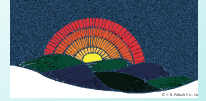


St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



February 5, 2017



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Light shines through the darkness
for the upright.

- Psalm 112:4

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

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 4, 2017

4:30 PM Arthur Wojciechowski
(Lorraine & Neal Pronek)

Sunday, February 5, 2017

8:00 AM Maureen Galary
(Janet & Mark Seltzer)

10:00 AM Hedwig Napoletano
(Frank & Barbara Ferrara)

11:30 AM Theresa Zygmund
(Suzanne DeGrande)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, February 6, 2017

9:00 AM Karen Montgomery
(Carey Boone Nelson)

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

9:00 AM Maureen Galary
(Terry Londner)

Thursday, February 9, 2017

9:00 AM Anna Meehan
(Pam & Leon Davison)

Friday, February 10, 2017

9:00 AM Patricia Madzin
(Joyce & Ken Allen)

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.

1/29/17 Weekly \$6,849.50
St. Vincent de Paul \$3,510.31

2/12/17 Weekly & Diocesan Assessment
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.

New Parishioners

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

Alex Clark
Bruno, Christine, Jaxon and Dakota Mazza
Kaitlyn Simmonds
Frank, Jennifer & Mia Viruet



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

Terrence Fay

(Husband of Uyen, Father of Terrence & Ryan)

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

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

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.

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

What could be better than a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter day? Please help the Rosary Altar Society make our fourth annual "soup-er bowl" a success. We will be collecting cans of soup and non-perishable items (pasta, spaghetti sauce, PB & J, cereals, napkins, toilet paper, tissues, etc.) from now through Super Bowl Sunday. We will use these items to stock the St. Vincent De Paul "Emergency Food Closet." Please drop all contributions off in the church lobby. ***Please check the expiration dates. *** Thank you and God Bless.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard - St. Catharine, 108 Middletown Road, Holmdel Everyone is invited to join us on February 7 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel for an informative evening on the healing power of God through Rachel's Vineyard post-abortive retreat ministry. You may know someone who has had an abortion, someone who has struggled with this decision, or you may have had a more personal experience. In addition to the mother's suffering, the psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child. It may even extend to friends of the mother. Visit rachelvineyard.com or 732.842.3963.

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.

"Self-Love Recovery Retreat"
February 11, 10am - 3pm
St. Denis Church, Manasquan NJ
Speakers, Lunch, Reflection, Fellowship
Due to the overwhelming success of our Advent Recovery Retreat we are hosting another! Call 848-333-7085.

Donovan Catholic is proud to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. All prospective students are welcome to "Shadow a Student" for a day. Contact Admissions 732-349-8801 X2426. Join us for our WINTER OPEN HOUSE February 16, 2017 from 7-9:00PM. Registration for accepted students is March 11.

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.

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.

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 at the 11:30 Mass, we are pleased to welcome the 5th and 6th grades of our religious education program. Together with their parents and volunteer catechists they will join us in the celebration of the Banquet of the Lord as we listen to God's word and partake in breaking of the bread in Holy Communion.

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's reading is a continuation of the Gospel from St. Matthew, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It is not too hard to understand the message of the readings, but allow me to share with you some thoughts on the passage. As the Sermon on the Mount continues, Jesus tells us "you are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world." He addressed this Sermon not only to his 12 disciples but to a huge number and that includes us for the Scriptures are meant to teach us as well as those for whom they were originally written.

Jesus tells us we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. To be light for the world is a great compliment, for light is so important and necessary to us. Let's try to imagine the world in darkness. I wouldn't want to live in such a world. No doubt that even during these winter days when the days are short and it's gray sky, cloudy and gloomy, a lot of people are seriously affected. We call this condition, seasonal affective disorder in other words, S.A.D. and many of the people who suffer from it become so depressed. Similarly, to be called the "salt of the earth" is a big compliment, although today we are advised to avoid this stuff as much as possible. But during the time of Jesus, it was a very important commodity, because primarily it was a preservative. Without salt, food would be spoiled.

As Jesus praises us, he also challenges us. In praising us, he is telling us that we have talents, potential and gifts that could be of great value and help to others. He also challenges us to be the gift to others that we can be. Our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah describes how we can be the light and salt for the world. We find that when God enlightens our mind and heart, we begin to see things differently. We discover our responsibility for the life and welfare of others, especially those who are poor and oppressed. Enlightened by grace, we are moved to share our bread with those who are hungry, care for those who are homeless and oppressed and when we do this, we bring light and hope into the darkness of their lives. By the light of God's grace, we see and we are seen.

We have to be aware that we are disciples of Jesus. From the moment of his death on the cross, when darkness enshrouded the earth, the light of his love, revealed in his resurrection from the dead, has been the beacon shining into our hearts to show us the way to life. He has enlightened us with a Gospel of love. He gives us confidence to persevere in love in spite of all that works against us, whether in this world around us or the doubts that fear our hearts. He has sent us to bring the light of his love to others. It may only be a simple act of kindness and generosity, a word of encouragement or forgiveness and healing. With the light of Christ, we ourselves can see and we will be seen helping the world to avoid all kinds of darkness that leads to death and destruction.

We ask the Lord to bless us today and every day as we come before him who is the source of all light, all wisdom and graces. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

