & 11:30 AM Mass.

This special time allows children to hear God's Word in a way they can understand and reflect on through prayer, discussion, and age-appropriate activities. They return to their families before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. No registration required—just come and join us! Help your child grow in faith, one Sunday at a time.

# THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrento n.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



# STEWARDSHIP

# What shall I return to the Lord for all He has given me?

#### **Offertory Update**

May 30 | June 1, 2025

4:30 PM \$1,428.00 8:00 AM \$1,671.00 10:00 AM \$1,184.00 11:30 AM \$1,227.00 Online Giving \$3,610.00

Weekend Total: \$9,120.00

Catholic Communication Campaign \$687.00

**Ascension \$ 536.00** 

#### **Parish Offertory**

Support the ongoing, operational needs at St. Catherine's, including the care of people, programs and facilities.

Your offertory gifts enable us to celebrate our Masses each week, provide pastoral care, and maintain our sacred spaces.

Thanks to your support our parish can continue our mission to know, love, serve and grow and Jesus did.



# 2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

#### Would You Like to Receive Offertory Envelopes?

If you are a registered parishioner and would like to begin receiving **offertory envelopes**, please contact the parish office. Using envelopes is a helpful way to support the parish regularly and to receive a record of your contributions for tax purposes.

Not yet registered? We'd be happy to welcome you! Stop by the parish office to register.

Also, did you know you can:



St. Catherine of Siena Parish Online Giving An easier way to support us!

CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARF

To enroll, go to www.sienachurch.org, click on our e-Giving link .

This will bring you to our PARISH GIVING page. From there, you will be able to set up a one time or recurring donation!



#### PARISH UPDATE as of May 30, 2025

Goal: \$38,000.00

Pledged: \$56,563.85 149% of Goal Paid: \$51,699.35 136% of Goal

We are thrilled to announce that our parish has exceeded our 2025 ACA Goal! Thank you to all who have donated. If you haven't made your gift, please do so. Your gift directly helps our parish benefit as funds are applied to Parish Formation Programs.

# Tlayton & McGirr FUNERAL HOME

Serving the community since 1860

Robert C. McGirr • Owner & Manager • NJ Lic. 3273 100 Elton-Adelphia Rd., Freehold Twp • 732-462-0101 Visit us at www.claytonfuneralhome.com

# **CRUZ GOLF**

**Public Course** No Tee Times Needed 732-938-3378

www.cruzgolfcc.com

# Breakfast Club

Good Food At Great Prices!!

732-751-1191

Next To Shop-N-Bag ★★★Open Daily

# **SUPPORT OUR**

ADVERTISERS THEY SUPPORT **OUR PARISH** 

**MARLUNA** 

**CLEANING** 

SERVICE

Professional Residential & Commercia

Family Owned

**Call for Estimate** 

732-637-7424

www.marlunacleaning.com

**PLEASE** 

Why Choose Us?

Your Best Friend's Store Local Family Owned Lowest Everyday Prices FREE Delivery \$49 & up You can't bring your dog to Chewy

thehungrypuppy.com

818 16th Ave • Belmar

732-280-6530

"Much More than a Handyman!"

**All Around** 

**Handyman** 

Services

Insured NJ Lic # 13VH01176200

# ROOF?

"Call a Reliable Family Business for 30 Years!"

# **All Around Roofing & Siding**

**INSIDE & OUTSIDE REPAIRS OUTSTANDING WARRANTIES** 

2nd Generation / Insured • NJ Lic # 13VH01176200

# 333333333333333

BIRDSALL ROAD · FARMINGDALE, NJ

\$10 off any Large Bag Petcurean Go! or \$5 off any other brand Large Bag Dog or Cat Food

20% off any toys or treats e item discount and misc code C-TOY



Edith and Scott Rubinson, Realtor Associates Cell **732.406.6961** • Office **800.299.2129** Edithrubinson@gmail.com www.Rubinsonhomes.com

Invite us in...We bring results 🔘 😝 🕡 🚳 🌬

**MASONRY • GUTTERS** 





# **ROOFING • CHIMNEYS**

2400 Route 9 · Howell, NJ 07731 Freehold@HoundsTownUSA.com

Phone: 848.863.6744 • Fax: 848.863.6743

Freehold

🎥 Doggie Daycare

Boarding

Pet Spa



We Find & Fix Leaks!

\$1100 OFF Any New Roof Replacement

20% OFF Any Roof, Chimney, Gutter, Masonry Repair & SENIORS

Family Owned and Operated • Over 20 Years Experience License #13VH0934200, Bonded & Insured

732-589-9967 Serving All of New Jersey



St. Catharines Mausoleum named after the Holmdel Church, formally the Mission Church of St. Gabriel's

549 Route 520 (Newman Springs Road) • Marlboro, New Jersey



## AL PRE-CONSTRUCTION PRICES

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE OVER 24 MONTHS WITH NO INTEREST CHARGES.



www.stgabrielsmausoleums.com • 908-208-0786



NJ Lic. # 13VH01445100 Residential/Commercial

> Louis Bram - Owner **Fully Insured**

Office: 732-681-6675 Cell: 732-618-1033 lmblandscaping@outlook.com

Landscape Design • Planting • Mulching • Sod Paver Patios • Outdoor Living Areas • Driveways Walkways • Retaining Walls • CurbStone Lawn Maintenance • Screening Trees • Snow Plowing • Firewood



MANAGEMENT

ASSOCIATES, INC.

TANK REMOVALS, TANK INSTALLATIONS, MOLD TESTING & SOIL TESTING

Call & Ask How! 732-919-0595 www.emaenv.com

NJ Lic # 13VH08078700 POWERWASH, PAINT & STAIN

HOT Water Power Washing • Exterior / Interior Painting & Staining Soft Wash • Roof Cleaning

732 • 886 • 9555 www.preferredpowerwash.com

Provider of powerwashing and painting services for St. Catherine of Siena

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION CALL: (800) 883-4343 • Bon Venture Services, LLC · 34 Ironia Road · Flanders, NJ 07836