

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



March 5, 2017



## First Sunday of Lent

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
And him alone shall you serve."

- Matthew 4:10

**First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11**

**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 4, 2017**

4:30 PM Theresa Zygmund  
(Donna Lee)

**Sunday, March 5, 2017**

8:00 AM Marie Sardone  
(Son, Frank & Debi)

10:00 AM Patricia Bicica  
(Julie DeLuca)

11:30 AM Joan Meehan  
(Lorraine & Neal Pronek)

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

**Monday, March 6, 2017**

9:00 AM Patricia Bicica  
(Julie DeLuca)

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

9:00 AM Dominic Rizzo  
(Marshall & Christine Coakley)

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

9:00 AM Jill Thielmann  
(Talcott Family)

**Friday, March 10, 2017**

9:00 AM John Donato Jr.  
(Pam & Leon Davison)

**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

**2/26/17 Weekly**

**\$6,262.00**

**Central & Eastern Europe \$1,190.00**

**3/12/17 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs**

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

***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.

Rosary Altar Society would like to thank everyone for helping to make the Valentine Bake Sale a success. Your support and donations are greatly appreciated. The Rosary will be collecting for the Mothers Day Baby Shower starting April 22 thru May 7. Items donated will be given to local groups that help support young mothers and their babies. We invite you to join us in reciting the Rosary the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30 before the 10am Mass. New Members are Welcome!

**New Parishioners**

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

**Joseph & Susan Miller**

**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION!**

**Evangelization**

Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 50,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 300 adults are brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese each year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith. Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annulment Information Sessions annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. The session in our county is on March 15, 7:30-9:00 PM at St. Thomas More in Manalapan. Email [rrnoore@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:rrnoore@dioceseoftrenton.org) or call 609-406-7434.

**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](http://cwoz.org) or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than March 7. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name.

### **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, NJ. 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 Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933. For more information about volunteer services visit [www.vnahg.org/volunteering](http://www.vnahg.org/volunteering).

### **Feast of the Annunciation 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. Don't believe me? Come and check it out for yourself. Please join us on Saturday, March 25th at 8:30 am and bring a friend. Refreshments will follow in the hall at Sacred Heart Church, 752 Main Ave Bay Head. Contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or call 732-899-1398.

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

**Lenten Taize Prayer:** Monday, March 6, 7:30-8:30 pm

**Grief and Loss:** Tuesday, March 7, 7:00-9:30 pm, \$25 ~\$45

**Lenten Silence and Solitude Day:** Thursday, March 9, 9:30 am-2:00 pm, 30~\$45 (sliding scale)

**Celtic Spirituality:** Tuesday, March 14, 9:30 am-4:00 pm, \$75~\$100

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** Friday, March 17 – Sunday, March 19

Arrival – 7:00 pm, Friday - Departure – 4:00 pm, Sunday \$130

**Centering Prayer:** Tuesday, March 21, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, \$35-\$50

**Mary at the Foot of the Cross:** Tuesday, March 21, 7:00-9:30 pm, \$25~\$45

**Knitting and Prayer:** Wednesday, March 22, 1:30-3:30pm  
Free Will Offering

**Directed Prayer Weekend:** March 24-26, \$185 (Two nights)

Friday, 7:00 pm-Sunday, 3:00 pm

To register for all programs, at least 5 days in advance, please call (732) 922-0550 or email [office@theupper-room.org](mailto:office@theupper-room.org) to register.

### **2016 Tax Statement**

If you use ENVELOPES and need a year end tax statement for 2016, please EMAIL your request to [sienastatements@gmail.com](mailto: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.

St. Veronica School will be holding its 33rd annual dinner and gift auction on March 31 at 7:00 pm at South Gate Manor in Freehold. Tickets are \$60 and are on sale now. Ticket forms and information are available by calling Jennifer Jarecki at 732-299-2477 or visit [www.stveronicaschool.com](http://www.stveronicaschool.com).

The New Day Bereavement Support Group held by The Parish of Saint Mary Ministry of Consolation, One Phalanx Road, Colts Neck invites you to participate in a nine week program for those who are grieving the death of loved ones and want to work through the tasks of grief in a structured way using the New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing. The sessions include readings, reflection, sharing and journaling. The program will meet at 7 pm in the Spiritual Center's Chapel. Starts Tuesday, April 18, ends Tuesday, June 14. For information call 732-462-8088.

Join Msgr. Sam Sirianni,  
Fr. Daniel Peirano  
& Fr. Anthony Sirianni,  
on a trip to the Holy Land  
November 12-20, 2017

For complete details please join us for a meeting on March 27, at 7:00pm  
St. Robert Bellarmine  
61 Georgia Road, Freehold NJ  
or contact Graycar Travel 800-214-6723.

Food donations to the church are distributed to the needy by the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and by Joshua House. Thank you for your generosity.

### **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,

As Lenten Season began last Wednesday, let us show our act of charity and almsgiving to the Missionaries of the Poor, Haiti Mission this weekend as they are making a Food Drive Appeal. Please support the drive by giving your monetary contributions for they really need our help. Thank you so much.

This week, specifically on Monday, March 6, there is going to be a joint Lenten Reconciliation for the parish and with our Religious Education students at 4:45 and 6:15 PM. On Wednesday, March 8 at 4:45, reconciliation will be for the remaining religious education students.

Please avail yourself of these wonderful opportunities to be reconciled and receive forgiveness and absolution. We have invited other priests in the neighboring parishes to help us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent.

The story of the Fall, which we heard in today's first reading, endlessly fascinates us in as much as it is also the story of everyman and everywoman, of each one of us. At some point in our life we all face the possibility of a fall when we are tempted to "be like gods." It may occur through the betrayal of a person we love, through a lie that has serious effects, or a business practice that destroys other people for the advance of our own career, or it may be for the sake of profit.

Consequently, we are like our first parents, Adam and Eve, who chose to go against God and to be satisfied by eating fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. As the story tells us, the serpent tempts Eve, who then tempts Adam. Both of them choose and wish to be like gods. Notice the effects of sin that bring about the downfall of others. The results are disastrous; the relationship with God is obviously broken, their own relationship is damaged. They feel ashamed of themselves to the point that they find it hard to look at each other. As a consequence, they will be expelled from the garden of Eden, and will need to work for their living and experience the suffering of hard labor and toil. However, God is so remarkably forgiving and did not forget them, and is abundantly merciful to them, because God wants them to find a way back to God's love. As we call to mind the history of our salvation, God has brought to us the new Adam, Christ, who will be born of the Virgin Mary. He will be tempted as we heard in the Gospel, but will conquer the devil. We receive the hope and we believe that we can do the same with God's grace. The Lord forgives us when we return to him in the sacrament of reconciliation and our hearts are cleansed.

Here are some recommended Lenten observances and practices that we can do.

First, prayer opens the heart and helps us to listen to God's word. When we allow the word to echo in our hearts and penetrate down into the depths, it will help us grow in knowledge of God's mercy and love. Second, the invitation to fast expands our hearts so that we become more aware of the ways that we so often focus on satisfying our needs and desires rather than being willing to open up our hearts to our neighbors. From experience, we realize that Fasting can make us more grateful for what we have received and more generous to others in their need. Third, we can develop our Lenten exercises by giving to others, especially through almsgiving and charitable works. This exercise helps us to focus on the needs of our neighbor.

Let us be mindful that without God's grace we cannot focus on these exercises by ourselves. Let us ask God's help so that our Lenten journey of faith is complete when we arrive at Easter Sunday. Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

