

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



February 12, 2017



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart,  
what God has prepared  
for those who love [God],  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.  
- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

**First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37**

**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](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, February 11, 2017**

4:30 PM Anthony Pennetti & Family  
(Libby Miller)

**Sunday, February 12, 2017**

8:00 AM Daniel Cherellia  
(Daughter Debi & Frank)

10:00 AM Patricia Madzin  
(Pam & Leon Davison)

11:30 AM Thomas Tracey  
(Caroline DeCastro)

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

**Monday, February 13, 2017**

9:00 AM Eileen Ivers  
(Lauren Madpak)

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

9:00 AM Maureen LaSapio  
(Marilyn DiGirolamo)

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

9:00 AM Barbara Mannion  
(Charles, Perlita & Katrina Gleason)

**Friday, February 17, 2017**

9:00 AM Mary Colando  
(Michael & Connie Golden)

**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.

**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.

**2/5/17 Weekly Maintenance & Repairs \$6,085.00**  
**January Parish Pay \$1,523.00**  
**\$5,960.49**

**2/19/17 Weekly & Energy & Fuel**

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

**2016 Tax Statement**

If you use ENVELOPES and need a year end tax statement for 2016, please EMAIL your request to **sienastatements@gmail.com**. **This is NOT a website**. Please include your full name(s), address, and envelope number. Please do not wait until the last minute. Email requests are done once a week through February, so if you plan to get a statement, don't delay. If you use Parish Pay, you will be receiving instructions directly from them on how to print out your reports.

**January Monthly Bills**

New Construction	\$ 13,070.00
Care of Grounds	\$ 11,171.45
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 6,534.99
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 3,280.54
Electricity	\$ 1,557.04
License/Permits	\$ 1,500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,246.78
Telephone	\$ 1,062.11
Gas	\$ 323.16
Water	\$ 286.51
Printing	\$ 188.04
Religious Ed. Supplies	\$ 96.28
Contracted Services	\$ 95.00

The Safety Management Committee is applying for a Homeland Security Grant which would fund numerous safety enhancements for our church, facilities, staff and congregation. We are seeking experienced individuals to assist in preparing the government application. Please contact Gerald Aponte at 973-975-5232 or gaponte2611@aol.com.

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

**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:**

Jackson Boyden-Daley, 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

### **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. Email [clow@sienachurch.org](mailto:clow@sienachurch.org) for more info.

Healing Mass at St. Veronica's in Howell  
February 21 at 7:30 pm

### **Father Jeff Kegley will be the Celebrant**

Fr. Jeff is the Pastor of St. Mary's in Middletown and Liaison to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for the Trenton Diocese  
Refreshments to follow Mass  
Any questions call Mary Jean Johnson at 732-364-2815.

DONOVAN CATHOLIC, Toms River, NJ Call 732-349-8801 x 2446  
Discover Your Talents: A day of activities, interactive learning, and fun for all Elementary and Middle School students grades 5 – 8 on February 18, 2017 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Cost is \$35.00 per student and includes three workshop sessions & lunch  
Register & Pay on-line at [www.donovancatholic.org](http://www.donovancatholic.org)  
OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, February 16, 2017, 7- 9 pm  
For all interested students and parents  
Save the Date  
Freshman Registration – March 11, 2017 9 am – 12 noon  
Senior Citizen Prom – March 12, 2017 1 – 4 pm

### **ANGELS, COFFEE, & SCRIPTURE DURING LENT**

Do you believe in the existence of Angels? Do you want to learn more about Angels? If so, join us for Angels and Coffee on Monday's at Sacred Heart Church of Bay Head, 751 Main Ave starting Feb 27th – April 10th, 9-10:30 am. We will explore Angels in the Old & New Testament & the Catechism to uncover the mysteries of how Angels worked in the lives of God's people throughout history and how they work in our lives today. The cost is \$12 and includes light refreshments. To register, please contact [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com) and make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. For further info 732-899-1398.

**Catholic Women of Zion** will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on **Saturday, March 11, 2017** at St. William the Abbot R. C. Church, 2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, a speaker (Father Tom Maher will speak on "Casting Nets: In What Way Are You Casting Yours?"), sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 1:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Register online at [cwoz.org](http://cwoz.org) or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than March 7. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name.

St. Veronica School will be holding its 33rd annual dinner and gift auction on March 31 at 7:00 pm at South Gate Manor in Freehold. Tickets are \$60 and are on sale now. Ticket forms and information are available by calling Jennifer Jarecki at 732-299-2477 or visit [www.stveronicaschool.com](http://www.stveronicaschool.com).

Join Msgr. Sam Sirianni,  
Fr. Daniel Peirano  
& Fr. Anthony Sirianni,  
on a trip to the Holy Land  
November 12-20, 2017

For complete details please join us for a meeting on March 27, at 7:00pm  
St. Robert Bellarmine  
61 Georgia Road, Freehold NJ  
or contact Graycar Travel 800-214-6723.

The New Day Bereavement Support Group held by The Parish of Saint Mary Ministry of Consolation, One Phalanx Road, Colts Neck invites you to participate in a nine week program for those who are grieving the death of loved ones and want to work through the tasks of grief in a structured way using the New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing. The sessions include readings, reflection, sharing and journaling. The program will meet at 7 pm in the Spiritual Center's Chapel. Starts Tuesday, April 18, ends Tuesday, June 14. For information & pre-registration call 732-462-8088.

**Calling All Catholic Men:** The Knights of Columbus are welcoming all men over the age of 18 to become members of the St. Catherine of Siena council here at our church. Devoted to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, with over 1.8 million members world-wide, the Knights of Columbus strives to be a positive Catholic presence in both our parish and community. If you wish to join email [kofc@sienachurch.org](mailto:kofc@sienachurch.org) or call (732) 835-2049.

Food donations to the church are distributed to the needy by the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and by Joshua House. Thank you for your generosity.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Rosarians are doing their Bake Sale in the Parish Hall. Please stop by and check out their goodies. Let us support them through our presence and by purchasing some of their baked goods. We thank you for your continued support and generosity as the Society is doing their best to serve God and others.

Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

St. Matthew is writing in the 80's when the Christian community is facing heavy criticism from the official Jewish leadership for they claim that the official teaching of Jesus is destructive of all that is cherished in Judaism. It was around the year 85 when one of the prayers read in the synagogues is a formal course for everyone, especially Jewish Christians, who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. Jewish Christians are now expelled from the synagogues, and this expulsion, instigated by the Pharisees, increases the hostility of Christians towards them.

The characters that emerge from the Gospels are both gentle and strong, peaceable and forthright, calm and courageous. Never in his dealings does Jesus act in a violent manner, nor does he say things to provoke people to riot or revolt. Yet his every word is challenging and demanding. His call asks for nothing less than everything by way of commitment to him.

In his words we hear today, part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus will not settle for outward observance or superficial fulfillment of God's commandments. Scribes and Pharisees are good at that, he says. It is not enough not to kill your enemy; you must actively seek peace with the enemy. It is not enough to avoid adultery; you must live a sexually honest life. It is not enough to avoid the big sins; all sins are damaging. There is no need to swear oaths; just use an honest straightforward speech.

Evidently speaking, these are the deep roots of true life, of wonderful good life, and nothing less will do, says the Lord.

The Sermon on the Mount challenges us every day to a deeper fulfillment of God's word. Superficial skimming will never be acceptable. Now we begin to see how and why Jesus became such a problem for people. If someone had asked Jesus, "What do you think of our civilization?" Jesus could have well replied, "I think it's good."

When we check and see our own record of doing good against the demands of Jesus in the Gospel, we can all come away feeling helpless. Our own efforts look so small against the clear unambiguous demands of the larger vision. But St. Matthew is not writing his Gospel to grind his readers into the dirt or frustration or feeling helpless. He is calling us, the community of strong believers, to face the vision of Jesus with a willing heart and a ready spirit. None of us can do this alone. That is why we are here, gathered as a community of faith, to pray that God will support our efforts to bring that vision down to earth. Amen.

May God bless us all,

Father Angelito

