

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



March 19, 2017

## Third Sunday of Lent

While we are still sinners  
Christ died for us.

- Romans 5:8

**First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

**Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42**

**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, March 18, 2017**

4:30 PM Sam Guido  
(June & George Hankel)

**Sunday, March 19, 2017**

8:00 AM Patricia Madzin  
(Roy & Pat Cranmer)

10:00 AM Mary Ann Reynolds  
(Anne Hilker)

11:30 AM Mary T. Pellechia  
(Husband, Nick and Family)

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

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

9:00 AM Barbara Quigley Barba  
(Quigley Family)

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

9:00 AM Rev. Lawrence K. Kunnel

**Thursday, March 23, 2017**

9:00 AM Rev. Lawrence K. Kunnel

**Friday, March 24, 2017**

9:00 AM Joseph Rotondo  
(Anne Hilker)

**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.

**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:**

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

**3/12/17 Weekly Maintenance & Repairs \$7,325.00 \$1,680.00**

**3/26/17 Weekly & Catholic Relief Services**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed to the Church:

**Abbie Claire Ferraro**

*We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!*

**NEW Parishioners**

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

**Robert, Christina & Ava Fiorenzo**  
**Joseph, Jennifer & Luke Meagher**



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

**Dorothy Smith**

(Mother of Michael Smith & Teri D'Aromando)

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

***ALL FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT***

***LENTEN SOUP SUPPER @ 6:00 P.M.***

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7:00 P.M.***

This *free* dinner, consisting of soup, bread, and salad will provide an opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter.

**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION!**

**Evangelization - Pastoral Care**

Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual, pastoral and sacramental care of God's suffering people by resourcing the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them. Those who offer pastoral care communicate God's love and compassion 'person-to-person' by offering spiritual and sacramental support, including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest. We connect with healthcare institutions, medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and well-being of Catholic patients. Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel.

Sunday Mass during Lent has been different as people called “the elect” and “candidates” have been called forth to the altar. RCIA is mainly for these two groups of people: the unbaptized and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Church. Our Church prepares to welcome these participants in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion & Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil Mass.

But RCIA is not only for those seeking full initiation into the Church; RCIA involves the whole Christian community. We invite our parish community to join us in celebrating the 3 scrutinies with our Catechumen (Elect) and Candidates as they journey closer to the Sacraments of initiation. As a Community we ask you to embrace, welcome and pray for them. **On Sunday March 19, 2017 at the 10:00 AM Mass, Saturday March 25, 2017 at the 4:30 PM Mass and Sunday April 2, 2017 at the 10 :00 AM Mass we will celebrate the 3 Scrutinies. We also invite you to the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer at the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 and the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday April 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM.**

Scrutinies, Rites of Repentance and self-searching, offer the Catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of Baptism worthily. For those who are already baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter we renew our baptismal promises as we see the Catechumens baptized. So during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the Catechumens scrutinized. The scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.



**St. Catherine of Siena R.C.I.A. Catechumen & Candidates**

*Kristi, Jennifer, Mia (in front), Cristian, Teresa, Angus*

The St . Vincent de Paul Society has a client in need of a car. If you or someone you know is thinking about or has a car that they would like to donate please call 732-928-3454 and leave a message on our hotline number. Thank you for your consideration.

**Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer**

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive Tuesdays, March 21, 28, and April 4 from 9:30am till 3:00pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1 Holmdel. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, administrative support and special projects to support our mission of caring and compassion. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. To register, please call (732) 224-6933. For more information about volunteer services visit [www.vnahg.org/volunteering](http://www.vnahg.org/volunteering).

**NOBODY TOLD ME, MARCH 25.** We can look forward to this passionate presentation by Pam Stenzel, nationally know speaker on the need for chastity and living a clean life. This is for 8th graders and up, as well as all parents. Your child will be empowered by this presentation! Go to [cimpar@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:cimpar@dioceseoftrenton.org) and to register go to [stcatharine.net/religious-education/](http://stcatharine.net/religious-education/).

**HEALING MASS**

Many people are not aware that the anointing of the sick is NOT just for those about to die. This powerful Sacrament benefits most of us for various ailments such as those suffering from grief, addiction, mental illness, anxiety, disease, and upcoming surgery, taking care of someone aging or sick, a child with special needs, a difficult pregnancy, etc. We all need some form of healing whether that is physical, emotional or spiritual and although every mass is a healing mass, the anointing of the sick is powerful. Please join us on Saturday, March 25th at 8:30 am. Refreshments will follow in the hall at Sacred Heart Church, 752 Main Ave Bay Head. Call 732-899-1398 or Contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com.

### **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; and 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,

This Sunday, our RCIA candidates are entering the Period of Enlightenment. The rites for the First Scrutiny are going to be done today. We ask the whole parish community to include in our special intentions and prayers our candidates seeking full communion in our Catholic Church.

Everyone is invited to join our faithful and dedicated Rosarians as they recite the Holy Rosary at 9:30 AM Sunday in the Church. Let us be mindful that prayers are so powerful and effective as we believe in the intercessions of the Blessed Mother Mary. Who else is the closest to her Son Jesus, but her.

The 7th Grade students in our Religious Education Program as well as their parents, family, friends and dedicated Catechists are going to be with us today at the 11:30 Sunday Liturgy. Let us give them a warm welcome and pray for them as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year.

A story was told about a little child who came home from his religion class in school and his mother asked him what he learned. He answered, "all about Moses; how God sent Moses behind enemy lines to rescue God's people who were slaves in Egypt. The teacher told them how Moses led them as far as the Red Sea. Then he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge so all the people could cross the sea. Then Moses blew up the bridge by dynamite after they crossed the bridge so that the Egyptians could not chase them. And then all God's people traveled safely through a desert to the Promised Land." His mother said, "Now, Al, is that what the teacher really taught you?" Al responded, "Well, no mom, but if I told you the way she really told us, you would never believe it."

For us it takes a lot of faith to believe in all the miracles mentioned in the Scriptures. Today we hear about another one as God miraculously provides water from a rock for his people during their desert journey. Today John tells us about Jesus who desires to offer all who would believe in him, his living water, a miracle infinitely more wondrous than the fountain of youth. Jesus smartly introduces the idea by asking for a drink. The Samaritan was shocked, not only because Samaritans and Jews hated one another and had nothing to do with one another, but also in that culture men never spoke with women in public, least of all one who was a stranger. By Jesus offering living water, he was intentionally vague, offering something she would see as a great convenience, without having any idea how precious a gift he offers. Notice how Jesus controls the conversation and he keeps directing her to faith in himself.

We have to understand that living water is not the only image or sign Jesus uses to reveal who he is and the eternal life he came to bring us; he refers to himself as the bread of Life, the Light of the world, the Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God etc. just to name a few of the images of Jesus. As we journey in faith with Jesus this Lenten season, as we have learned from the readings this Sunday, the more we engage with Jesus in prayers and reflection, despite so many distractions, the more that Jesus seeks to direct and lead us into a deeper relationship with himself and with the Father. Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

