

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

May 10, 2015

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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

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: Cindy Ventura and Dean Wright

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 9, 2015

4:30 PM **Anthony LaRocca** r/o Ella LaRocca

SUNDAY, May 10, 2015

8:00 AM **Billy Costello** r/o Mom & Dad

10:00 AM **All Mothers Living & Deceased** r/o Rosary
Altar Society

11:30 AM **Margaret Kavet** r/o Niece, Alice

Weekday Masses at the Chapel 1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

MONDAY, May 11, 2015

9:00 AM **Susan Chapley** r/o DeGrande Family

TUESDAY, May 12, 2015

9:00 AM **Tony & Willie Purificato** r/o DeGrande Family

THURSDAY, May 14, 2015 *Masses in Main Church*

9:00 AM **Anne Marie Powers-Moore** r/o Kathleen
McMahon

7:00 PM **Parishioners**

FRIDAY, May 15, 2015

9:00 AM "Living" **Maryann O'Neill** r/o John Daley



ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend are offered for:
All Mothers Living & Deceased
r/o Rosary Altar Society



Sixth Sunday of Easter

It was not you who chose me, but
I who chose you and appointed
you to go and bear fruit.

- John 15:16

Website:

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

Pastor's Office:

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

Monday, May 11

7:30 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul *Parish Hall*

Tuesdays, First & Third - May 19

7:00 PM RCIA *Conference Room*

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class *Church*

Thursdays, First & Third - May 21

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation *Conference Room*

Saturday, June 13

9 AM Men's Prayer Group *Chapel* Call 732-477-7567

Tuesdays

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

Thursdays

10 AM Legion of Mary *Conference Room*

See you all in September

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society *Church & Parish Hall*

Homebound Ministry

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

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mother's Day! Kudos to all mothers. We cannot thank you enough for being YOU!

To honor the mothers of our community, the Knights of Columbus are giving out flowers after all the Masses today to all mothers. Similarly, continental breakfast is served at the Parish Hall after all morning Masses. In the name of the parish, we are immensely grateful to our Knights of Columbus who have been so generous to our community. We thank them profusely for all they do. As we always do on Mother's day, there is a special prayer and blessing to all mothers at this weekend's Masses.

Here is a question that I often times ask most especially at Easter; I was wondering why Jesus offers us a share in his risen life, why God wants us to live with him forever? God can just forget us. In this universe which is so immense, we are just a fraction, so small. Why should God go to all the trouble he did to bring us eternal life? Perhaps, we have never asked ourselves these questions. Maybe we think we are such charming, wonderful creatures that God cannot help but love us. As we know, we are humans and not always such wonderful, charming individuals, but it is true that God cannot help loving us because that is the way God is. God is love as St. John is telling us in today's second reading. Just like the sun has to shine because that's what the sun does, God loves us because that's what God does. Yet, in spite of our limitations and imperfections, God's love reaches out to all people. This was the huge revelation we heard about in today's first reading. The Jews had the presumption that they had a monopoly on God's love. Indeed, they have a monopoly, for God gave them the special gift of his revelation before the time of Jesus, but Jesus fulfilled all that had gone before and revealed that God is calling all people to know his saving love.

We need to know that even though God cannot help loving us, inasmuch as God is love, we will know and understand the joy he wants to share with us, unless we follow the path he has marked out for us. In today's gospel he tell us, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." But just like the clouds can block the light from the sun, our sins, our indifference, our neglect can get in the way of God's love that is there for us. He has told us what we need to do. He summed it up in his new commandment: Love one another as I love you." This is called a new commandment because previously he told us to love our neighbor as ourselves. That's so easy and possible for us to do, but being able to love as Jesus does, "to love another as I have loved you," it sounds like really asking a lot. Jesus is God. Can we love like God does? We can, but only with the help of his Holy Spirit who dwells in us and who seeks to transform us into being like Christ. Love is the major key to everything: it explains why God created us, it explains why Jesus came to earth, it explains why God wants us to live with him forever, it explains the Mass we celebrate, and it explains how we are to act toward one another. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

5/3/15 Weekly **\$7,067.00**
Diocesan Assessment **\$1,524.00**

5/17/15 Weekly & Catholic Communications

Some bills paid this week:

Building Repairs **\$1,359.33**

Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch) diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.



The Parish Office will be closed on
Thursday, May 14, 2015
for Ascension Thursday



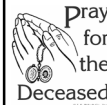
through the Sacrament of Baptism, we
welcomed to the Church:

Justin Paul Bonilla
Brody RJ Charles

We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Anna Marie Chanik, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Michael Fekete, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Marjorie Seagriff, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, George Ziemienski



of all our Parish family and friends, and
especially the recently departed:

Doug Jamieson (Husband of Carol)

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

WANTED: Young adults or married couple to be Youth Group Coordinators for the St. Catherine of Siena Youth Group. Begin August 2015 and work with Deacon Dan on planning & running meetings & events. For more info contact Deacon Dan at sienachurchy@yahoo.com or call 732-938-5375.

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family
Restaurant Night Out at Woody's Roadside Tavern
105 Academy St., Farmingdale, NJ
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015
Fundraising for the Parish and a great dinner out.
Join together anytime between 4-10 P.M. Be sure to bring this notice with you, as they will use it to identify you as a Parish Member and part of the fundraiser. 20% of total food sales (excludes alcohol), will be donated back to Saint Catherine's. Have a fun night out and help support your church.

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, St Catherine of Siena parish announces an adoption program for young and old alike.

The parish family will have the opportunity next weekend to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 3,200 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt."

You may adopt a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of May 16/17.

You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby acknowledging the baby's humanity. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great!

Watch the bulletin for monthly reports describing your baby's development. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please SPIRITUALLY ADOPT one and share the love for life that God has given you?

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international Catholic organization of more than 750,000 lay men and women who seek to help the suffering in a spirit of justice and charity through person-to-person involvement. Founded in France in 1833, with St. Vincent de Paul as its patron, in the United States today there are more than 59,000 members in 4,300 conferences. Vincentians seek through prayer, meditation on Scripture and the teachings of the Church to bear witness to the love of Christ through their daily lives and in their relationships with those in need. The St. Vincent de Paul Society and its work have been encouraged by the Bishops of Trenton to provide a special means for lay people to participate in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy through a time-tested organization with national and international support. Your gift continues the mission of St. Vincent de Paul right here in central New Jersey.

Save the Date-The Legion of Mary is sponsoring a Book Barrow after all Masses Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, 2015. It will be held in the vestibule of the church.

May Theme: Light in a Dark World

At it's best, the family is a school of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, mutual respect, patience, and humility in the midst of a world darkened by selfishness and conflict. In these ways, the family teaches what it means to be human. However, many temptations arise which try to coax us into forgetting that male and female are created for covenant and communion. For example, poverty, affluence, pornography, contraception, philosophical and other intellectual mistakes can all create contexts that challenge or threaten healthy family life. The church resists these things for the sake of protecting the family. This May, let us pray for all families, as we are all children of God.

Recruiting SONG LEADERS

The Music Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve as Song Leaders for the weekend Masses. No special background is needed. As long as you are 16 years of age or older we will welcome you. Training and mentoring will be provided by our team of song leaders and the organist. Volunteers will cover 2-3 Masses a month and you DO NOT NEED to read music to participate. New Song Leaders will "shadow" current team members until they feel comfortable in leading the songs on their own. Please, please . . . we need more folks participating in our Music Ministry. Call Bill Ditto, Coordinator, at 732-938-7180 or email westfarms511@aol.com.

Adult Confirmation Classes & Celebration

Adult Catholics who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a preparation program. Our preparation program schedule is the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please email RCIA@sienachurch.org for more info.

"By the sacrament of Confirmation [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." -CCC, no. 1285.

Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at St. William the Abbot R. C. Church, 2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell, NJ. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, a speaker, sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 1:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Register online at cwoz.org or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name. The speaker, Eileen Lombardo, will speak on "The God Who Sees Me."

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... and enrollment forms also are available from the Parish Office.

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.

ST. CATHERINE'S ONLINE!

Check out our website www.sienachurch.org for all the latest Parish info, including Parish Policies, Church Bulletin, CCD Calendars, Closings & Delays, Minister Schedules, and more.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

A listing for prayers of 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.

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!



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.

Important Parish Information

Parish Registration ... To be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered, and to show your presence and support by attendance at Mass and through the regular use of offertory envelopes.

If you have questions regarding Parish Registration, please call 732-938-5375 or email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

If you move or change addresses or parishes, please notify the Parish Office in a timely manner.

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 Sundays at 12:30 P.M. or can be celebrated during Sunday Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance.

Prior to the birth of the child, attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is mandatory for parents, and sponsors/godparents also are encouraged to attend. Classes are held in the Church at 7:30 P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact the parish office.

Sponsorship ... In order to be a sponsor/godparent for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all 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.** One month's notice is desirable when requesting a Sponsor Certificate, a Letter of Recommendation for Parochial School, and other items of this nature.

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.