

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



October 16, 2016



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-14

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

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

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

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, October 15, 2016

4:30 PM Anna & Joe Kelly
(Terry Kelly)

Sunday, October 16, 2016

8:00 AM Ann & Thomas Neary
(Percaccio Family)

10:00 AM Andrew Nuccio & Alan Nuccio
(Irene Nuccio & Family)

11:30 AM Margie Gulfin
(Martinez Family)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, October 17, 2016

9:00 AM Kathleen Maher
(Kelso Family)

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

9:00 AM Vito Tullo
(Marian & Jim Ferris)

Thursday, October 20, 2016

9:00 AM John Arbaczawski
(Alice Arback)

Friday, October 21, 2016

9:00 AM Tom E. Lowery
(Meyers 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.

10/9/16 Weekly \$6,655.00
Diocesan Assessment \$1,187.00
September Parish Pay \$6,181.10

10/23/16 Weekly and World Mission Sunday

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

September Monthly Bills:

New Construction \$163,789.50
Utilities \$ 2,201.91
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 2,075.00
Care of Grounds \$ 1,260.54
Telephone \$ 837.86
Maintenance Contracts \$ 798.00
Liturgical Supplies \$ 721.58
Office Expenses \$ 511.23
Printing \$ 339.16



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

Kristen Grace Norcia

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 PARISHIONERS*:
Paul Lynde & Renee Kinloch
David Martone

The Rosary Altar Society will be reciting the Rosary throughout the month of October before the weekend Masses on Oct. 16 @ 9:30 before the 10 am Mass; Oct. 30 @ 11 before the 11:30 Mass and at the Chapel after the 9 am Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parish participation is welcome. The next Rosary meeting is October 19 at 7 pm. New members are welcome. Thank you for the contribution of baked goods for the Fall Harvest Festival. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul Society food drive runs through November 11 specifically for Thanksgiving food baskets to benefit local families in need. Non perishables, i.e. canned soups, vegetables, tuna fish, peanut butter, jellies, spaghetti sauces, pasta, cereal, boxed milk, etc. are needed. Please check expiration dates. Grocery store gift cards are also appreciated. Thank you for your donations and know that you are doing God's work in helping others.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Virginia Franklin, 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

Fall Harvest Bake Sale - October 22 & 23

Please help support our efforts to serve the families of our parish who are in need. Consider donating a home-baked or store-bought item. Please include a list of ingredients. Drop all baked goods off at the Parish Hall before the mass you attend that weekend. Complimentary coffee and tea will be served after all Sunday masses, so please stop by. All proceeds will be used for the St. Vincent De Paul Society Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE!

Parish Photo Directory - We're still working on the *Password Protected Online Parish Photo Directory* and we need your help. Go to Parish Photo Directory on the website and sign up online to let us know what information you will allow in this directory. Names and addresses of all parishioners will be included in the directory unless you opt out. If you prefer, there is also a downloadable PDF file that you can complete and return to the office or put in the collection basket. Photos can be submitted to photodirectory@sienachurch.org or use that same email address to discuss when you would like to have your picture taken, no charge.

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.

Are You Being Called to Become a Permanent Deacon?

If you are discerning God's call to serve the Church in the Diocese of Trenton as a Permanent Deacon, a man ordained to the ministry of Charity, Word, and Sacrament, you are invited to take part in an upcoming information session. The presentation will include information concerning the role of a deacon, the discernment process, and the five-year Diaconate Formation Program. Before registering to attend this session, please schedule a meeting with your pastor to discuss your call to the diaconate. A session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 7-9 p.m. at the Diocesan Chancery, 701 Lawrenceville Rd., Trenton, NJ. Pre-register with Deacon Michael Riley, 609-403-7134.

Parish Mission at St. William the Abbot

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will be here on October 22-25 for our Parish Mission to celebrate the Year of Mercy. The Mission will be on Monday, October 24 & Tuesday, October 25 at 9 AM, and 7 PM both days. The theme of the Mission will be Family and Mercy. Tuesday night will be a Penance Service. For more information about the Friars, visit at www.franciscanfriars.com.

BELMAR- You're invited to our house! The administration, faculty, staff and students of St. Rose High School invite all prospective students, parents and families to an Open House on Tuesday October 18, 2016, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Students, faculty, and coaches will be available to answer any questions. Tours will be conducted. Academic departments, clubs and sports teams will each have an information table. For more information or to sign up go to www.strose.k12.nj.us or call 732-681-2858 x305.

DONOVAN CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

October 20, 2016 7-9 PM

It's never too late to experience a college environment while enjoying the total high school experience. Financial Aid & Tuition Assistance available. Find out how affordable a Donovan Catholic education can be. It will be the best investment you will ever make! Call 732-349-8001 x2429. Spend the day with us & shadow a student.

DONOVAN CATHOLIC - It Makes A Difference.

HEALING MASS - ALL ARE WELCOME on Saturday, October 29 at Sacred Heart Church in Bay Head for a healing mass at 8:30 am. Many of us are in need of extra prayers for illness, upcoming surgery, addiction, mental illness, caregiving, etc. The Anointing of the sick and special prayers will be administered at the end of mass. Please come and invite a friend, light refreshments to follow in the hall. Contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or 732-899-1398.

Dear Rev. Fr. Anarcon and the Parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Church,

Blessings and peace! On behalf of our mission here in Cap-Haitian, Haiti we sincerely express our thanksgiving and appreciation to you and your supportive parishioners in supporting our work with the homeless and the destitute. The much anticipated 40 foot container loaded with Food and Household Items for the operation of our ministry came when we were most in need of the requested items. While unloading we cannot help but be thankful to God - first for the fulfillment of His promise "seek my kingdom first and everything shall be added unto you" (cf. Mt. 6:33) and in making this promise a reality through the generosity of your supportive friends and parishioners. Like St. Paul, your commitment in remembering the poor (cf. Ga1.2:10) is truly an expression of faith empowered by love in the service of the least of our brothers and sisters. As a token of appreciation, we promise to keep you and your parishioners in our prayers.

God bless! Rev. Bro. Anthony Jjuuko M.O.P.

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,

Today is the 29th Sunday of the Year.

Each of us has a different background, like when we were growing up, as children we were not allowed and strictly forbidden to pester our parents for things. If for some reason my father or mother said NO, particularly my father, that was the end of discussion. At the Gospel readings today, Jesus tells us with God it is otherwise. God does not mind being bothered or pestered, on the other hand, he prefers it. In the male dominated culture and society of Jesus' times, widows had no significant social standing. It would not have been unusual for widows to be taken advantage of and for them to have little recourse. The widow's only recourse was to pester the judge until he got tired of hearing from her, and so she did. Take note that it is only the widow's persistence in demanding justice that makes him give way. He does so not for justice's sake but to save himself from being pestered. The main point is clear, she was relentless in seeking a just settlement for herself. That's how we should pray.

The parable is all about the power of prayer and the need to pray continually and never lose heart. But why does the Lord tell us to pray in that way? He knows how many hairs are on the top of our head, he knows what we need even before we ask him. He hears every word we say, every thought we have, and he knows everything we need. He does not need reminders. He is infinite. The poor widow is an example for anyone whose life has entered into darkness for she persevered and refused to give up. The unjust judge on the other hand, whatever his motive, finally acceded to her pleadings and to that degree, at least, he changed. Jesus compares the judge's reaction to God, who sees justice done to those who cry to him even when he delays to help them. God loves each of us more than we can imagine. Why don't we meditate on the foot of the cross to prove that. The unjust judge delayed through indifference. Why God once in a while delays in answering our prayers is unknown to us in this life, but it may be that by our going through such time of waiting, God helps us to change into a closer union with the crucified and risen Lord.

Jesus points out to us that if this unjust judge gave the woman her way because of her persistence, how much more will our Heavenly Father give to those who call upon him. Nonetheless, from our experience we don't seem to get all we ask for. How do we reconcile this seeming incongruence? We have to keep in mind that our relationship with God is not like that a child who expects his parents to give him everything that he wants. This is not helpful in bringing out the best in us. If God does not grant what we want it doesn't mean that he doesn't love us. Giving is not tantamount to loving, for God is a judicious giver. He judges first whether what we ask for would be beneficial to us or not. God allows us to pray for what we want so that we may know what is good for us. Sometimes though, we do not know what we ask for would hurt rather than help us. Since God sees time in whole, he knows what is good for us in the long run. Hence, instead of giving God a silent treatment, Jesus tells us never to be discouraged in our prayer because it is necessary to maintain a loving and trusting relationship with him. We must be persistent for God listens to us. Though at times we cannot comprehend or understand his ways, we just have to trust him because he only wants the best for us. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

