

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.
- Philippians 2:9

Gospel at the Procession with Palms Matthew 21:1-11

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: (Matthew 26:14-27:66 [27:11-54])

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

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732-938-3454

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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, April 8, 2017
4:30 PM Patricia Madzin
(Maryann Cullen)

Sunday, April 9, 2017
8:00 AM Barbara Nedd
(Storey Family)

10:00 AM Peter Greco
(Peter & Laura Greco)

11:30 AM John N. DeLuca
(Julie DeLuca)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, April 10, 2017
9:00 AM Rev. Francis Zalewski

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
9:00 AM Dylan Joyce
(Grandmother, Anne Hilker)

Thursday, April 13, 2017 @ Main Church
7:30 PM Walter Butkovich
(Debi & Frank Sardone)



The sanctuary light will burn the week of April 8 in memory of Dorothy Smith at the request of Dale Hedges

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10, 9:00 AM Mass @ Chapel
7:30 PM Mass @ St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold, NJ
Chrim Mass, Renewal of Priestly Vows, & Blessing of Oils

Tuesday, April 11, 9:00 AM Mass @ Chapel

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:30 PM @ Church
Mass of the Last Supper

Church opens at 9:00 AM
Good Friday, April 14, 3:00 PM @ Church
Veneration of the Cross & Communion
7:00 PM @ Church, *Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday, April 15
9:00 AM @ Church, *Morning Prayers*
Followed by Blessing of Easter Foods
Vigil Mass 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 16
8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 AM Masses

✠ The **Parish Office** will be **closed** on Holy Thursday, April 13 and Good Friday, April 14.
✠ **Religious Education** will be **closed** on Monday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 12.

New Parishioners

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

Richard & Geannine Allen
Mark, Jennifer, Michelle & Sarah Moran

March Monthly Bills:

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| Care of Grounds | \$ 2,823.90 |
| Gas | \$ 1,755.22 |
| New Furnishings | \$ 1,465.17 |
| Telephone | \$ 1,356.31 |
| Office Supplies | \$ 479.53 |
| Contracted Services | \$ 380.00 |
| Water | \$ 166.86 |
| Electricity | \$ 47.78 |

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION! **Evangelization - Multicultural Ministry**

This ministry brings attention to the most pressing needs and concerns of our growing diverse community, and assists parishes and diocesan offices as they address the needs that are identified.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

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

Dear Father Angelito and the Parishioners of St. Catherine, On behalf of the Missionaries of the Poor, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Parish community of St. Catherine of Siena for their generosity in supporting our Haiti Food Drive. Their contributions had a total amount of \$1,904, and a bag of rice which will purchase the following food items: rice, flour, kidney beans, canned tuna, pasta, canned chicken, tomato sauce, oatmeal, canned fruit, cereal, sugar, vegetable oil, drink mixes and cleaning supplies. I would also like to thank your deacon and ushers for making us feel welcome and for assisting us in setting up our posters. Lastly, I would like to thank you, as pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, for saying "yes" to our food drive and for taking a personal interest in its success. The Missionaries of the Poor regularly pray for their benefactors and will gratefully remember St. Catherine of Siena Parish in their prayer intentions. We give thanks to our God always and may He continue to shower your Parish community with His blessings.
Sincerely, Vicente Lagdameo and MOP Associates of NJ

We're excited to announce some changes coming to our Sanctuary this weekend! You'll notice a new location for our beautiful piano and Presider's Chair (Celebrant Chair), the chair in which the priest sits, as well as the chair for the Deacon and altar server. Additionally, we will be relocating the Tabernacle to where the Presider's chair used to sit. These moves will allow more room for our ever-growing music ministry and overall worship space within our sanctuary.

St. Catherine's Funeral Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist families in planning and making arrangements for the Funeral Mass and Wake Service of a deceased loved one. Members of the ministry should be compassionate, good at details, understanding and have a flexible schedule. Two members currently serve. The ministry would greatly benefit from a team of members. It is a ministry where one can be of much needed assistance to families who are going through a difficult time. If you are interested in joining such a team please contact, Terri Murray at 732-462-7452.

The Living Last Supper

A living dramatization of Leonardo Di Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. The painting depicts what he considered to be the most dramatic moment of the Last Supper, that moment just after the Lord had said, "one of you will betray Me." Instantly the twelve disciples became men of twelve different moods. The only composed person was Jesus himself. Come and experience the emotions of this live dramatization, where twelve men speak their minds to themselves, to each other and to the Lord, in the light of the tragic words that they have just heard Him speak.

Monday, April 10, Tuesday, April 11, Wednesday, April 12,
Church of the Nativity, 180 Ridge Road, Fair haven, 7:30pm
"Free Admission - All are Welcome"

Donovan Catholic Presents Guys and Dolls, April 6, 7, 8 @ 7:30pm, April 9 at 12:00 noon. Senior/Students \$12, Adults \$15. Call the Box Office at (732) 349-8801 x2403.

St. Veronica's is hosting a 7 week Life in the Spirit Seminar beginning April 25. The series of talks and discussions will transform your life and fuel the fire for the Holy Spirit. The dates are April 25, May 2,9,23,30 and June 6 and 13, starting at 7:15pm with music. Come experience renewal through God's Grace, Mercy and Love and ignite the Power of the Holy Spirit. For more information or to register call 732-364-2815 or email LISS@stveronica.com.

WHOM SHALL I SEND? Will be performed at St. Justin the Martyr Parish, 975 Fischer Blvd., Toms River on Sunday, April 30, at 4:00pm in the church Sanctuary. An exciting new musical, it finds its roots in the New Testament as it depicts God's call to the disciples and their response. The energetic dialogue, vibrant songs and dances celebrate the spiritual journey of Peter, Paul, John, Mary Magdalene and Lydia. It explores the unique way that each character is called by God and inspires audiences to reflect on the call of God in their own lives. There is NO admission fee, but there will be a freewill offering after the performance followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

St. Rose of Lima's LADIES NIGHT OUT Event, Music Mayhem, Friday, May 19th at 7pm, doors open 6:30pm, Auditorium at St. Rose of Lima School BYO...as in Bring Your Own Cocktails & Snacks. Admission \$15 per person. Please Note: Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. This event sells out quickly. Reserve your seat today! Go to www.srlfreehold.com for reservation form. Questions? Email us at ladiesnightout@stroseoflima.com

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration—a calling...Do you crave quiet time to hear the still small voice of God? The adoration chapel at St. Veronica Rt. 9 Howell has been open 24/7 since September 14, 1997 for silent prayer in a small 10 seat chapel. Thousands of prayers have been answered. Each hour is covered by one or more registered adorers who "stand watch" in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Is the Lord calling you, "could you not watch one hour with me?" This is a weekly commitment for a designated hour for an individual or family commitment. All hours available; late night, overnight, weekends most needed. Call Debbie at 732-367-7750 and leave a message with your name and number or email drev514@aol.com.

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; and 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, the Church celebrates the Holiest week of the year.

Holy Week is ordered to be the commemoration of Christ's Passion beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.

We are going to bless the palms today and take them home as a significant symbol that we are with Christ as He began His Paschal Mystery.

How quickly things can change, and how fickle people can become. We begin our worship today with the triumphant arrival of Jesus in the holy city of Jerusalem on the back of a colt with palm branches waving to the crowd chanting words forever enshrined in our Liturgical Eucharistic celebrations: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. He came into Jerusalem to shouts of Hosanna which in Hebrew means, "Save us, we pray."

We end our readings from Scriptures today with Jesus having been betrayed and tortured, denied, mocked and crucified. Some people are not too comfortable with the fact that we hang large crosses with the lifeless body of our Savior on them in our churches, and have smaller versions in our homes. Some of them tell us they feel as if we are trying to crucify Jesus all over again, as if we don't know about the resurrection.

We fully believe in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. We truly believe and totally understand his life did not end on the cross. We live the Paschal Mystery each day of our lives, completely embracing the passion, death and the resurrection of Jesus. In fact, that is the reason we come here today. We come to intentionally relive, in no uncertain terms, this mystery every time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist with one another. We accept the fact that there is no resurrection without first embracing the cross of salvation in Jesus.

I would suggest, when difficulties, trials and challenges emerge in our lives, we need only to look toward the crucifix nearest to us. For in that glance we realize we are never alone in our adversities. Jesus is ever present to us, proving every single day his unconditional and undying love for us.

This is the important message we have to share with our broken and fractured world, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life for us all. If all of us who follow Christ crucified live our faith with joy, and live our lives pleasing to the Lord, the world in which we live could be healed of much of its pain and suffering.

The cross can and will lead to the empty tomb, but it is not the end. Our lives must proclaim that we trust in His word, that Jesus leads the way to eternal life.

This Holy Week we reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and through the cross to eternal life. We can reflect that whatever difficulties we may encounter in our journey through this life, He is with us always, and our ultimate destination is the same. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

