

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness
for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.

- Isaiah 49:15

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:24-34

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

FAX Phone:
732-938-3260

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 25, 2017

4:30 PM Nancy & Nick Fama
(Negro Family)

Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:00 AM Sherlock Storey Sr.
(Storey Family)

10:00 AM Theodore J. Wojtanowski
(Wife, Dolores)

11:30 AM Michael Corrato
(Frank & Maureen Gemignani)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, February 27, 2017

9:00 AM Rev. David G. Delzell

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

9:00 AM Rev. David G. Delzell

Thursday, March 2, 2017

9:00 AM Marie DeTullio
(Centra State Respiratory Department)

Friday, March 3, 2017

9:00 AM Joan Piga

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.

2/19/17 Weekly Energy & Fuel \$6,623.00
\$1,345.00

3/5/17 Weekly & Black & Native Americans

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017 Schedule



(All in Main Church)

6:30 AM - Service

9:00 AM - Mass

Anna Meehan

(Pam & Leon Davison)

12 Noon Mass

4:30 PM - Children - Service

7:00 PM - Mass

ALL FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER @ 6:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7:00 P.M.

This *free* dinner, consisting of soup, bread, and salad will provide an opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter.



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

Debra Ann Butera (Sister of Linda Schrader)

Virginia Franklin (Mother of Ginny Zieminski)

Jim Hurley (Husband of Phyllis)

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

Faith to Move Mountains - January 2017 Rebate for the period ending December, 2016 was \$36,821.

Goal \$580,000.00

Gift Count 157

Total Raised \$458,991.50

Paid/All Cash \$122,736.31

Pledge Balance \$332,289.51

The next rebate will be determined based on cash payments received as of June 30, 2017.

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the Rosary Altar Society along with our parishioners for their generous donations to the "Soup-er Bowl." Your donations helped stock our Emergency Food Closet for the most needy in our community. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annulment information Sessions annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. The session in our county is on March 15, 7:30 - 9:00 PM at St. Thomas More in Manalapan. For more information, call 609 406-7434 or e-mail rrnoore@dioceseoftrenton.org. Below is the schedule of sessions:

County	Date	Time	Parish
Burlington County (English)	March 2	7:30-9:00 pm	St. Mary of the Lakes, Medford
Mercer County (English)	March 9	7:30-9:00 pm	St. Ann, Lawrenceville
Monmouth County (English)	March 15	7:30-9:00 pm	St. Thomas More, Manalapan
Monmouth County (Spanish)	March 21	7:30-9:00 pm	Mother of Mercy, Asbury Park
Ocean County (English)	March 29	7:30-9:00 pm	St. Barnabas, Bayville
Mercer County (Spanish)	April 6	7:30-9:00 pm	Our Lady of the Angels, Trenton

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

Catholic Education Administration

Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome approximately 17,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 31 Catholic elementary schools and 7 high schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 90,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools.

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.

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.

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 ext. 777 no later than March 7. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name.

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 call 732-462-8088.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jackson Boyden-Daley, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, 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

St. Veronica presents:

Junior Youth Ministry!

Beginning: Friday, March 3, 2017
One Friday per month, 7-9 pm
St. Veronica School Gym Grades 5-7
Grow in Catholic discipleship while enjoying fun activities, serving others, and meeting new people!
There is no cost, but you must be registered to attend. Please download forms at stveronica.com and return them to the Parish office or to Sr. Ann in the RE office.

DONOVAN CATHOLIC

Toms River, NJ 08753

732-349-8801 x 2446

Prospective students are invited to participate in "Shadow Days" Come shadow a student. Follow their schedule, Experience Flex period, Be a GRIFFIN for a day. Call the office to register to Shadow a Student. (732) 349-8801 ext. 2426

Dirty Car? You are in Luck!

DC Girl's Lacrosse Team is sponsoring a Car Wash!

March 5, 2017, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Rain date: March 12, Donovan Drive
Between football field and back of school

FRESHMAN REGISTRATION

March 11, 2017, 9 am – 12 pm

Senior Citizen Prom

Sunday, March 12, 2017, 1 – 4:00 pm

\$5.00 per person

Purchase tickets through the school
(732) 349-8801 x 2403

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.

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,

As your Shepherd in the parish community, allow me to thank profusely those generous parishioners who have contributed to the appeals that we had. As we know, our support as a parish is very important. It is also important to support the Diocese for programs that provide valuable ministerial resources for the parish community and diocesan programs that support services for the poor, food for the hungry, and education for our children in the faith. Again, my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all.

Let us be mindful that the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to fund the ongoing expenses of the diocese from day to day. Funds received in this campaign will be dispersed during the following 12 month period. On the other hand, the Faith to Move Mountains Endowment campaign is a response to long-term and extraordinary needs. Its major purpose is to establish new or increase existing endowments to fund anticipated increases in expenses over the long-term.

The Diocese launches the Annual Catholic Appeal this weekend. Hence instead of the homily following the Gospel, we are going to watch the video and direct our attention to the screen as our Bishop, The Most Rev. David M. O'Connell, invites us to learn about the appeal. Let us be mindful of our parish goal this year which amounts to \$44,000.00.

I invite you to prayerfully consider sharing your faith by making a gift to this year's ACA which will ensure our ministries and more will continue to exist. And for those who have not participated and contributed in the past, I invite you to share your faith with a gift to this year's ACA.

Today we are celebrating the Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time and the words of Isaiah echo through the ages for us today when God says, "I will never forget you." To discover that you are alive in the heart of God and not forgotten is to know that you are safe forever and will not be abandoned. The reassurance is multiplied for us who have come to know Christ. As servants of the Lord, Paul reminds us in the 2nd reading of what our faith makes certain, that we are beloved of God.

As faithful servants of the Lord, it is in our power to remove worry from the hearts of others. We do not pass judgment on other people. That would be premature and not our task. It is the Lord who will reveal the secret intentions of people's hearts. Let today find us at peace, our trust firmly in the one who does not forget us, and let our role in life be to bring calmness and reassurance to all those whose lives we touch everyday. Amen.

Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. Today, ashes are blessed and imposed on the forehead of the faithful. Please take a look at the schedule of services in the Bulletin.

Kindly be mindful of our traditional soup/dinner in the Parish hall, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church during Fridays of Lent as well as Stations only on Good Friday. This is a great opportunity for us to be together for fellowship as a community of God's faithful people united to pray and getting ready for the holiest season of the year.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

