

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

August 25, 2013

## Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

## Weekday Masses @ Chapel, 9:00 A.M. :

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

## Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday, following 9:00 A.M. Mass

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday, following 9:00 A.M. Mass to 11 A.M.

## Holy Day Masses:

 As announced in bulletin

**Confessions:** Saturday - 3:30 to 4:00 P.M.

**Baptism Classes:** 3rd Wed of each month

## Summer Parish Office Hours -

Monday thru Thursday:

8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Closed on Fridays

## Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Prioli

Coordinator of Religious Education: Nancy Riddell

Director of Nursery School: Susan Connolly

Coordinator of Nursery School: Patricia Cranmer

Parish Office Secretary: Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary: Janice Deakyne

Sacristan: Ruth Ziznewski

Organist: Judy Hyer

Parish Trustees: Donna Lee and Dean Wright

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, August 24, 2013

4:30 PM *Monica Ann Talcott* r/o Parents & Family

*Madeline DeMicco* r/o Michele & Joe Stuart

### SUNDAY, August 25, 2013

8:00 AM *Jeffrey Clark* r/o Frank & Debi Sardone

*Parishioners*

10:00 AM *Alfred Carloni* r/o Michael & Connie Golden

*Mary Jane Brennan* r/o Susan & Wally Giakas

*Helen Janssen* r/o Janssen Family

11:30 AM *Elizabeth Doran* r/o Noone Family

*Kathryn McDonnell* r/o Barbara Ann Jacob

*Bob Blackman* r/o Luigi & Rosa Canatore



## Contacts:

### Website:

[www.sienachurch.org](http://www.sienachurch.org)

### Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

### Parish Office:

732-938-5375

### Religious Education:

732-938-6229

### Nursery School:

732-938-3454

### FAX phone:

732-938-3260

### Pastor's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 7

### Deacon's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 5

### Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

### St. Vincent de Paul:

732-701-7837

Weekday Masses at St. Catherine's Chapel, 9:00 AM 1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

## Mass Intentions:

### Monday, August 26, 2013

*Michael Giordano* r/o Kolling Bahr

### Tuesday, August 27, 2013

*Deacon Anthony Giacalone* r/o Rick Tucker &

Ralph Kuehmstedt

### Thursday, August 29, 2013

*Randy Boyd* r/o Bob & Marge Seagriff

### Friday, August 30, 2013

*"Living" Intention Alex Molnar* r/o

Betty & Ced McCann



## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Strengthen your drooping hands  
and your weak knees.

Make straight paths for your feet,  
that what is lame may not be disjointed  
but healed.

— Hebrews 12:12-13

Dear Parishioners,

The school year 2013-2014 for the Religious Education of our parish is starting this coming month of September. Therefore we are reminding our Catechists for the meeting this Wednesday, August 28 at 6 PM in the Parish Hall. We are looking forward to see you all there.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus is questioned about the number of people saved. He gives no direct answer. But it sounds as if there are going to be lots of people in heaven, people coming from north and south, east and west. However, we would have liked a few more details, numbers, percentages, perhaps, but I guess Jesus figures we can answer the question for ourselves by seeing how people live according to his teachings, we are on our way to eternal happiness; if not we all lose out. After all he told us, I am the way, the truth and the life.

We live in different times, but when I was growing up, I think most people believed that it would be very hard to be saved. We worried about the smallest things such as whether we ate a little meat on Friday or drank anything before Communion. Society today has gone to the other extreme. People in today's society seem to think salvation is practically a given. That the only people not in heaven are those who had to work hard avoiding getting there. Studies and surveys nowadays say almost 75% of Catholics say they can be good Catholics without attending Church every Sunday. Half believe they can be a good Catholic without donating time or money to help the poor. It is like saying we can love God while choosing to ignore the important ways in which he asks us to serve him.

Heaven will have room for people from all nations, but there is still the "narrow gate" we have to pass through. In other words we cannot take salvation for granted. We have to take note that the Gospels were written in the Greek language and when Jesus said, "strive to enter through the narrow gate," the verb translated as 'strive' in the original Greek is agonizomai. Agonizomai means a lot more than strive. It is a word often used in connection with the effort needed to win something. As to win in an Olympic event, or a performance, or a lawsuit or a contest.

It is not that we are competing with other people, like people do in sports, where if one person wins, others have to lose. What we have to compete with is our own selves, our own laziness, our own pride, our own self-centeredness, our own love of comfort and pleasure or material possessions. Not to mention having to compete with the sinful attractions of society or the temptations of the devil. Life is a battleground and our Lord God wants us to know it so we would avoid the pitfalls, especially the pitfall of not realizing the importance of taking our faith seriously.

Jesus does not tell us this to depress or discourage us or to scare us. He tells us this because He loves us. He wants us to be happy with Him forever. We just have to look at His cross and know and realize how much He loves us.

Jesus, teach us what we need to do and know how to run the race, to gain entry through the narrow gate, to reach your everlasting kingdom. May we be able to realize that you have called us to work with you to bring about the kingdom in our world. Give us the motivation and dedication to persevere in this goal. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

### **Sacrificial Offertory**

**8/15/13 Assumption of Mary \$ 957.00**

**8/18/13 Weekly \$6,916.00**

**Energy & Fuel \$1,333.00**

**9/1/13 Weekly & Mortgage Reduction**

**Thank you so much for your generous contributions.**

### **New Parishioners**

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH  
*WARMLY WELCOMES* THE FOLLOWING  
*NEW MEMBERS:*

**Jasen Bennan & Catherine Caburis  
Paul & Barbara Maniscalco**

### **SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:**

Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, John Masterson

**ATTENTION:** PLEASE GO THROUGH THE  
LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES LOCATED IN THE  
NARTHEX BY SEPTEMBER 1.

### **Saint Catherine of Siena's Fall Picnic:**

Please come join us on **October 6th, 2013** from  
**12:30 – 4:00** for our parish picnic. Hosted by The  
Knights of Columbus, the event will be held in the  
church's back parking lot. There will be plenty of  
food, music and Fall-themed activities for kids of  
all ages. All are welcome.

The Monmouth County Board of Catholic Charities  
is hosting its Second Annual **Oktoberfest for  
Vets** on Saturday evening, **September 28, 2013**  
at the Parker House in Sea Girt. The purpose of the  
event is to raise funds to expand our Monmouth  
Counseling Program for Veterans suffering from  
post-traumatic stress disorder or depression.  
Visit [www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/monmouthevents](http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/monmouthevents) for details.

### **Thursdays**

10 AM Legion of Mary Conference Room

**Monday, September 9**

7 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

**Saturday, September 14**

9 AM Men's Prayer Group Chapel

Contact Rich 732-477-7567

**Tuesdays, Starting September 17-December 17**

7-8:30 PM Christian Yoga Chapel Call 732-938-3139

**Wednesday, September 18**

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

**Homebound Ministry** If a homebound family  
member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy  
Communion, visits, or calls, contact the Parish Office.