

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



July 30, 2017



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All things work for good
for those who love God.

- Romans 8:28a

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

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

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

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, July 29, 2017

4:30 PM Lauren DiGiovanni
(Gagliano Family)

Sunday, July 30, 2017

8:00 AM William Delaney
(Claire Schoenenberger)

10:00 AM Barbara Mannion
(Patricia Caulfield)

11:30 AM James Dramis
(Deacon James Challender)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, July 31, 2017

9:00 AM Mary Lou Holmes
(Jeff & Colleen Padilla)

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

9:00 AM Arthur Condrup
(Ust Family)

Thursday, August 3, 2017

9:00 AM William Tucker Mathis
(Quigley Family)

Friday, August 4, 2017

9:00 AM Lynn Lupinacci
(Dennis FitzGerald)



The Sanctuary light will burn the week of July 29 in memory of Jeanne Monson at the request of Fred & Sally Sisbarro

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.

7/23/17 Weekly

Energy & Fuel

\$5,260.00

\$1,220.00

8/6/17 Weekly & CO OP Sunday



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

Mary Jean Iorio

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

REMINDER - FAITH to MOVE MOUNTAINS ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Due to the generosity of our parishioners, FTMM finished seventh in our Block 3 of 22 parishes. The pledges amounted to \$464,000, or 80% of our goal of \$580,000. The Diocese has begun sending rebates to the parishes. As in any campaign, there are donors who for one reason or another have made a pledge, but are not fulfilling their commitment. Please prayerfully consider honoring your pledge to this vital undertaking which will secure the resources needed to respond to critical, long-term needs of the Diocese and St. Catherine's.

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.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ST. VERONICA SCHOOL'S MOVIE ON THE MALL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 7:30-9:30PM

\$5 per person, Max \$20/family
BRING YOUR BEACH CHAIRS AND BLANKETS. SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE SOLD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: 732-850-8908 or 914-582-2884



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, Marie Selvaggi, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski

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 wwp@sienachurch.org to learn more about this program and how you can be a part of this group that starts in September.

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.

Help support our NOT-JUST-FOR-THANKSGIVING Food Drive. The Knights of Columbus are teaming up with the St. Vincent de Paul Society to collect canned and boxed food for our local community. Because hunger does not occur just during Thanksgiving, your food donations will help our local needy all year long. The crate to collect your donations will be placed weekly in the church's narthex.

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.

The following summer series will be offered in August at the Upper Room Diocesan Spiritual Center, Neptune. Call (732) 922-0550 or email office@theupper-room.org.

Contemplating Love

Tuesday, August 1, 2017
7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
\$25 - \$40

Three-Day Directed Retreat

Thursday, August 3, 7:00 pm –
Monday, August 7, 10:30 am
Fee: \$300 (four nights)

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Friday, August 25, 7:00 pm – Sunday, August 27, 4:00 pm. \$130.

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Generally, generosity is second nature to many of us. We are born with a kindness that is both part of our character and inspired by the goodness we witness around us. On some occasions, practical circumstances move us to do something extra, and the desire to step in and make a difference in the life of someone in dire need propels us to greater heights. In several instances, our acts of kindness involve sharing our pretty limited resources with others and giving our hard-earned treasures to friends and strangers. In our genuine experience of giving, we must realize that we receive something more precious than what we have given, something intangible, lasting and most of all strengthening.

Ordinary treasures are seen; they are the things we give to others even if we do not have enough. Real treasure is invisible. It is what moves us to share our limited resources with others and open our hearts to them.

Jesus reminds us of such treasure in the Gospel. "The Kingdom of heaven," he tells us, "is like a treasure buried in the field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." It is true that we reap what we sow. Our investment is really a kind of insurance policy that depends greatly on our ability to let go of something. We learn to live meaningfully and acquire a deeper sense of responsibility in relation to how we deal with others and how we make use of what we have. The kingdom of heaven may be already in us, but its treasure is yet to be found or bought.

Despite the difficulties of life, many things are available to us. We could be poor and still young, but acts of kindness are always at our disposal and within our reach. When we commit ourselves to a noble deed, we are making a choice and selecting a side, the side of principled goodness that shuns passivity and throws evil away.

We can be as good and happy as we allow ourselves to be. We set the bar of expectation to a particular level and measure our success against it. As the Lord reminds us, "The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

As we keep on trying, we can achieve more and do more. Each of us is a treasure trove of God's blessings. We have in our hands an endless supply of goodness that we can share with others. For as long as we dare to go and sell what we have, our offer of life to God, we shall find a treasure more precious than gold and a life more fulfilling than our personal ambitions. A great example is St. Augustine. All through his twenties, the intellectually brilliant Augustine wanted to be a Christian, but he was unable to give up his life of indulgence. After God granted him the grace of conversion, Augustine wrote that what he had sacrificed for Jesus Christ was nothing compared to the treasure he had gained. True enough, it will be a treasure that gives us strength and courage to carry our difficult tasks and the joy of finding God in others. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

