

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

OFFICE HOURS
Mon—Thurs: 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m.—12:45 p.m.
Religious Education
Monday: 10 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

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Second Sunday of *Advent*

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

PARISH INFORMATION PASTOR

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

WEEKEND ASSISTANT

Rev. Alfred Burke

DEACON

Daniel Sakowski

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—4:30 p.m.

Sunday—8 a.m. / 10 a.m. /
11:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

MAIN CHURCH 9 a.m./7 p.m.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL

One West Main Street

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—9 a.m.

Tuesday—9 a.m.

Thursday—9 a.m.

Friday—9 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st FRIDAY 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday after 9 a.m. Mass

PARISH OFFICE: 732-938-5375 • OFFICE OF REL. ED: 732-938-6229 • PARISH FAX: 732-938-3260

WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER



Dec 8 SAT.	4:30 pm	Kathleen Fitzgerald Req. by Mom & Dad Donald Klein Req. by Nancy and Ellen
Dec 9 SUN	8:00 am	Frank Zillitto Req. by the Callari Family
	10:00 am	Michael Kelly Req. by Anne Hilker and Patty Joyce Katherine Modero Req. by Christopher & Samantha Keegan
	11:30 am	Rose Cantatore Req. by husband, Luigi Angelina Gorda Req. by Joan Buklarewicz
Dec 10 MON	9:00 am	Margaret Sagan Req. by Betty & Luis Cartagena
Dec 11 TUES	9:00 am	Aracelis Perez Req. by Joseph Aulisi & Family
Dec 13 THURS	9:00 am	Helen Steinecke Req. by John & Stephanie Harakal
Dec 14 FRI	9:00 am	Frank Basto Req. by Joseph Aulisi & Family Peter Bennett "Living Intention" Req. by the Giakas Family

Please Pray For the Sick and All Those Who Have Asked For Our Prayers:

MaryAnn Aulisi	John Hart	Jeanette Picciani
Peter Bennett	Lori Jones	David Piccolo
Jean & Mike Burke	Janice Kehoe	Barbara Sansevere
Joseph Cocuzza	Charles "Butch" Lavin	Lenore Sears
Nancy Drake	Barbara Lipari	Nancy Soper
Mary Flannery	Lauren MacArthur	Wayne Sos
Bob Fort	Teresa Magyar	Yolanda Spinelli
Sharon Foster	Margie McCullam	Ilona Supczynski
Marlene Gravatt	Amber Painter	Melissa Tortorello
	Esther Peraza	Roseann Williams

Advent Prayer Reflection From the Homily of Rev. Angelito Anarcon December 2, 2018



My brothers and sisters as we begin the season of Advent, the Church reminds us that Jesus is the reason for the season, the reason for Christmas. In our culture evidently, we are in the midst of the rushing and hustle and bustle of our existence in life and to get everything ready for Christmas. We do not want to forget that Jesus is the reason for Christmas. Keep in mind that Jesus asked us to pray. And if we are too busy to pray, then we really are too busy. As St. Paul reminds us on how to use our time,
"we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants..." (1 Thes 4:1)

How do we spend our time? We need to stay away from what is a waste of time and not too good for us and instead to "stay awake, praying at all times..." The following brief poem helps us to reflect and be mindful about how we use our time every day:

**I knelt to pray but not for long, I had too much to do.
 I had to hurry and get to work, for bills would soon be due.
 So I knelt and said a hurried prayer, and jumped up off my knees.
 My Christian duty was now done, my soul could rest at ease.
 All day long I had no time, to spread a word of cheer.
 No time to speak of Christ to friends, they'd laugh at me I'd fear.
 No time, no time, too much to do, that was my constant cry.
 No time to give to souls in need. But at last the time,
 the time to die. I came, I stood with downcast eyes,
 for in his hands God held a book:
 It was the Book of Life. God looked into his book and said
 "I waited for you each day my child, I sent my Son Jesus for you
 But the time for him you rarely found..."
 - Author Unknown**

How do we use our time? Here is another interesting poem.

**Take time to think... it is the source of power.
 Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.
 Take time to play, it is the secret of staying young.
 Take time to be quiet, it is the opportunity to seek God.
 Take time to be aware, it is the opportunity to help others.
 Take time to love and be loved, it is the greatest gift.
 Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
 Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
 Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of.
 Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.
 This season of Advent the Church calls us to take time for Jesus.
 - Author Unknown**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The RCIA team of St. Catherine, together with the whole parish community are so happy to have new candidates who are seeking full communion with the Church. As a people of faith, we are going to witness and be an important part for the Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance at the 11:30 AM Mass today.

Tonight at 7 PM in the Church, we are going to continue with our exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayers and Benediction as we are eagerly preparing for the coming of the Lord into our hearts and minds this Advent Season. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer and fellowship with refreshments in the hall following the service.

The season is here to be ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus into our hearts and minds. The Religious Education students of our parish are going to have their reconciliation/confession on Monday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 12. We invite all our parishioners to take this opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord in confession. There will be several local priests to hear confessions and give absolution.

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.

Do you notice how specific Luke is about when John the Baptist received the word of God? Luke's list of political and religious leaders makes clear that John ministered at a specific time and place, just as Jesus was born during a specific historical time. God seeks us out in various times and situations. Our readings make clear that God constantly seeks to be with us and will come again to bring mercy and justice, knowledge and light, and offer saving love to all flesh.

Life could be described as a series of consecutive "nows." Any now could be our last. Just recently I learned about a good friend who had a massive heart attack while taking his morning walk. He died a few days ago at the age of 48. So, I ask myself, how can God's love increase more and more in me today? What do I really value? How can my faith in Jesus make a concrete difference today to all those people who are in my life now? Do I prepare the way of the Lord by means of willingness to face hurt in ways that offer mercy and justice, in ways that seek God's economy to face darkness and sin in ways that shine with the light of God's consolation, hope, and peace? Let us ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to allow us to do great things so that we can be filled with joy today. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



CHRISTMAS AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH



WELCOME CHRISTMAS

ADVENT

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays 3:30—4:00 pm

Monday, December 10 · 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 12 · 4:30 pm

Advent Benediction & Prayer Service & Fellowship

Sunday, December 2 · 7:00 pm · Church

Sunday, December 9 · 7:00 pm · Church

Sunday, December 16 · 7:00 pm · Church

Sunday, December 23 · 7:00 pm · Church

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8 · 9:00 am · Church

Simbang Gabi

Friday, December 21, 2018

Recitation of Rosary · 7 pm · Church

Mass 7:30 pm · Church

8:30 pm Reception Parish Hall

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24 · 4:00 pm

6:00 pm—Children's Mass · 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

8:00 am · 10:00 am · 11:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29 · 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 30 · 8:00 am · 10:00 am · 11:30 am

Masses for New Year's Day

Monday, December 31 · 9:00 am · Chapel

Tuesday, January 1 · 9:00 am · Chapel

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 5, 4:30 pm

Sunday, January 6, 8:00 am · 10:00 am · 11:30 am

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



First Friday Devotion in December will be observed by having the Liturgy in the Chapel. However, we are not going to have the Exposition Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as the Exposition and Benediction will be honored on the four Sunday's of Advent.

ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, December 1/2 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,778.00	185 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,377.00	134 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,282.00	123 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,482.00	145 people
Totals	\$5,919.00	587 people
Online Giving Nov 26 — Dec 2	\$2,725.99	62 donors

2018 ACA GOAL—\$44,000.00
December 3, 2018

Raised—\$38,187.00
Needed to Reach Goal—\$5,813.00
87% of Goal
Donors 170
Paid Pledges—\$35,896.70
Pledge Balance—\$2,290.30

*Please prayerfully consider helping
 St. Catherine's meet our goal!
 The deadline to contribute is **December 31.**
 A sincere thank you to all who
 have made a donation!
 Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

Second Collection

Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,200.00
Christmas Flowers	\$405.00



December 8 & 9 Collection Immaculate Conception & Retirement Fund for Religious

November Expenses

Care of Grounds	\$1,069.95
Religious Education Supplies	\$702.49
Office Supplies	\$1,211.65
Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	\$324.26
Electric	\$872.28
Telephone/Internet/Cable	\$1,351.83
Waste	\$123.98
Water	\$131.24
Gas	\$697.01
Liturgical Supplies	\$1,239.90
Printing	\$147.48
TOTALS	\$7,872.07

Weekly Offering

2019 ENVELOPES

We have a new envelope company, Cathedral Corp. for 2019. For those who used envelopes in 2018, your envelopes will be mailed to your home every 2 months. January and February envelopes will be mailed in December. March and April envelopes will be mailed in February, and so on. If you no longer want envelopes because you have switched to WeShare Online Giving, please contact the Parish Office. If you go away for an extended time, please update the Parish Office with the dates you will be away.

If you do not receive your new envelopes by the end of December, please contact the Parish Office. Your first envelope is dated January 1, 2019.

The Parish Office phone number is 732-938-5375 and email is frontoffice@sienachurch.org



We are so happy to welcome new members to our Parish family! We invite you to stop by the Parish Office, Mon.-Thur. 9 am - 2 pm or Sunday, 9 am—12:45 pm., for registration, to learn about our various ministries and to receive offertory envelopes.

Young Adults who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or are employed full-time, are encouraged to register under their own name.

For address changes, including a change in Parish, please stop by the office or call us at 732-938-5375.

We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our services.



Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish community online as it does benefit our parish in so many important ways. To get started with online giving, go to sienachurch.org, click on the Online Giving logo, and follow the easy registration steps. For assistance, please contact the parish office at 732-938-5375.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Sponsored by Our Knights of Columbus Council
Hot and Cold Breakfast Hot Cocoa and More!
Sunday, December 16, 2018
After the 10 am and 11:30 am Masses
Parish Hall
All are Welcome!

Save the Date....
Youth Group Meeting
December 12 at 6 pm

Altar Server Training
December 17 at 5:45 pm & 7:15 pm
December 19 pm at 5:45 pm

Thank You St. Catherine of Siena Children's Choir
A beautiful performance at the Christmas Carol Festival
hosted by the parish of St. Veronica.



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

John and Fran Cundari

The Gervasi Family
Steven, JennaMarie, Leah & Jocelynn

Warmth and Prayers, We Welcome You
into Our Family of Faith.

May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.
And especially for:



Mary E. Flannery

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



Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we Welcome to
the Church:

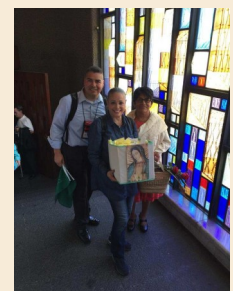
ELI MARTIN APPEGATE
CHARLI MARIE CARACCIOLA
CARLY MARIE KEEGAN
JAMES QUENTEN PETRUCHA
ADAM STILES RIHACEK JR.

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



Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Intentions of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Arrived at Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City Pilgrimage
with Bishop David O'Connell



PARISH EVENTS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH WELCOMES SIMBANG GABI

Advent Novena of Masses

Friday, December 21, 2018 7 PM—Church • 8 PM Reception —Parish Hall



Simbang Gabi is a tradition held by Filipino Catholics to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Also known as *Misa de Gallo* (“Mass of the Rooster”), the tradition began in the 1600s in the Philippines where church bells would start ringing as early as 3:00 a.m. during the last nine days of Advent leading up to Christmas. The bells and the loud crowing of the roosters awakened the townspeople for 4:00 a.m. or 5:00 a.m. Mass and allowed farmers and fishermen and their families to go to Mass before they worked in the fields or when they came back from the seas in the early hours of the morning. The Filipino Catholics brought the tradition to the United States. And since the cold December weather would not allow them to celebrate at dawn, the celebration was held at night. Thus, the tradition became known as Simbang Gabi, which literally means “**Night Mass.**”

The *Monmouth County Simbang Gabi Community* invites *all* to the 9 consecutive nights of the Simbang Gabi. Each of the 9 Night Masses is held in a different church within Monmouth County. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, December 14 at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Robert Bellarmine, Freehold
Principal Celebrant/Homilist: Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton

Saturday, December 15 at Saint Ann Church, Keansburg

Sunday, December 16 at Holy Innocents Church, Neptune

Monday, December 17 at Saint Benedict Church, Holmdel

Tuesday, December 18 at Saint Catharine Church, Holmdel

Wednesday, December 19 at Saint Michael’s Church, Long Branch

Thursday, December 20 at Saint Anselm Church, Tinton Falls

Friday, December 21 at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Farmingdale

Saturday, December 22 at Saint Joseph Church, Keyport

All 9 nightly Masses will start at 7:30 p.m. and are preceded by Rosary and Confession at 7:00 p.m.

