

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



January 29, 2017



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- Matthew 5:3

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

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, January 28, 2017

4:30 PM John Fox
(St. Vincent de Paul Society)

Sunday, January 29, 2017

8:00 AM "Living" Maryann O'Neill
(John & Mary Daley)

10:00 AM Anne Carr
(Michael & Mary Burke)

11:30 AM Pietrina Mule'
(Carlotta Miller)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, January 30, 2017

9:00 AM Karen Montgomery
(Kyle Galante)

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

9:00 AM Frank Calabrese
(Lou & Marcia Ciccone)

Thursday, February 2, 2017

9:00 AM Bill Thompson
(Tom Moran)

Friday, February 3, 2017

9:00 AM Jack Walsh
(Mary Anne Frasier)

***Blessing of the throats will be during the
9:00 AM Mass on Friday, February 3.***

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.

1/22/17 Weekly \$6,457.00
Latin America \$1,545.00

2/5/17 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs
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**:

Erick Machado & Kelly Ford
Peter, Mary Ann & Michael McGuinness



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

Mary Lou "Louise" Holmes
(Mother of Terri Holmes-Stenson)

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

Congratulations to our generous parishioners at St. Catherine's for reaching the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge goal. Pledges totaled \$44,284.99 which is 101% of our \$44,000.00 goal. Payments of \$42,756.99 have been made to date. **We only need an additional \$1,243.01 to qualify for a rebate from the Diocese of \$6,600.00.** If you have not already paid your pledged amount, please prayerfully consider paying it as soon as possible.

Results & Data For This Year's Annual Catholic Appeal

(through 1/10/17) Parish Goal is \$44,000

955 Registered Families in Our Parish

186 Pledges Received to Date

19% Participation by Registered Families

\$44,285.99 in Pledges

101% of Goal (Based on pledges)

97% Paid

\$42,756.49 Amount Paid and Received

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

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

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 or email scottrubinson@gmail.com.

The Christmas Giving Tree Ministry would like to thank everyone who took a tag from the giving tree and returned the gift on time. By returning your gift you helped make the Christmas Season brighter for those in need. Our parish was able to help close to 400 needy individuals this year thanks to your generosity. God Bless you in the New Year, Karen O'Brien chairperson.

St. Veronica School Open House
4219 Route 9 North in Howell
Sunday, January 29, 2017
12:00-2:00PM, call 732-364-4130 x0

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.

"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.

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 following programs will be offered at the Upper Room Diocesan Spiritual Center, Neptune, NJ for the month of February.

NAVIGATING THE GRIEF AND MOURNING JOURNEY WITH GOD'S HELP

Wednesday, February 1

7:00-9:30 pm \$25~\$45

WOMEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, February 4

10:00 am-12:00 pm \$20~\$35

THE HEART OF THE MATTER: FINDING YOUR PASSION AND LIVING YOUR DREAM

Thursday, February 16

7:00-9:30 pm \$25~\$45

SPIRITUALITY DAY:

DEVELOPING A SPIRITUALITY CULTIVATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Saturday, February 25

9:30 am-4:00 pm \$75~\$100

Rachel's Vineyard

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. Church of St. Catharine, 108 Middletown Road, Holmdel

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.

"Legion of Mary Pilgrim Statue" is available to visit homes in our Parish Community. If interested, email pheathers7@yahoo.com or call 732-616-3127.

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 is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In the Gospel of Matthew, which we are going to hear for the entire liturgical year, there is so much mention of “the Good News.” Jesus proclaims that the kingdom of God is at hand, and that people should repent and believe the Good news, but we are not told what the Good News actually is. Now we begin to understand the scope of the Good News. It is fully outlined in the Sermon on the Mount, which Jesus now preaches, that is, his first of five public sermons spread throughout Matthew’s Gospel. Today’s passage consists of the famous introduction, otherwise known as the Beatitudes. Normally it is used in the liturgy of the Church more than any other Gospel text, covering from ordinary Sundays and weekdays to major seasons, from funerals to weddings, and on some commemorations, sacramental ceremonies and days for holy men and women. Hence, it is the first passage in the Gospel of Matthew which gives a clear indication of what Jesus means by the Good News.

The scene is set in a very formal way and the one who proclaims the good News assumes the role of an authoritative teacher. We have to understand that in New Testament time, teachers simply sat down in an open space and began to teach. Their talent and ability as teachers were reflected in the size of the audience they gathered round to listen to them. According to Matthew, Jesus saw a large crowd, and he sat down and taught them.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus makes plain what the Good News consists of, namely, it is the possession of the kingdom of heaven. This is emphasized at both the start and the conclusion of the list, that the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are poor in spirit, and to those who are persecuted for the sake of what is right.

We have to understand and accept the fact that Jesus may well have been the first person to declare clearly to whom the kingdom of heaven belongs; for he is certainly the first and only one who spelled out the basic qualifications for membership. Not only does the kingdom belong to those who are poor in spirit and those who are persecuted in standing up for what is right. It is found among those who mourn, those who hunger for thirst for what is right, who are merciful, pure of heart, etc.

What is amazing and Good News is that the kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus turned word into action when he cured sick people, cleansed lepers, forgave sinners, hence he made the words of the Beatitudes a concrete reality for those whose lives were broken. It is Good News that the values of God are here for humans to share. In Jesus’ final sermon in the Gospel of Matthew, in the last judgment parables, he tells his followers that however they behaved towards the least of his brothers and sisters is the way they behaved to Christ himself. Here is the question and the challenge: we may hear the Good News, but how well do we live it out and share it with others?

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

