

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

December 13, 2015

## Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.  
Bishop of Trenton  
**Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor**  
**Rev. Alfred Burke, Weekend Assistant**  
Deacon Joseph Prioli  
Deacon Daniel Sakowski  
Director of Religious Education: Kyle Galante  
Parish Office Secretary: Carol Morton  
Religious Education Secretary: Janice Deakyne  
Sacristan: Ruth Ziznewski  
Organist: Judy Hyer  
Parish Trustees: Robert Mercado and Cindy Ventura

## Baptism Classes:

3rd Wednesdays 7:30 PM *Church*  
**Children's Choir Practice/Sings:**  
1st & 3rd Sundays/4th Sunday 11:30 AM

## Children's Liturgy of the Word:

2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30 AM

## Christian Yoga:

Tuesdays, January 5 - March 15, 7:00-8:30 PM *Chapel*

## Legion of Mary:

Thursdays 10:00 AM *Conference Room*

## Men's Prayer Group:

2nd Saturdays 9:00 AM *Chapel*

## RCIA:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM *Classroom 10*

## Rosary Altar Society:

3rd Wednesdays 7:00 PM *Church* except January

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

2nd Mondays 7:00 PM *Parish Hall* except January

## Homebound Ministry:

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

## Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

## Weekday Masses @ Chapel, 9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

## Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday, following 9:00 AM Mass

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday, following 9:00 AM Mass to 11:00 AM

## Holy Day Masses:

As announced in bulletin

## Confessions:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

## Baptisms:

2nd & 4th Sundays

## Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

## Religious Education Office Hours

Monday: 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, December 12, 2015

4:30 PM Daniel Kelly r/o Buhl Family

### SUNDAY, December 13, 2015

8:00 AM Lucy Mule r/o Lou & Marcia Ciccone

E.J. Lejeune & Don Dugan r/o Family

10:00 AM John Picariello r/o Phillip & Kristin Natilli

Giuseppe Perini r/o Phillip & Kristin Natilli

11:30 AM Archie Higgins Gifford Jr. r/o DeGrande

Family

### Weekday Masses at St. Catherine's Chapel, 9:00 AM

#### MONDAY, December 14, 2015

9:00 AM "Living" Betty McCann r/o Cedric McCann

#### TUESDAY, December 15, 2015

9:00 AM "Living" Marie Zimmerman r/o Cedric &

Betty McCann

#### THURSDAY, December 17, 2015

9:00 AM Salvatore Spinelli r/o Kenny Family

#### FRIDAY, December 18, 2015

9:00 AM William Koenig r/o Sister, Lois Elias

## SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Michael Fekete, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, John Gerow, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Charles Lambert, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, John Masterson, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Betty Reuter, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Theodore Wojtanowski, George Zieminski

St. Vincent de Paul has a new website, [donatetosvdp.org](http://donatetosvdp.org).

There is a link to make donations directly to SVDP using PayPal. The website has information about the history of SVDP, our services and volunteering. A quick, easy Give link provides a way to make donations that will help to make a difference in our community. A link for Amazon Smile provides a way for your Amazon.com purchases to become a donation. For use of church envelopes, please make the check out to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

## 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

## FAX Phone:

732-938-3260

## Last Rites:

732-938-5375 ext. 7

## Deacon Joe:

732-938-5375 ext. 9

## Deacon Dan:

732-938-5375 ext. 3

## Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

## St. Vincent de Paul:

732-938-3454

## Third Sunday of Advent

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

-- Isaiah 12:3



Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18

Dear Parishioners,

Everyone is invited to come to the fellowship and have some coffee, donuts and light refreshments between 10 and 2 in the Parish Hall today as the Knights of Columbus are having Christmas breakfast with Santa. A great time and opportunity to welcome new faces in the parish especially those who just joined us. Have fun and enjoy the gathering.

Monday, December 14, at 4:30 PM, our religious education students are going to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 6:15 PM we also have the religious education students and is it open for our parishioners to go to confession for we are going to have other priests in the Church to administer the sacrament and give absolution.

Wednesday, December 16 at 4:30 PM our religious education students are going to have their Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church.

This time of the year, we are reminded to step back and check on our spiritual life as well as our values and the Sacrament of Reconciliation which the Church offers to us is an effective means to be cleansed and purified. Jesus is waiting for us.

On Tuesday, December 15 our Simbang Gabi (Novena Mass for Christmas) starts with the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7PM, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist in the Church. As the celebration continues, we are going to have some food in the Parish Hall. Please celebrate with us.

The Third Sunday of Advent invites us to focus on: What are we to do?

Notice that last Sunday, in Luke's gospel, we saw and heard that John the Baptist's ministry took place at a concrete and specific time. Similarly today, Luke is specific in the direction and guidance John offers to each group who comes to him asking, "What are we to do?" The crowds, who are favorable to Jesus, are told to share their wealth, here symbolized by having two cloaks. Tax collectors are to take nothing more than what is prescribed. Soldiers are not to abuse power. So in each answer, it provides a clue about what other people were doing that needed to change if they were going to repent and be a witness to Jesus.

Now, if you were asked the same question? It's good to hear answers like: give from your resources, not just your abundance. Spend more time in prayer. Pay attention to the person who challenges or intimidates you. Take time to ask God, "What do I need to do to live Jesus this Advent?"

We are reminded that when we were baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, we promised to live Jesus and to see and be in his presence in concrete ways. If we belong to Christ we have all the reasons for rejoicing. "God rejoices over us." Those are the words of Zephaniah. Let us treat others as God has treated us so that we can rejoice. Remove anxiety from our hearts. Let go and let God be our God and experience his love. Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

<b>12/6/15 Weekly</b>	<b>\$7,407.50</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repair</b>	<b>\$1,536.00</b>
<b>12/20/15 Weekly &amp; Diocesan Assessment</b>	

**Some bills paid this week:**

<b>Liturgical Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 340.25</b>
<b>JCP&amp;L</b>	<b>\$ 159.26</b>
<b>Office Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 165.95</b>

**ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Evening Prayers and Benediction**

Sunday, December 13, 20 @ 7:00 PM CHAPEL

Followed by fellowship and refreshments

**Advent Reconciliation**

Monday, December 14 @ 6:15 PM CHURCH

**Simbang Gabi**

Tuesday, December 15 @ 7:00 PM CHURCH

Followed by fellowship and refreshments

**Reconciliation**

Saturday, December 19, 26 @ 3:30 – 4:00 PM

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Children's Mass) - 12:00 Midnight

**Christmas Day**

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

**New Year's Eve**

4:30 PM CHURCH

**New Year's Day**

9:00 AM CHURCH

**EPIPHANY MASSES**

Saturday, January 2 @ 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 3 @ 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

**Did You Know-About ADVENT** For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." Beginning with Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 13, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." Advent is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. To read about Advent traditions, refer to the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/>.

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank our parishioners, Religious Education students and Youth Group for their help in making our Thanksgiving Food Drive such a success. Thanks to your support we were able to provide overflowing baskets to our most needy clients. Your generosity made Thanksgiving possible and special for these families.

***The Filipino-American Catholic Community of Monmouth County  
Invites all to the Simbang Gabi (Christmas Novena of Masses) 2015***

**Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 @ 7:00 PM**

**Married Couples' Night**

St. Jerome's Catholic Church  
254 Wall St., West Long Branch  
*Fr. Carlo Calisin*

**Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

**Mothers' Night**

Church of St. Dorothea  
240 Broad St., Eatontown  
*Fr. Ben Amora*

**Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

**Adolescents and Young Adults' Night**

St. Catherine of Siena  
31 Asbury Ave., Farmingdale  
*Fr. Gel Anarcon*

**Monday, Dec. 21, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

**Children's Night**

Holy Trinity Church  
408 Prospect St., Long Branch  
*Fr. Sheldon Amasa*

**Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015 @ 8:00 PM**

**Singles/Widows and Widowers' Night**

Church of Saint Veronica  
4215 US Highway 9, Howell  
*Fr. Vic Magdaraog*

**Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

**Family Night**

St. James Parish  
30 Peters Place, Red Bank  
*Fr. Ariel Robles*

**Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

**Senior Citizens' Night**

Holy Family Church  
727 State Route 36, Union Beach  
*Fr. Lines Dela Cruz*

\* Please join us 30 minutes before  
every mass for the Holy Rosary \*

CONTACT:

Jhun Allanigue  
(732) 829-1612

**Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

**Fathers' Night**

St. William the Abbott  
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd., Howell  
*Fr. Leon Buni*

**Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

**Childless Couples' Night**

Holy Innocents Church  
3455 W. Bangs Ave., Neptune  
*Fr. Mark Nillo*

*One Lord. One Family. One Church.*



## Important Parish Information

**Parish Registration** ... WELCOME to the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family. In order to serve you better, we ask that you please take a few moments to register, to be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish. In addition to our daily and weekend mass schedules, we offer many programs and various ministries that your attendance and generous donations support. To register and receive offertory envelopes for your tax deductible donations or to inquire about our various ministries please call 732-938-5375 or email us at [frontoffice@sienachurch.org](mailto:frontoffice@sienachurch.org). For address or other changes, including a change in Parish, please call the Parish Office. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our services. Thank you and God Bless.

**Young adults** ... who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or who are employed full-time, **should register with the Parish under their own name.**

**Weddings** ... Please call the Parish Office **one year in advance of desired wedding date, BEFORE completing any other arrangements (reception hall, etc.).**

**Baptisms** ... The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:30 P.M. or can be celebrated during Sunday Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor letters, donation, and attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is mandatory for parents. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend. Classes are held in the Church at 7:30 P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month. For more information or to sign up for the Baptism Prep Class please contact Deacon Joe Prioli at [jjprioli@gmail.com](mailto:jjprioli@gmail.com).

**Recommendation for Sponsorship** ... In order to be a godparent/sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all their Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; if married, be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully ... **also, be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months.** Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out a form to be recommended for sponsorship. All requests will be seen by the Pastor and you will be notified when it is ready.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

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### ST. CATHERINE'S ONLINE!

Check out our website [www.sienachurch.org](http://www.sienachurch.org) for all the latest Parish info, including Parish Policies, Church Bulletin, Religious Education Calendars, Closings and Delays, Minister Schedules, and more.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one or for any special intention (except during Lent & Advent). Offering: \$50/basket. To arrange for Altar Flowers, please call the Office @ 732-938-5375.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

A listing of prayers for those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Parish Office @ 732-938-5375.

### ATTENTION:

#### **PARISHIONERS WITH CELIAC SPRUE**

An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. **Please notify the Celebrant or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.** Further information can be found on our website under "Sacraments." Thank you.

### TO ALL GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

#### **WHO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR ST. CATHERINE'S BULLETIN**

Because of the deadline assigned to us by the bulletin company, all information **must be submitted to the Parish Office by Monday morning.** Articles given later will be included in the bulletin for the following week.

**Thank you for honoring this request!**

### Remember Us in Your Will

A simple charitable bequest can provide very meaningful support for St. Catherine of Siena Church. Be sure your will is up-to-date. An up-to-date will can:

- Protect your loved ones and your dreams.
- Let you, not the state, determine how your assets will be distributed.
- Help you leave a legacy through charitable gifts.
- Help you minimize estate taxes.
- Assure those charities you valued will continue.