

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



February 19, 2017



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
- Leviticus 19:2b

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

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

St. Vincent de Paul:
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, February 18, 2017

4:30 PM Dorothy Barychko
(Donna Treney)

Sunday, February 19, 2017

8:00 AM Margaret Straniero
(Sal & Amy Straniero)

10:00 AM Patricia Madzin
(Giovanni Alamia)

11:30 AM James Pellicano
(Luigi & Rose Cantatore)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, February 20, 2017

9:00 AM Maureen LaSapio
(Lou & Marcia Ciccone)

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

9:00 AM Lucille Caruso
(Joe Aulisi & Family)

Thursday, February 23, 2017

9:00 AM "Living" Maryann O'Neill
(John & Mary Daley)

Friday, February 24, 2017

9:00 AM Rev. David G. Delzell

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.

2/12/17 Weekly Diocesan Assessment \$6,656.00
\$1,440.00

2/26/17 Weekly & Central & Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions.

All Parish Offices, including Religious Education/CCD will be closed on Monday, February 20 in honor of President's Day.



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

Sadie Grace Farrell
Benjamin Imre Le

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



of all our Parish family and friends, and especially the recently departed:

Hazel Bove (Wife of Anthony)

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building Renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region; Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

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.

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 for more info.

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. Call [732-492-6861](tel:732-492-6861) or email scottrubinson@gmail.com.

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](tel:732-364-2815).

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 and make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. For further info [732-899-1398](tel: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 or call [732-363-0139](tel: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](tel:732-299-2477) or visit 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](tel: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](tel: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 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. 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,

Just a bit of information for those who have not noticed, our very own Altar Rosary Society in the parish is leading the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:30 in the morning in the Church. This happens every third Sunday of the month, everyone is invited to join them, as we enhance our great devotion to the Blessed Mother and meditate on God's wonderful mysteries.

Today is the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Many times, it seems to be pleasing to our hearts to see nasty people get paid back for their nastiness. We sometimes think that the law of love belongs to the New Testament whereas the law of retribution, "an eye for an eye," dominates the Old Testament. Yet we see today in the book of Leviticus the injunction not to exact vengeance but to love our neighbor as ourselves. The challenge addressed by Jesus takes this commandment a step further. He understands and acknowledges that even tax collectors and pagans are kind to those who are good to them. Here is the difficult question, how do we react to those who are our enemies and those who treat us badly?

In last week's portion of the Sermon on the Mount, which has formed our Gospel readings, Jesus is explaining what the Beatitudes mean in practice. What does it mean to be meek? What does it mean to be merciful? All of these came about for the simple reason that Jesus is capable of living out what he taught and that is to love his enemies and pray for his persecutors. It's his way to show us how to be perfect, just as his heavenly Father is perfect.

When we hear the word "holiness" or perfection, our first reaction may be to distance ourselves. Our usual understanding is that those above mentioned terms belong to saints. They don't come to our everyday world. Some theologians used to make some distinction between behaviors that required us to be good rather than bad and behaviors that were counsels of perfection, those acts of self-sacrifice that probably belonged only to the chosen few.

Guess what, Jesus did not make such distinctions. He asks us to consider that, if we are his true followers, we all have the potential to respond at this level. With God's grace we can follow in his footsteps.

Let us prepare ourselves for some challenges by the way we live every moment of our lives, if we think of others rather than ourselves, if we are not overwhelmed when others fail to notice us, when we are sensitive to other's needs as well as our own, especially those who have no relations with us, or with those with whom we have little in common. Through all those moments we are becoming the disciples of Christ, disciples who are trying to learn to be perfect and holy similar to our Father in heaven. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

