

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

November 29, 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 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*/7:30 *Parish Hall*

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

2nd Mondays 7:00 PM *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.

## 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, November 28, 2015

4:30 PM Michael & Rose DePriore r/o Ella LaRocca

### SUNDAY, November 29, 2015

8:00 AM Joanne Kennedy r/o Son, Kevin & Family

10:00 AM Frank J. McMahon r/o Godson, Jim

McMahon

11:30 AM Umberto Gemignani & Family r/o Leda

Gemignani

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

1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

### MONDAY, November 30, 2015

9:00 AM Joseph Crenner r/o Cedric & Betty McCann

### TUESDAY, December 1, 2015

9:00 AM James Maher r/o Kelso Family

### THURSDAY, December 3, 2015

9:00 AM John & Irene Sillup r/o Son, Jack

### FRIDAY, December 4, 2015

9:00 AM Irene Hunyadi r/o Cedric & Betty McCann

After Mass until 11:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, 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, 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

## 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

## First Sunday of Advent

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the  
land.

-- Jeremiah 33:15



**Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and as part of our preparation for the great Feast of Christmas, we are going to continue with our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Evening Prayers and concluding with Benediction. We initiated this religious activity a few years ago and we always do it in the Chapel starting at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to participate and be an important part of this event on all Sundays of Advent. Refreshments and fellowship follows after the prayers in the Basement of the worship place.

Although our culture and society has already begun its preparations for the Birth of the Lord, similarly, the Church has already planned for this great celebration. The Church's liturgy, however, wants us to know that we are not only getting ready for a special celebration three weeks from now, but as we hear from our readings, we see the bigger picture. As we can see it's not just the celebration of Jesus' birth that we have to prepare for but we must also prepare for the day when he comes again to bring us into his kingdom. Advent tells and reminds us that Christ is coming. Are we ready to meet him?

As we learn from the Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that one day the whole of creation will come to an end. Just as everyday things come to an end on a small scale, so the whole of creation will come to an end on a very big scale. "That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap." That happens to each of us individually, at the hour of our death. But it will also happen one day to everything that exists.

Likewise, Jesus teaches us that we will be called to give an account of our stewardship of all the gifts he has given us. Through baptism we are called to build up the Kingdom of God in this world, and to look forward to eternal life with God, a great time for us now to reflect on whether we are making proper use of the blessings and the gifts God has given, both material as well as spiritual.

The gospel's suggestion for us today as we begin Advent is: "Be vigilant at all times and pray." Is there a better formula we can apply to this season to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth or the coming of Christ at the end of our lives or at the end of time?

Being vigilant and praying means keeping an awareness of spiritual realities, being mindful of the brevity of life and the reality of eternity. Hence we stay vigilant by living a prayerful, sacramental life. And in so doing, we share in the prayers and good works of every other member of the Church spread all over the world.

As we conclude, we have the great example of the prayers of Our Dear Mother Mary to assist us. "Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart." Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

<b>September ParishPay</b>	<b>\$7,841.26</b>
<b>October ParishPay</b>	<b>\$7,698.26</b>

**12/6/15 Weekly & Maintenance & Repair**

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

**Please Note: The Parish Office and Religious Education Office will close at 12:00 Noon on Monday, November 30. The Religious Education Office will reopen at 3:00 PM.**



through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed to the Church:  
**Cameron Jay Evans**  
*We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!*

### **New Parishioners**

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH WARMLY WELCOMES  
THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:  
**Jason, Petra, Daniel, & Mattias Mayer**



Of all our Parish family and friends, and especially the recently departed:  
**Margaret Clark** (Sister of Dan McGee)  
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The Christmas Carol Festival Committee is putting together it's Third Annual Event on December 10 at 7 pm in the Parish hall. Just as we did last year we hope to pack the house! Besides singing your favorite Christmas carols there will be a presentation of the Holy Family's journey on that first Christmas, a reading from the prophet Isaiah, and members of the RCIA program will be there to share their faith. All will be invited to share with us their memories of what Christmas means to them. We invite you to "Come and sing!" We are sure it will fill your hearts with the spirit of Christmas and leave you with a deeper love for our savior, Jesus Christ.

All Christmas Giving Tree gifts must be returned to the church by **Monday, November 30th**. Please help make Christmas brighter for those in need by returning your gifts on time with the ORIGINAL ORNAMENT attached. Thank you for your generosity.

**Did You Know**-St. Catherine's Religious Education has over 350 students in the Religious Education Program? Teachers that teach the Catholic faith are called Catechists. Our 26 Catechists glorify God by passing on the faith to children of grades 1st through 8th. The children are learning many ways to serve God and others as well. Please pray for the continued success of our Religious Education Program at Saint Catherine of Siena.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION-Seventh Month**-Your baby is now about 3 pounds - this added weight makes her skin look smoother. Her eyelids can now open and close, her eyes look around and respond to light. She has a powerful grip now - strong enough to support her body weight with one hand.