

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



January 8, 2017



## The Epiphany of the Lord

They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts  
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
- Matthew 2:11b

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12**

**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](http://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 7, 2017**

4:30 PM Patricia Penella  
(George & June Hankel)

**Sunday, January 8, 2017**

8:00 AM Thomas Caruso Jr.  
(Sal & Amy Straniero)

10:00 AM Eugene Isola  
(Angela Echols)

11:30 AM William McBain  
(Gagliano Family)

**Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel**

**Monday, January 9, 2017**

9:00 AM Rev. John M. Connor

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

9:00 AM Jacqueline Lopresti  
(St. Vincent de Paul Society)

**Thursday, January 12, 2017**

9:00 AM Rev. John M. Connor

**Friday, January 13, 2017**

9:00 AM Rev. Thomas Brennan

**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:**

Monday, February 13 @ 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.

**2016 CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

(continued from last week)

**Isavra Rodrigues**

Mr. & Mrs. Juan Gonzalez

**Edward Mongon**

Clare Mongon

**Donation**

Mr. & Mrs. John De Pinto



**Memorials**  
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<b>12/25/16 Christmas</b>	<b>\$ 29,671.00</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 1,692.20</b>
<b>December Parish Pay</b>	<b>\$ 7,392.63</b>
<b>1/1/17 Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 6,091.00</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>	<b>\$ 1,530.00</b>
<b>1/15/17 Weekly &amp; Energy &amp; Fuel</b>	
<b>Thank you for your generous contributions.</b>	

<b>December Monthly Bills</b>	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 4,501.76
Gas	\$ 1,180.52
Religious Ed. Supplies	\$ 1,137.19
Electricity	\$ 1,135.69
Office Supplies	\$ 1,060.21
Telephone	\$ 828.34
Contracted Services	\$ 533.28
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 461.81
Care of Grounds	\$ 75.00

**New Parishioners**

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

**John, Debra, John Jr. & Kristen Cipriano**  
**Edward & Kathleen Mooney**

**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](http://www.iccannandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx) or call 908-894-2347. Space is Limited!!! \$55 Donation.

**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.



**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:**

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

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.

**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, January 23**  
Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. and all are welcome. 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.

### Lectio Divina in the New Year

Looking for a meaningful New Year's resolution? Seeking to grow in your adult faith? Resolutions can be hard to keep? Want some help? Try Lectio Divina. **New this year, LECTIO DIVINA will be offered at two times! Evening sessions will be on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in St. Rose of Lima Convent beginning January 12. Daytime sessions will resume on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the St. Rose of Lima Parish Center beginning January 13. What is Lectio Divina?** *Lectio Divina* is Latin for "**divine reading**," "spiritual reading," or "holy reading" and represents **a method of prayer** and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God and provide special spiritual insights. There are **eight steps** involved in this prayer form:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Reading of the Gospel (What the Word says)
3. Explanation (What the Word means)
4. Meditation (What the Word means to me)
5. Questions for reflection (What the Word asks of me)
6. Word of Life (What the Word reminds me)
7. Action (What the Word tells me to do)
8. Prayer (What the Word makes me pray)

**Presented by Fr. Michael Brizio, IMC**, this group will study and reflect on the Gospel of the Sunday's liturgy so that it may become a means for God to enlighten, nourish, heal, and continue his conversation with us. We will open ourselves to God's presence in Scripture, and respond with our hearts and actions. There is no experience necessary, and no need to commit to multiple weeks. Since each week's gathering will focus on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, participants may attend every week or simply on the weeks that their schedule permits. What gifts did we promise the newborn King? Will we give Him our heart? For more information, **call Karen Powell at 732-462-7828**. Lectio Divina is also published on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/lectiodivinafrmmichael](http://www.facebook.com/groups/lectiodivinafrmmichael)

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

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

### **CENTERING PRAYER**

Come to learn and pray with Fr. Thomas Keating (DVD) as he leads us deeper into our center and transformation in Christ.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 10am-2pm \$35-\$50  
**LIVE, LAUGH AND BE BLESSED**

Come and experience how joy, laughter and gladness can become spiritual practices and help us to live each moment.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7-9:30pm \$25~45  
**KNITTING AND PRAYER**

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills, prayer and compassion and be rewarded with the satisfaction of creating a prayer shawl. Little or no experience required.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1:30-3:30pm  
Free Will Offering

### **PROFESSIONAL DAY**

HEALING FROM SEXUAL ABUSE:  
THE ROLE OF SPIRITUAL  
DIRECTION AND PSYCHOTHERAPY  
Wednesday, January 25, 9:30am-4pm

\$75~\$100 lunch included

**"BE STILL AND KNOW...!"**

### **CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY FOR TOTAL WELL-BEING**

This workshop will give you an overview of Cranial Sacral Therapy, discuss the many health benefits, demonstrate techniques and offer you a unique opportunity to experience the healing process in the context of a spiritually-grounded environment.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 9:30am-5:30pm  
\$100 (Continental Breakfast, beverages and snacks provided)

**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](mailto:kofc@sienachurch.org) or call (732) 835-2049.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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 we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Jesus.

Our Gospel for this Solemn Feast is one of the most popular stories in the Bible. It is rightly so, for it recognizes the essence of the Gospel story that God has made himself present to us in the person of Jesus, God's only Son, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father. Previously in Matthew's Gospel, He told us that that another name for Jesus would be Emmanuel, God-with-us.

The revelation that Jesus is the Son of God is offensive to some, a contradiction to others, but it is salvation for those who believe in Jesus. The magi are the forerunners of those who would come to believe in Jesus, the first of those people foreseen by the prophet 550 years before Christ would come to Jerusalem seeking the light of God's glory. The Magi are the first of those who would do homage to Jesus who would in a few short years be made known to all nations through the preaching of the Apostles.

The Magi who visited Jesus when he was born, in seeing the star of the King of the Jews at its rising, were to "behold him, but not now." His kingship would not be proclaimed until he had hung on the cross beneath the title King of the Jews, and had been raised up to be seated at the right hand of the father in the resurrection.

We already see in today's readings those who should have embraced his reign as either indifferent to him, such as the chief priests, or seriously threatened by him, such as Herod. Yet, in spite of all the oppositions, people have always given him homage and always will, for as the angel announced to Mary, of his kingdom there will be no end.

January 9 is the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus.

Most of the time we think about Baptism in terms of the washing away of Original Sin. Sometimes we speak of it as dying and rising with Christ. These ways of thinking and speaking about what happens in Baptism are true and important. But reflecting on the event of Jesus' Baptism opens up new perspectives on our own Baptism. In Baptism we, like Jesus, are anointed with God's Spirit and declared to be God's beloved sons and daughters, with whom God is well pleased. In Baptism too, we see the heavens torn open and the ways of God made manifest to us. In Baptism, we too conquer the world through faith.

In other words, in our Baptism, we are given a share in the saving work of Jesus. As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, we have to reflect on our own Baptism and the grace that it brought to us.

Here are some questions to ponder:

Do I concretely share in the ministry of prayer, reflection and service of Jesus? How? In fulfilling the ministry of Jesus I received in Baptism, do I rely and depend on the Holy Spirit?

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

