

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



November 20, 2016



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house
of the LORD."

-Psalm 122:1

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:25-43

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

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Kyle Galante

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Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary
Janice Deakyne

Sacristan
Francine Gagliano

Music Director
Alice Kovach

Parish Trustees
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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

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732-938-3454

Parish Bookkeeper:
732-938-5375 ext. 8

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732-938-3260

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 19, 2016

4:30 PM Rose & Michael Del Priore
(Ella La Rocca)

Sunday, November 20, 2016

8:00 AM Margaret Perri
(John & Stephanie Harakal)

10:00 AM Gaetano Parisi
(Rosa & Lou Garcia)

11:30 AM Jeanne A. Hyer
(Mary Obrochta)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, November 21, 2016

9:00 AM Molly Banta
(Joanne Monroe)

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

9:00 AM Rev. Patrick Donohoe
(Anne Hilker)

Thanksgiving Mass will be held at the Main Church

Thursday, November 24, 2016

9:00 AM John DeGrande
(Pam & Leon Davison)

Friday, November 25, 2016

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

Baptism Classes:

Last Wednesdays 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.

11/13/16 Weekly

Diocesan Assessment

\$7,025.50

\$1,332.00

11/27/16 Weekly & Energy & Fuel

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Religious Education WILL NOT be in session on Monday & Wednesday, November 21 & 23. The Parish Office will close at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, November 23 and will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving. All offices will reopen on Monday, November 28.



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

Colette Florence Ryan
Jordan Alexander Rumbaugh

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

for Thanksgiving are offered for:

John DeGrande
(Pam & Leon Davison)

New Parishioners

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH WARMLY WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING NEW PARISHIONERS:

Nickolas, Katie & Nicholas DeFilippis
Nick Rummel & Rebecca Reiff

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

On the 2nd & 4th Sunday 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's 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. No prior sign-ups are required. We will meet on November 27th. Please visit sienachurch.org for a list of yearly meeting dates. For more information, email clow@sienachurch.org.

The Knights of Columbus will have a variety of Religious Christmas Cards available for purchase in the Narthex after all masses the weekend of November 19/20, and November 26/27. Prices start as low as \$6.50 for a box of 15. All proceeds help support our parish initiatives. Thanks for your support.

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 Siena 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. This Holy Season of Christmas promises to be an exciting time for evangelization and our parish will be offering A Christmas Carol Festival on Thursday, December 1st at 7 pm in our Parish Hall. Please join us as we welcome returnees and new parishioners with enthusiasm, love, and joy.

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 immediately follow. Come relax, pray & enjoy what the season is truly about.

Dear Parishioners - As we head in to the busy Advent Season, St Catherine's is in need of additional Usher help at all masses. Anyone over the age of 12 can sign up and for those receiving Confirmation, this is a great way to get in some service hours! For more information or to sign up, call [732-492-6861](tel:732-492-6861) or scottrubinson@gmail.com.

Christmas Giving Tree

Once again our parish will be preparing a Giving Tree to help make Christmas a little brighter for those who find themselves in need during this holiday season. Beginning Saturday, November 12 our Giving Tree will be in the vestibule of the Church. The Giving Tree is decorated with paper ornaments. Each tag contains information about the gift recipient, as well as a gift request. The cost of the gifts varies from a few dollars to perhaps the cost of a coat. When you select an ornament from the tree, if at all possible, please consider purchasing the requested gift. If you are unable to locate the gift that was requested please substitute a comparable item in its place.

Please place the unwrapped gift in a gift bag and attach the ORIGINAL PAPER ORNAMENT to the outside of the package/gift bag. It is important that the ornament be attached to the gift as this is the only method we have for distributing the gifts to the proper individual.

All gifts **MUST** be returned to the Church vestibule **no later** than Sunday, November 27. **Please return the gifts on time so that we have time to sort and distribute them to the different organizations.** Thank you for your generosity.

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, Annette Wright, Dean Wright

Donovan Catholic -Did you miss...Our Open House? Our Placement Test? There is still time to join the Class of 2021! Join us for Coffee with the Admissions Department on November 29 at 7pm for an informal information session where you can find out more about the application process and how to register for our Final Make-up Placement Test. Call the Admissions Department at 732-349-8801 x2426 to RSVP

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN and will be at St. Rose of Lima School, 51 Lincoln Place, Freehold, on Sunday, December 4, 9 am-1 pm for an event you won't want to miss! Hot Breakfast, Christmas Bazaar – Fun for all ages!

- Photos with Santa
- Gorgeous Face Painting
- Unbelievable Balloon Creations
- Craft/Vendor Tables
- Fantastic Raffle Prizes

Reserve at srlbreakfast@gmail.com.

On Thursday, December 15, 2016 the Parish family of St. Robert Bellarmine will be sponsoring a bus trip to see a production of "A Christmas Carol" at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, NJ. If you would like to participate in this evening with fellow sisters and brothers in Christ, from the Parish Family of St. Robert Bellarmine. Contact comehome@strobert.com, 732-462-7038.

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, please email RCIA@sienachurch.org or call the Parish office.

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,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

A certain philosopher who was famous told a story about a king who fell in love with a peasant girl. The king was aware that it was impossible for him to marry the girl, for kings only married royalty and never married simple people like peasants. If he married the girl and stayed king, there would always be something missing in their relationship. The girl would always admire the king but she could never really love him. The gap between them was like night and day and it was too great. She would always be conscious of the fact that he was royalty and she was merely a lowly peasant. So the king decided that he would resign his kingship and become a lowly peasant himself. Then he would offer his love to her as one lowly peasant to another. The king realized, of course, if he did this, the situation could backfire. He could lose not only his kingship but the girl as well. She might reject him, especially if she thought him foolish for doing what he did. So the king had a problem. What should he do? The king finally decided that he loved the peasant girl so much that he would risk everything to make true love between them possible. We never found out how the story ended, whether the girl accepted the king's love or rejected it because the point of the story is the king's love for the lowly peasant girl was so great that he renounced his royalty for her.

We acclaim Christ as our King. During the days of monarchy, kings wielded royal power, authority, honor, pomp and dominion. However this was not the kind of kingship that Christ displayed and the people provoked him to show His power. Like the king who relinquished his power to show the power of his love for the peasant girl, Jesus became powerless on the cross to show the power of his love for us. He exercised his kingship not by a spectacular show of might but by dying on the cross in a self-giving love. He showed his power not by force, violence or by getting even but by forgiving. Thus, when the repentant thief asked Him, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom," He replied to him, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Jesus assured this man who expressed hope in God's kingdom not only a life beyond death but also an unending fellowship with Him.

It is quite interesting to note that it was only more than 80 years ago that the Church's hierarchy established this wonderful Feast of our Lord, Jesus Christ the King. However, as we can see at today's 2nd reading, honoring Jesus as king has been part of the tradition of the Church from the beginning. This Biblical passage is one of the "most important theological statements about the person of Christ in the New Testament." It proclaims that Christ existed before all creation and is preeminent among all creatures. One verse is most appropriate for this week of Thanksgiving as we read: "Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son." "Let us give thanks," the Letter of Paul to the Colossians says. Giving thanks involves more than just uttering it.

That is why we are here today, to give thanks for the continuous blessings from God, most particularly for bringing us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

