

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



January 1, 2017



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

- Luke 2:19

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:16-21

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, December 31, 2016

4:30 PM Jeanne Hyer
(Don & Janice Deakyne)

Sunday, January 1, 2017

8:00 AM James Wagar
(Mary O'Reilly)

10:00 AM Janet La Grippa
(Cristina & Chris Riddle)

11:30 AM Tess Jacoby
(DeGrande Family)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, January 2, 2017

9:00 AM Laurie Gentile
(Family & Friends)

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

9:00 AM Patricia Bicaca
(Julie DeLuca)

Thursday, January 5, 2017

9:00 AM Jeanne V. Punderson

Friday, January 6, 2017

9:00 AM Rev. John M. Connor

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 Parishioners

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

Cuong (Bob), Katalin, Izabella & Benjamin Le

2016 CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS
(continued from last week)

Daniel Rovner

Karen, Rachel & Zach Rovner



The Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday, January 2, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3. The Religious Education Office/CCD will be **closed** on Monday, January 2. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 4.

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 .

SPECIAL INVITE TO THE MEN OF ST. CATHERINE'S:

ALL ARE WELCOME! ICC Men's Cornerstone 2017 January 27/28 Weekend at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall, 316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale, NJ. Registration-\$55. REGISTER ONLINE at www.iccannandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx or call 908-894-2347. Space is Limited!!! \$55 Donation.

Have you ever heard the initials RCIA? They stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, The Roman Catholic official collection of Rites for bringing adults into the Church. Here at St. Catherine of Siena, together as a team, we prepare individuals to be received into the church. We meet the first and third Tuesday of the month in the evening. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning about becoming a Catholic, or a Catholic, who may not yet have received Sacraments, or to learn more about the RCIA process, email RCIA@sienachurch.org.

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. Email scottrubinson@gmail.com or call 732-492-6861.

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.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

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

Respect Life Notes Advent 2016

Proposed bill would ban late-term abortions to protect unborn from pain. By Patrick T. Brown | Correspondent (The Monitor 12/1/16)

Pro-life leaders, doctors and lawmakers are scheduled to converge on the State House Dec. 5 for a news conference that will call attention to the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The act would ban abortions performed after 20 weeks, at which point many scientists agree unborn babies can feel pain, and would require that babies born alive during abortions be given the same medical care as infants born prematurely. The state Assembly version of the bill, A3452, was introduced in March and referred to the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee. Senate version S2026 was introduced in April and referred to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

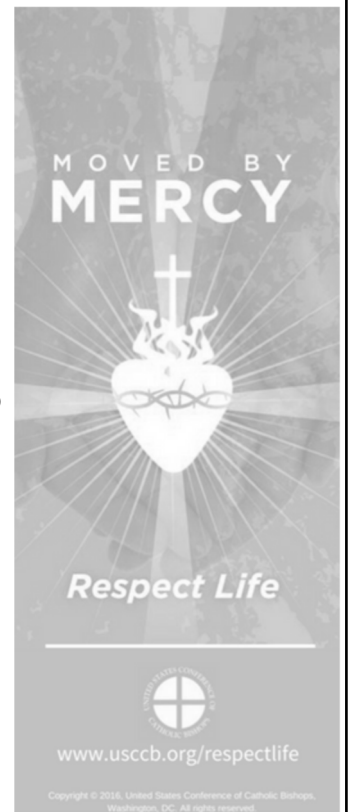
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Catholics are welcome to the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption for Mass with Bishop David O'Connell prior to the NJ Right to Life Rally at the Statehouse, Jan 23, 2017

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. and all are welcome. Please note: there are no designated parking lots available at the Cathedral as the lots behind the Cathedral are owned by the state and used by state workers during the work week. Visitors will need to find on-street parking or use nearby parking decks.



The Rosary Alter Society is hosting a Painting Event.

We have reserved January 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Art-Around-the Corner, 290 Mounts Corner Dr., Freehold, NJ 07728. The cost is \$35.00. The Art Center supplies all the painting needs and instructions along with light refreshments. BYOB and join the fun. We will be painting the image from the Knock Shrine, Ireland.

The Story of Knock began on the 21st August, 1879 when, at approximately 8 o'clock in the evening, fifteen people from the village of Knock in Co. Mayo, witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a Lamb and cross on an altar at the gable wall of the Parish Church. The witnesses watched the Apparition in the pouring rain for two hours, reciting the Rosary. Although they themselves were saturated not a single drop of rain fell on the gable or vision. There were fifteen official witnesses to the Apparition, most of whom were from the village of Knock and surrounding areas and ranged in age from just 5 years old to 74 years old. Each of the witnesses gave testimonies to a Commission of Enquiry in October 1879. The findings of the Commission were that the testimonies were both trustworthy and satisfactory.



Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us Peace. Have mercy on our President and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor.

Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners--on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother, patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to Your Will and the Will of Your Divine Son, Jesus, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

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; 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,

A HAPPY and a BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Often times we ask the question, “what’s new?” It is a fact that most of the time it is the media that makes big money on keeping us up to date on the latest happenings, whether it’s good or bad. We read catalogues or search the internet to find out what new things are out there. There are new things which are worth celebrating, like a new cure for terminal illness, a new gadget, a new car, a new outfit, etc. There are some new things which we approach with guarded optimism, like a new co-worker, a new president, a new neighbor, etc.

There are some things also that there is no cause for any celebration at all, like a new pain somewhere in our physical body, or a new bill which we do not expect to receive. The majority of us approach the coming new year as something worth our while celebrating. Maybe it’s a good excuse for a party or something else. Perhaps we are happy that we made it this far, considering our health condition or our age. There are so many reasons for people to celebrate. However, if we are realistic, we know that each New Year could bring new challenges, new fears, new dangers, new sadness, new tragedy. The above mentioned new things are the ones we don’t want to think about and celebrate. They are the things we have to pray about, and that is one good reason to begin the year right here, right where we are now. We ask God ahead of time to bless us for whatever comes our way.

For many people, the beginning of a new year represents a clean slate, a new and fresh start. We make resolutions for the coming year, some of which we actually keep. We feel, correctly or wrongly, that a new calendar year will bring with it new possibilities.

Today, we celebrate the feast of Mary as Mother of God, which reinforces our belief that the one who was born of Mary was truly God. It falls on New Year’s Day because it concludes the Octave of Christmas, that is, the traditional eight-day period that extends some of the most significant solemnities of the Church year. Hence the connection between the New Year and the celebration of Mary’s divine motherhood is a coincidence, that is a happy one. For in Mary’s ‘yes’ to God, in her willingness to bear Emmanuel, God with us, we have a new beginning of the human race.

As we read in the 2nd reading, Paul speaks of God’s Son being “born of a woman” when “the fullness of time had come.” It is as if human history has come to fruition, a point that awaited the coming of new possibilities, the exact time for God to act in history, to let the divine face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

Here are some questions to ponder:
Do I make New Year’s resolutions? Do I fulfill them?
Do you think Jesus represented the possibility of a fresh and a new start in life? How?

May God continue to bless us,

Father Angelito

