

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



December 25, 2016



## The Nativity of the Lord

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

- John 1:5

**First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6**

**Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18**

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

**Pastor**  
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

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**Deacon**  
Deacon Daniel Sakowski

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Carol Morton

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Janice Deakyne

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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](http://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 24, 2016**

4:00 PM Roger F. Pillittere  
(Daughter and Family)

6:00 PM Toni Delibero  
(Philip & Concetta Pondaco)

12:00 PM Heath Fitzsimmons  
(Sophie Fitzsimmons)

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

8:00 AM Sharon Storey & Gertrude Persaud  
(Nigel & Jacqueline Storey)

10:00 AM Anthony Ferrara  
(Phillip & Kristin Natilli)

11:30 AM Sal Remigio  
(Martinez Family)

**Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel**

**Monday, December 26, 2016**

9:00 AM Eleanor Manno  
(Phil & Natalie Livoti)

**Tuesday, December 27, 2016**

9:00 AM James Hilker  
(Wife, Anne)

**Thursday, December 29, 2016**

9:00 AM Christopher Bennett  
(FitzGerald Family)

**Friday, December 30, 2016**

9:00 AM Nancy FitzGerald  
(Husband, Dennis)

**12/18/16 Weekly Diocesan Assessment** \$7,731.00  
\$1,370.00

**1/1/17 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs**

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

The Parish Office will be **closed** from Monday, December 26 thru Friday, December 30. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 3. The Religious Education Office/CCD will be **closed** on December 26 & 28. It will reopen on January 4.

**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 during Parish office hours .

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](mailto:scottrubinson@gmail.com) or call 732-492-6861 .

Have you ever heard the initials RCIA? They stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, The Roman Catholic official collection of Rites for bringing adults into the Church. Here at St. Catherine of Siena, together as a team, we prepare individuals to be received into the church. We meet the first and third Tuesday of the month in the evening. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning about becoming a Catholic, or a Catholic, who may not yet have received Sacraments, or to learn more about the RCIA process, email [RCIA@sienachurch.org](mailto:RCIA@sienachurch.org).

**Results & Data For This Year's Annual Catholic Appeal**  
(through 12/15/16) **Parish Goal is \$44,000**

**955** Registered Families in Our Parish  
**178** Pledges Received to Date  
**19%** Participation by Registered Families  
**\$38,834.99** in Pledges  
**88%** of Goal (Based on pledges)  
**\$36,122.49** Amount Paid and Received

**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. Registration-\$55. REGISTER ONLINE at [www.iccannandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx](http://www.iccannandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx) or call 908-894-2347. Space is Limited!!!

**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:**

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

**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.



## Memorials

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Christmas adornments are dedicated in memory of our loved ones who live in our hearts and for all special intentions to be remembered at the Christmas Masses. We have made every effort to record your intentions accurately; please forgive any typographical errors. Sincerest thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's 2016 CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS.



## Memorials

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### Deceased Ambrose & Camia Families

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ambrose

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Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Anzano

### Ken & Alice Baehny

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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Baehny

### Genie Beckerle

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### Joan Nagle

### Raymond Nagle Jr.

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Melissa Boege

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Conley

### Billy Costello

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Dolores Da Silva

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### Elmer R. Deakyne

### Thomas E. Lowery

### Debra C. Parmentola

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Deakyne

### Loved Ones

Janice Delbert

### Patricia Bicaca

### John N. DeLuca

Julie DeLuca

### Frank & Eliene DeSanto

### Martin & Dorothy Reiff

Mr. & Mrs. Frank DeSanto

### Luigia D'Urso

Amelia D'Onorio De Meo

### Diamante D'Onorio De Meo

Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinando D'Onorio De Meo

### All Deceased Dorey Family

Anita Dorey

### Jeanne Marie Adams

Amanda Dorsogna

### Don, Ed & Doris Dugan

Lucy Dugan

### Elias Family

### Koenig Family

### Margaret & Paul Wilke

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### Margo Carabetta

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Eskew

### John J. Flannery

Mary Flannery

### John Smurla

### Dorothy Smurla

### Gary Smurla

Karen Freeman

### Enrico Ciampi

Daughter, Rosa Garcia & Family

### John Houlihan

Niece, Rosa Garcia & Family

### Anthony & Dorothy Siniscuolo

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Giordano

### James V. Ferraro, Jr.

Daughter, Anna & George Gravatt

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Grandchildren, Allie, Nicholas,  
Olivia & Leah Gravatt

### Cecil Gravatt

### Olive Gravatt

Son, George & Marlene Gravatt

### Charles Winthers

Daughter, Marlene & George Gravatt

### Jess & Pete Brissette

### Ida & Norman Megill

Granddaughter, Marlene & George Gravatt

### Mary Looby

Marlene & George Gravatt

### Pamela Mullen

### Rich & Violet Furjanic

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Mr. & Mrs. George Hankel

### Krulan & Harakal Families

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### Sam Venti Family

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### Raymond Reingle

Joan Kress

### DelPriore & LaRocca Family

Ella LaRocca

### Deceased Loved Ones

Donna Lee

### David DaSilva Sr.

### Josephine Leto

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leto

### Dominic & Mary Greco

### Sal & Jenny Placa

### Warren & Jean Madsen

### Kie & Vivian Madsen

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### Carolyn Maffia

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### John Zebrowski

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### Bernadette McTighe

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### Christopher Pflum

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Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Morro

### Joseph Gaffney Jr.

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### Ray & Peg Munz

### Jacqueline Amend

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### Douglas Graham Murray

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Murray

### Jack Nagle

### Dan & Elsie Clark

### Nagle Family

Danella Nagle

### Michael, Maria & Filippo Natilli

### Joseph Cosentino

### Thomas Mangano

### Edward Merkel

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Natilli

### Nicholas V. Novielli

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Novielli

### Amelia

Mrs. Nuccio

### Frank Obrochta

Wife, Mary

### Marti Hauser

Mother, Mary

### Bessie Petruzzelli

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Mr. & Mrs. Frank Papasso

### William Pellechia

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### Frank Percaccio

Mary Ann Percaccio

### Teresa & George Picard

### Helen Sagos

Dolores Picard

### Jesus Pineiro Garcia

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pineiro

### All Souls

Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Pronek

### Our Family Deceased

Lynn Reed

### Sally Rooney

Pat Rooney

### Parents Bertrand & Marie Rottkamp

Agnes Rottkamp

### Blanche Corvino

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Ruff

### Dominick Spinelli

Mr. & Mrs. Brett Sabio



**Our Deceased Loved Ones**

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sakowski

**Esposito & Sammarco Families**

Annette Sammarco

**Frank & Marie Sardone**

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William Smith

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**Gary Tonon**

Lilo Tonon

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Marie Walker

**Charles Winthers**

Wife, Lillian

**Betty Tracey**

Mother, Lillian Winthers

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Dear Parishioners,

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to each and every one.

I guess all of us would agree that life is a mystery as we journey through our days hoping to grow in our ability to understand it and to live it well. We allow any light and welcome it, as it can shine upon human existence so that we can live our days in the light and the joy that life itself seems to promise. We call Christmas Day the Feast Day of light and it is the reason why it is so important. St. John, writing his Gospel account in the final years of his life, leaves the story of Bethlehem to one side. Others have already described the events of Christmas night, with angels and shepherds and the child in the manger. Evidently, St. John has other things on his mind. He chose the image of light.

John's prologue, opening his Gospel, tells us that Jesus is the light that enlightens all people. That statement is so powerful. In our present time, the word "enlightenment" is often used to refer to the great growth of scientific knowledge and inquiry during the 17th and 18th centuries, which sought to understand the world by means of human reasoning and intelligence.

St. John calls us to reflect and think. It is a fact that no one has ever seen God. But that is not the end of the discussion. God has taken several steps to make himself known to us and in a way that is at once humbling and incredible. To become one of us, to take our flesh, to live our life in this stressful and troubling world, this is what God has done for us. Imagine and just for a moment think about this man Jesus of Nazareth; He is the perfect image of God's invisible nature.

Now, how can we know Jesus? In order for us to know Him, we have to listen and speak with Him. This is the experience of his disciples, listening to him in their lifetime. Following the disciples of Jesus, we have to speak to the Lord and see what the Lord will say to us. Certainly, He will give us the power to become children of God.

If we really want to experience the true spirit of Christmas, then we have to look into our hearts and discover what Jesus means to us. Does he give us hope, forgiveness, peace? Is his wisdom a guide for us through this life's journey? Is he a companion to support us in times of loneliness? Is he our God who died for us and who desires our obedience and our love? What does Jesus mean to us?

Today we celebrate the Word of God from the beginning, begotten not made, through whom all things come into being, Jesus Christ who took on our human flesh.

Through him God shines a light on the world that no darkness can overcome. God took on human limits to help us see, touch, and feel God's limitless mercy. God became one with us that we might become one with God and each. This is a gift we won't find under the Christmas tree. And if we give flesh to Jesus, others find that gift in us. Amen.

May God bless us all this Christmas Day and every day of our lives.

Father Angelito

