

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



July 23, 2017



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those who are just must be kind.

- Wisdom 12:19

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

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 & June Hankel

Parish Website:
www.sienachurch.org

Parish Office:
732-938-5375

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732-938-6229

St. Vincent de Paul:
732-938-3454

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732-938-3260

Mass Schedule:
732-938-5375 ext. 6

Last Rites:
732-938-5375 ext. 7

Deacon Dan:
732-938-5375 ext. 3

Parish Bookkeeper:
732-938-5375 ext. 8

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

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 Summer Hours
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed Fridays

Religious Education Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 22, 2017

4:30 PM Marie Eskow
(Joe & Cindy Ventura)

Sunday, July 23, 2017

8:00 AM Al Haligowski
(Conway Family)

10:00 AM John Kelly
(Maryann Engle)

11:30 AM Michael, Filippo & Maria Natilli
(Phillip & Kristin Natilli)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, July 24, 2017

9:00 AM Mary Lou Holmes
(Davis Family)

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

9:00 AM Rosemary Amaral
(St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society)

Thursday, July 27, 2017

9:00 AM William Tucker Mathis
(Quigley Family)

Friday, July 28, 2017

9:00 AM John Arbaczawski
(Wife, Alice)



The Sanctuary light will burn the week of July 22 in memory of Henry Mulholland at the request of Tim Lindon



The St. Catherine of Siena votive light will burn the week of July 22 in memory of Mary Neiland at the request of Ann Albano



The Immaculate Heart of Mary votive light will burn the week of July 22 in memory of Marie Davis at the request of Agnes Rottkamp

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.

7/16/17 Weekly

Diocesan Assessment

\$6,653.00

\$1,214.00

7/30/17 Weekly & St. Vincent de Paul



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO ...

**RYAN LOWE
ASHLEY RUSSO**

who were married at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Friday, July 14, 2017.



**FRANK MALETTO JR.
JENNIFER VIRUET**

who were married at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

MAY GOD BLESS THESE COUPLES WITH A LONG HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER!



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

Eleanor Ganslen (Mother of Stephen)

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

Do you want Babies in the Womb protected by Society and the Law?

Come to an information night on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM to hear about the "20/20 Project," an exciting new pro-life initiative that's got hundreds of individuals and many ministries in New Jersey working together to protect babies in the womb. Meeting will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale. Refreshments will be served. Please call Anne Hilker at 732-239-4438 or email Mary Sillup at mmsillup@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

BRINGING "FORMED" TO ST. CATHERINE'S

The Augustine Institute of Denver CO has teamed up with Dioceses and Parishes throughout the country to harness the power of today's technology to provide never before seen access to the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic Faith. The program called FORMED is somewhat like a Catholic Netflix. FORMED features hundreds of movies, videos, audiotapes and books along with leader, teacher and participant guides. It presents beautiful and deeply compelling content for faith formation, RCIA, sacramental preparation, marriage and family ministry, scripture study, youth ministry, Marian devotion and much more. Through the gift of a generous benefactor and our pastor, Father Angelito, we will be introducing FORMED to St. Catherine's in our various ministries and eventually to our entire parish community. If you are involved in a parish ministry and wish more information please contact the coordinator, Terry Liddy at 732-707-4372. Stay tuned for further updates.

New Parishioners

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

**Mike, Stephanie, Nicholas & Ava Giordano
Albert & Patricia Moffitt**

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Julia Barbato, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Joan & Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski

CATECHISTS NEEDED for the 2017-2018 School Year. If you are willing to share your faith with children, we need teachers for Monday afternoons & evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Call 732-938-6229 or email ccdnews@sienachurch.org.

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2017, October 8, Monmouth County. All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50⁺ wedding anniversary during the 2017 calendar year are invited to gather with family and friends to share the Eucharist, renew your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples Monmouth County may register through their home parish to attend the Sunday, October 8, Mass and Blessing at 3:00 pm at St. Aloysius Parish in Jackson. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 10.

As our parish continues to be involved with the New Evangelization of the Diocese and the whole Catholic Church, we have dedicated parishioners who are bringing this program to St. Catherine of Siena Church. This program is called Walking with Purpose. So what is it? **Walking with Purpose** is a Catholic Bible Study for Women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study group discussion that links our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Please email wpp@sienachurch.org to learn more about this program and how you can be a part of this group that starts in September.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 25, 1-6pm, Saint Mary's Parish, 1 Phalanx Road, Colts Neck. The American Red Cross has an emergency need for blood and platelets. Eligible donors of all types are needed now! Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

There is still time to make a difference in the life of a local child this summer. For over forty years, The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have provided low-income Monmouth County children with a safe, enriching summer at Kateri Day Camp. Kateri is the only full day, full summer camp for these children and it makes a real difference! **Never underestimate the impact of summer camp!** \$70/one day of camp, \$350/one week of camp, \$2,500/full seven weeks of camp. Get some friends together and sponsor a local kid at camp! Visit www.collieryouthservices.org to donate online or mail your contribution to: Collier Youth Services, Campership Appeal, P.O. Box 300, Wickatunk, NJ 07765-0300

Vendors Wanted: Italian Festival: August 17 - 20, 5-10PM, at the Church of Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road, Brick. It's our 17th year and we are bigger and better than ever. Why not be a part of Epiphany's Italia Feast? Rides, Arcade, Food Court, Beer & Wine Garden, Entertainment, Vendors, and Mary's Prayer Garden. Free Parking and No Admission Fees. Call (732) 785-0872 ASAP. Deadline for vendor contract is 8/1.

The Monmouth/Ocean Chapter of the Alumnae Association of the College of St. Elizabeth will hold the annual Scholarship Benefit Luncheon on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 from 11:30-3:00 at the Shadowbrook in Shrewsbury, NJ. Tickets are \$50 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Peggy Ell at ellm922@yahoo.com or Sue Gavin at 732-842-9163.

Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on **Saturday August 12, 2017** at St. William the Abbot R. C. Church, 2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell NJ 07731. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, a speaker, sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 1:00 pm. Jennifer Maher, a wife of 22 years and mother of 8 children, will speak on "I am the Potter, You are the Clay." Jennifer has been active for over 10 years in the Diocese of Trenton, as a CCD teacher and a Pre-Cana group facilitator for "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage." 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 Tuesday, August 8, 2017. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name.

St. Veronica Parish Mega 50/50 Raffle - Dinner/Dance. Tickets on sale now. Cost of each ticket is \$40. Drawing will be held on November 4, 6:00 pm during a costume dinner/dance in St. Veronica Gym, 4215 Hwy 9, Howell, NJ. For more information, please contact the St. Veronica Parish Office at (732)363-4200.

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 Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

There was a desert priest, named is Father Dexter. He had a reputation for holiness, but a story tells that one day a woman in a nearby village accused him of making her pregnant.

Dexter remained silent and did not respond to the accusation, while the villagers came with great zeal to punish and abuse him for what they saw as his hypocrisy. But it happened that the woman had a very difficult delivery and was not able to give birth until she admitted that she had accused the priest falsely. The villagers then all searched for Dexter so that they could ask for his forgiveness for their hasty judgment. But he had fled, not wanting the praises of the world.

Experience teaches us that sometimes it is better to wait before acting too zealously. This is what Jesus is talking about today in the Gospel. He, too, faced a good deal of criticism because he mixed with the wrong sort of people, the tax collectors and the prostitutes. The Pharisees were constantly asking him why he did not observe the law and get rid of those people who were not pure. But he did not change his behavior, for he knew in his heart that some of these sinners would eventually change and repent. After all, he was a divine physician seeking out those who were sick.

In today's Gospel he gives them an answer in the parable of the weeds. A man had sown seeds, but then his servants told him that weeds had appeared. Where did they come from? He could only presume that an enemy had sown them. His servants are ready to spring into action and pull out and destroy the weeds. But the farmer is more prudent. He knows that the weeds and the wheat are quite similar in appearance, and if you start pulling up the weeds you may also destroy the wheat. He advises patience. Wait until harvest time when both wheat and weeds are mature, and then the reapers can cut them and divide them into separate bundles.

Moving forward, Jesus later in this passage gives an explanation of the parable. He explains each point: the Son of Man is the sower of the good seed, the field is the world and the weeds are the subjects of the evil one. He makes it fit into the situation at the end of the world when the final harvest comes and the angels will separate out the agents of the world and the agents of the devil, who will face the final judgment.

Learning from Jesus, he emphasized that the world is not an innocent place. There will always be evil at work in it and that will frustrate the growth of the kingdom. Even in Church communities there will be a mixture of good and bad. Christians should be scandalized but not surprised that sin can exist in the Church. The question is, how should it be dealt with? Sometimes immediate action needs to be taken to root out a poisonous cancer for there is no room for compromising with scandal.

However, there are other occasions when God's forbearance must be recognized and in a sense we are called to imitate it. Sometimes it may be wiser to wait and not judge too quickly. There are zealous people in every community who want to act now and root out what they see as sinners in their influence. But, as Jesus shows, both on an individual and community level we may do more harm than good by rushing in with our hasty judgments. It is better to wait, allowing for change and repentance. This is not a false tolerance of sin, but rather a situation that can occur in families and in parish communities, which need patience. Jesus teaches us to have a deep faith that God is in control. In the end there will be judgment and God will bring about justice. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

