

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



December 11, 2016



Third Sunday of Advent

Those whom the LORD has ransomed
will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.

- Isaiah 35:10a

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

Diocese of Trenton
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Pastor
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Alfred Burke

Deacon
Deacon Daniel Sakowski

Director of Religious Education
Kyle Galante

Parish Office Secretary
Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary
Janice Deakyne

Sacristan
Francine Gagliano

Music Director
Alice Kovach

Parish Trustees
Robert Mercado & Cindy Ventura

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 the bulletin

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Baptisms:

2nd Sundays

Parish Office Hours

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

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday: 8:30 AM to 7:15 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 5:45 PM

Parish Website:
www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:
732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:
732-938-5375

Last Rites:
732-938-5375 ext. 7

Religious Education:
732-938-6229

Deacon Dan:
732-938-5375 ext. 3

St. Vincent de Paul:
732-938-3454

Parish Bookkeeper:
732-938-5375 ext. 8

FAX Phone:
732-938-3260

Sacristan/Music Director:
732-938-5375 ext. 9



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 10, 2016

4:30 PM Frank & Florence Mikorski
(Niece, Terry Kelly)

Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:00 AM Emma De Rosa
(Leroy & Deanna Kirchner)

10:00 AM Gaetano Parisi
(Dan & Donna Sakowski)

11:30 AM Domenico Pondaco
(Philip & Concetta Pondaco)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, December 12, 2016

9:00 AM Marie De Tullio
(John Ganning)

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

9:00 AM "Living" Maryann O'Neill
(John & Mary Daley)

Thursday, December 15, 2016

9:00 AM Joseph Videtti
(Wife & Children)

Friday, December 16, 2016

9:00 AM Mary & Joe Shade
(Sillup Family)

Baptism Classes:

Last Wednesdays of the month 7:00 PM *Church*

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

2nd/4th Sundays 11:30 AM *Church*

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/Hall*
3rd Sundays 9:30 AM *Church* to pray the rosary

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.

12/4/16 Weekly Maintenance & Repairs \$7,201.00 \$1,407.00

12/18/16 Weekly & Diocesan Assessment

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

November Monthly Bills

New Equipment	\$ 6,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 1,008.47
Office Supplies	\$ 1,021.09
Electricity	\$ 889.44
Care of Grounds	\$ 785.54
Religious Ed. Supplies	\$ 726.70
Gas	\$ 618.90
Water	\$ 594.15
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 554.10
Printing	\$ 366.11
Telephone	\$ 168.50

St. Catherine's Christmas Breakfast with Santa:

Please come join us on December 11, 2016 from 11-2 for our parish Breakfast with Santa. Hosted by The Knights of Columbus, the event will be held in the Parish Hall. There will be plenty of food, and Santa Claus will be joining us for the kids. All are welcome. Please bring any extra or unwanted coats. God Bless!

NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2017

We have changed envelope companies for 2017. Your NEW envelopes will be in a book for the entire year and will NOT be mailed to you anymore. Please pick up your books before or after mass in the Parish Hall on 12/10, 12/11, 12/17, or 12/18. You can also pick them up during Parish office hours before the end of the year beginning with the week of 12/12. Thank you.

The Safety Management Committee invites all active and retired police officers who are members of the Parish to contact our committee at: gaponte2611@aol.com or call 973-975-5232.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL REQUESTS MUST BE RETURNED BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

In order for them to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Any requests between 12/16 and 12/22 will be included in the

January 1 bulletin, due to deadlines. Anyone wishing to make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to the Parish Office at 31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727. Parishioners can also use the Christmas flower envelope provided in their envelope mailing.

OFFERED FOR: _____

REQUESTED BY: _____

OFFERING: _____ (Suggested Offering: \$10)

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Virginia Franklin, Lois Hradil, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Charles Lambert, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Catherine Marrone, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski

As we begin this season of Advent, evangelization parish efforts to reach out to those Catholics whose connection with the Church has become weak or has been broken are underway. Parishioners are urged to support this evangelization initiative with their prayers and by inviting inactive relatives, friends, and neighbors back to the Faith. All those who are away are lovingly invited to come home to their family in faith, to find healing, answers, love and support. To help these efforts, a link to the website www.catholicscomehome.org has been placed on the homepage of St. Catherine's website. This website is a great resource to all people at all stages of their faith life. Whether Catholic or not, non-practicing or active, they offer information for those who seek to understand and appreciate their faith more deeply, along with providing ways to help return to the Catholic Church.

Sundays in Advent! Please join us at in the Chapel for a special Benediction/Prayer Service each of the four Sundays in Advent. We begin at 7:00 pm and it usually lasts for 35 minutes. Refreshments will follow.

St. Catherine's is in need of additional Ushers to help at all masses. Anyone over age 12 can sign up or for those receiving Confirmation, you can get service hours. Email scottrubinson@gmail.com or call 732-492-6861.

SPECIAL INVITE TO THE MEN OF ST. CATHERINE'S: ALL ARE WELCOME! ICC Men's Cornerstone 2017 January 27/28 Weekend at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall, 316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale, NJ Pre Registration-By December 15th - \$50~ Registration after December 15th - \$55. REGISTER ONLINE at www.iccannandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx or call 908-894-2347. In person registration on December 10/11 after all Masses. Space is Limited!!!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
On the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the 11:30 am Mass, all children in grades K-4 (ages 5-10) are invited to participate in CLOW. Young children are given the opportunity to listen to a children's version of the Sunday readings and Gospel stories at their own level of understanding and participate in activities that bring the readings to life. Each Sunday's Liturgy of the Word is enriched and modified to make it important and relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. After the Opening Prayer the Priest will call the children forward along with the Catechist for a special blessing, before being dismissed to classroom 1. Children are returned to their parents in the Church before the Presentation of the Gifts. For more info. email clow@sienachurch.org.

The Monmouth County Simbang Gabi Community invites all to the 2016 Simbang Gabi (Christmas Novena of Masses)

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, Mass @ 8:00P

St. Veronica Catholic Church
4215 US Route 9, Howell
Fr. Vic Magdaraog

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, Mass @ 8:00P

St. Joseph Catholic Church
376 Maple Place, Keyport
Fr. Carlo Calisin

Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, Mass @ 8:00P

Church of St. William the Abbott
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd., Howell
Fr. Ariel Robles

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P

St. James Parish
30 Peter's Place, Red Bank
Fr. Mark Nillo

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P

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

Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P

St. Clement's Church
172 Freneau Ave, Matawan
Fr. Gregg Abadilla

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016, Mass @ 7:00P

Church of St. Catherine of Siena
31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale
Fr. Angelito I Anarcon

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P

Holy Innocents Church
3455 W. Bangs Ave, Neptune
Fr. Lines Dela Cruz

Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P

St. Benedict Church
165 Bethany Rd., Holmdel
Fr. John Michael Patilla

On the final night of Simbang Gabi, there will be a grand Christmas celebration in the Reception Hall of St. Benedict.

Please join us 30 minutes before every mass for the Holy Rosary and Confession

CONTACT:
Jhun Allanigue (732) 829-1612

"MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER"



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. 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. 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 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 7:00 P.M. on the last Wednesday of each month. To sign up you must fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend or email deacondan@sienachurch.org.

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 (*showing attendance through the use of your church envelopes or the welcome envelopes located in the narthex*); 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 your form is ready.

St Catherine's Online! ... www.sienachurch.org. Check out our website 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 list of prayers for those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Office @ 732-938-5375.

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.* Look on our website under "Sacraments."

Bulletin Submissions... Because of the deadline assigned to us by the bulletin company, all information **must be submitted to the Parish Office 2 weeks in advance**. Articles given later will be included in the bulletin for the following week.

Electronic Giving... www.parishpay.com or call 866-PARISH-1

Remember Us in Your Will... A simple charitable bequest can provide very meaningful support for St. Catherine of Siena Church. 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 value will continue.

St. Vincent de Paul Society has a website, donatetosvdp.org. There is a link to make donations directly to SVDP using PayPal. A link for Amazon Smile makes your Amazon.com purchases a donation. For use of church envelopes, please make checks out to *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*.

Dear Parishioners,

On December 20th our parish is scheduled for the Novena Mass (Simbang-gabi) in our Church. You are invited for an opportunity to have your confession/reconciliation beginning at 6:30 P.M. Some of our dedicated priests are helping out for the healing sacrament as well as giving absolution. Also before the Mass starts, there is going to be a recitation of the Holy Rosary. Although this religious tradition was introduced by the Filipinos in our diocese, all of you are most welcome and cordially invited to attend this wonderful event. In fact, several of our ministries are actively participating not only in the Liturgy but in some other functions. There is hospitality and fellowship at the parish hall following the celebration of the Holy Mass at 7 P.M. Your presence is important to us, please come, enjoy and have fun.

As we enter the 3rd Sunday of Advent, let me start with a story that I read from my favorite section, Laughter, the Best Medicine, of the Reader's Digest. There is a lady who was working for a phone-order representative for a textbook publisher who tells this story. One of those so busy days, many customers had been put on hold. When she took one of her waiting calls, she heard an annoyed lady on the line muttering to herself: "Darn, damn, damn, darn, darn!" She smiled and asked: "What may I help you with today?" After a short silence the caller said: "I'm sorry I got carried away talking to myself here; I guess I was in too much of a hurry. I would like to place an order for some books." The lady taking the order said, "That's hardly the worst thing I ever heard today. Now, first I need your name." "Oh dear," the caller said, "how embarrassing, my name is Sister Patience."

This little story might help us remember what St. James tells us in the 2nd reading: "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of our Lord." He shows us that waiting is not without its value, as in typically down-to-earth fashion, draws an example from nature: farmers are almost by definition patient individuals. They know that everything takes time, for you don't pop a seed into the ground today and expect the appearance of its fruit tomorrow, the growth of a tree takes years. This law applies to all growth, especially growth in friendship, including friendship with God.

Our Gospel reading reminds us that when our waiting includes a genuine openness to God's designs, we often find that our God is a God of surprises. John the Baptist spent his life waiting and preparing for the coming of the messiah. He continued even when he was languishing in Herod's dark dungeon. John would always imagine that the Messiah would be mighty, and would pass fierce judgment on his enemies. But Jesus was so different.

As faithful Christians, we are an Advent people, not simply in the sense that for a few weeks each year we wait for Christ's birth at Christmas, but rather in the sense that our whole life is a time of waiting, a time of preparation, for the time when he will come again. Similarly with John the Baptist, we are invited to go on patiently waiting and growing in friendship with the Lord until the day all waiting will be over, the day when we shall see him face to face, the one we have longed for. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

