



St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

January 21, 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office Hours
Monday-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

Diocese of Trenton
Most Reverend
David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Pastor
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Weekend Assistant
Rev. Alfred Burke

Deacon
Deacon Daniel Sakowski

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Kyle Galante

Religious Education Secretary
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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

Baptisms:
2nd Sunday of the month 12:30 PM Church

Baptism Classes:
Last Monday of the month 7:30 PM Classroom 10

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
2nd/4th Sundays 11:30 AM Church

Confessions:
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Holy Day Masses:
9:00 AM & 7:00 PM Main Church

Homebound Ministry:
If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, contact the Parish Office.

Knights of Columbus

If interested, please contact Mark Dalton, Grand Knight 732-233-0842

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:
Pray Sunday, January 21, 11:00 AM before 11:30 AM Mass Church

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
732-938-3454
February 19 @ 7:00 PM Parish Hall

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 20, 2018

4:30 PM Mary Jean Iorio
(Michele & Joe Stuart)

Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:00 AM Frank Percaccio
(Wife, Mary Ann)

10:00 AM Tim Angelini
(Phyllis Hurley)

11:30 AM Olichenne Woods
(John & Nancy Doran)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, January 22, 2018

9:00 AM Arthur "Butchie" Bitz
(Michael & Mary Burke)

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

9:00 AM Theresa Hobday
(Sister, Marie)

Thursday, January 25, 2018

9:00 AM George Hankel
(John & Stephanie Harakal)

Friday, January 26, 2018

9:00 AM Patricia Bicica
(Julie DeLuca)



**The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.**
— Mark 1:15

First Reading — Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel — Mark 1:14-20



ALTAR FLOWERS

for this weekend are offered for:

Mother, Greta and Brother, Jeffrey Krulan
at the request of Stephanie (Krulan) and
John Harakal

GIFT

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.

—Anonymous

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

MaryAnn Aulisi, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Barbara Lipari, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski

Sunday Collection

Week of: 1/14/18

Weekly First Collection	\$ 6,876.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 1,288.00

Next Weekend's Collection

Week of: 1/28/18

Weekly First Collection & Church in Latin America



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

Emmett Thomas Ventre

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



What could be better than a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter day? Please help the Rosary Altar Society make our fifth annual "**Soup-er Bowl**" a success. We will be collecting cans of soup and non-perishable items (pasta, spaghetti sauce, PB & J, cereals, napkins, toilet paper, tissues, etc.) from the weekend of January 6/7, 2018 through February 4, 2018 Super Bowl Sunday. We will use these items to stock the St. Vincent de Paul "Emergency Food Closet" and any extra food will be taken to Joshua House. Please drop all contributions off in the narthex of the church. ***Please check the expiration dates*** Thank you and God Bless.



Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how Scripture applies to your everyday life?

If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose at St. Catherine of Siena.

Opening Your Heart, our 22-week foundational Bible study is designed for women new to Walking with Purpose as well as those with more Bible study experience. Purchase the Opening Your Heart study guide at

<https://wwpstore.com/collections/study-guides>.

Weekly group sessions began on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 in our Parish Hall at 10 a.m. The 2018 evening program is now forming. For registration and program information, please e-mail wwp@sienachurch.org or visit the parish website, sienachurch.org.

Dear Parishioners,

Today after the 10 and 11:30 Masses, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for coffee and refreshments. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new faces, to have some light conversation and fellowship. Let us make use of this time to make new friends and welcome our new parishioners as we make them comfortable in our parish family. It is always a wonderful feeling to belong and to be a part of a family of God for we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today we celebrate the THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

One of the most interesting and intriguing stories in the Bible is the tale of Jonah. We call him the runaway prophet. Jonah is asked by God to go to the great city of Nineveh and tell the people that God is going to destroy them in forty days. Jonah believes that God is so merciful, therefore, the city will not be destroyed. If this is Jonah's first mission, it is also his first refusal. Instead of going to Nineveh, he decides to go to Spain. He thought that in Spain no one would laugh at him for being a failure.

Jonah makes the mistake of thinking he can travel out of God's reach, but he is in for a big surprise. He buys his ticket, boards the ship, and settles down to sleep for the trip. There is a huge storm and the ship threatens to break up. While all the sailors are busy praying and throwing cargo, Jonah is fast asleep. The captain orders him to get up and pray, and when Jonah sees how close disaster is for everyone, he admits that he is the cause and tells the sailors to throw him overboard. Since tossing passengers overboard is not permitted for sailors, they are hesitant to oblige, but when the seas grow rougher, they change their mind. With Jonah overboard there is calm again.

Then Jonah, who is not good at keeping his mouth shut, meets a whale, not keeping its jaws shut. The image is easy to imagine: Jonah is taken into the depths to be born again. God sends Jonah on a renewal course for a few days.

Jonah has the chance to repent. He is in the depths; he must face himself and what is asked of him. He prays, he reflects. He remembers and promises to fulfill the word of God. When that happens, he is delivered out of the depths and he finds himself on land. And when Jonah is back, the word of God is addressed to him a second time: "Up! Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to."

Jonah obeys. He goes into the city and tells the people that all of them will be destroyed in forty days. It is proclaimed as certain. Everyone pays attention. The king and his ministers command the people to renounce their evil deeds. They hope that if they repent, so too will God.

God repents when the people repent. Everyone is overjoyed. All except one. While the people rejoice, Jonah leaves the city. As he suspected from the beginning, God has a habit of forgiveness. So Jonah argues again with God. He has been put to shame. The prophet has proved a failure. Jonah decides to sit in the hot sun until he dies. But God causes a tree to grow, to shade his prophet. Jonah feels better. But God causes the tree to die, and then Jonah feels sorry for the tree. But God has the last word: He asks Jonah why he is sorry for the tree. Should God not feel sorry for Nineveh, where many thousands of people live?

Jonah is obsessed with being right and he is willing to see all the people perish to be proved right. However, the prophet has to learn that the point of prophecy is not accuracy but repentance. He has to learn that it is never too late to repent.

True enough, the story of Jonah holds out hope for all of us. In that story everyone repents, Jonah himself, the people of Nineveh, even God. What is the good news? That no one is tied to a planned date; no one is doomed to embrace disaster. By choosing to repent we can change our lives. Punishment that has been planned can always be cancelled. Things can change. Amen.

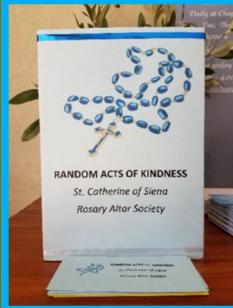
May God bless us,
Father Angelito

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet Sunday, January 28th at the 11:30 am Mass. All children in grades K-4 (ages 5 -10) are invited to participate. Young children are given the opportunity to listen to a children's version of Sunday's readings and Gospel stories at their own level of understanding and participate in activities that bring the readings to life. Each Sunday's Liturgy of the Word is enriched and modified to make it important and relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. To sign up for this month's sessions, please email cloy@sienachurch.org.



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Cantors and Choir members are needed for St. Catherine's Music Ministry. If you would love to be part of our ministry of giving to the Glory of God through music please come and join us! We are planning for special liturgies and a possible concert series. Contact our Music Director, Alice, at akovach9@aol.com to sign up and begin a journey of learning and growing with your Parish. The choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Church.



The Rosary Altar Society will continue the Random Acts of Kindness project until May when we will offer up all of these kind acts to Mary in conjunction with the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Look for the small box on the table in the narthex, write your random act of kindness on one of the little cards by the box, and drop the card into the box.



We invite all parishioners to join the Society as we pray the Rosary on Sunday, January 21 at 11:00 am before the 11:30 am Mass at the Church.



January 21, 2018-3rd Sunday Ordinary Time-Year B



Sharing the Gospel

Jesus will teach you to catch others for him. You can catch fish by putting food in front of them. People need soul food to be close to God. People want to go to heaven with God. Tell them that Jesus loves them and died on the cross for them. Tell them he wants everyone to do good. Then people will gladly come into his net. They will be at peace because Jesus will give them everything they need.

Prayer

Lord, help me stay hooked on you.

Mission for the Week

Each morning I will pray that more people follow the ways of Jesus.

Read the Gospel and Color



Please don't forget to pick up your 2018 offertory envelopes.



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

James Gratton (Husband of Dorothy)

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

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2017 Tax Statement

If you use ENVELOPES and need a year end tax statement for 2017, please EMAIL your request to 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 online giving, you will be receiving instructions directly from them on how to print out your reports.

If you are in need of a letter for tax purposes for your 2017 donations to St. Vincent de Paul, please send an email to SVDPaid@gmail.com and request a copy of your donations. As always, thank you for your generous support of our ministry.

Have you signed up yet for **FORMED**, an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and e-books On Demand anytime, anywhere? As a member, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. This resource is provided to our parishioners, free of charge, to help you learn and grow in your faith. You will also be able to easily access any featured content promoted within the **FORMED** community from time to time. So sign up now if you have not already done so.

Also, once you have signed up, don't forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put **FORMED** at your fingertips.

We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift; please spread the word to others.

To sign up for FREE, just go to
<https://sienachurch.formed.org>.

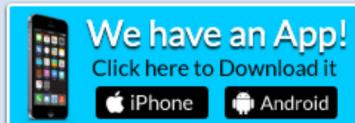
Our Pastor, Father Angelito, has determined that due to the rising incidence of flu and other communicable diseases, it is prudent to distribute Holy Communion under the form of bread only, and to omit the exchange of peace among members of the congregation. These changes, which are consistent with the Roman Missal, will continue until conditions improve.

The Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Holy Family Church, 1139 East County Line Road, Lakewood NJ 08701. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 8:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 12:00 pm. Speakers Carol Bulcroft and Colleen Kelly-Rayner will share "Hugged by Mary." 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, February 6, 2018. Leave your phone number and spell your last name.

Lenten opportunities from Sacred Heart Church in Bay Head, 751 Main Ave: **Bible Study** on Mondays, day & evening sessions, 9-11:30 am or 6:30-9 pm. Starting Feb 12-March 19. ALL are welcome. \$15 to register, please specify day or evening session to DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or 732-899-1398. **Stations of the Cross**, Fridays, 9 am in the Church, February 16 & 23, March 9, 16, & 23. March 2 in lieu of Stations on First Friday we will have a special Holy Hour on the theme "Forgiveness" with musical talent Lorrie Tomlinson.

St. Veronica School will be holding its annual dinner and gift auction on March 2nd at 7:00 at the South Gate Manor in Freehold. Tickets are on sale now. Ticket forms and information are available at www.stveronicaschool.com or call 732-299-2477.

SMART PHONE USERS We now have a mobile App! Go to **SCOSNJ.Catholic.Cloud** right on your iPhone or Android to get it. It's free! You'll be able to get up-to-the-minute announcements, check out the Mass schedules, call the parish office with one push of a button and more. We'd like your feedback!



Be a Voice for the Voiceless!
Don't wait! - - Get involved this year!
January 2018 will mark 45 years of legalized abortion in the US



Mass for Life/Rally for Life in Trenton

Monday, January 22, 2018 – 45th Anniversary of Roe v Wade

Join hundreds of people from all over New Jersey who oppose the killing of the innocent unborn through abortion as we *PRA Y* and *RALLY* for *LIFE*! This day will be Pro-Life, Pro-Woman and Pro-Family! **Join Bishop O'Connell for a Mass for Life** at 9:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren St., Trenton. Find directions to the Cathedral at: saintmaryscathedral-trenton.org/directions/. Parking on street may be metered. There is a reasonable public parking garage on Warren St. just down the street and across from the Cathedral. After Mass, we will process to the Statehouse Annex, 131 W. State St. (next to the State House) for the **Rally for Life** which will begin at 11:00 am and end at about 1:00 pm. Signs will be provided by NJ Right to Life. Come to hear Pro-Life Leaders, elected officials and clergy address the current abortion related issues. Be a Voice for the Voiceless and join us in Trenton!

Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. Contact Judy at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. 2018 Weekend Retreats, February 16-18, 2018 and August 24-26, 2018.

Downey Side Adoption is holding an orientation for interested persons. To learn about adopting older children, school age and up. Refreshments will be served. St Uriel's Church, 219 Philadelphia Ave., Sea Girt, NJ, 732-359-8434, Sunday, February 18, 2018, 2pm to 4pm. For More information contact Sr. Elizabeth Engel, Director

Do you have an extra Nativity set? We would like to put one in each Religious Education Classroom. Please drop it off to the Office or bring it when you come to Mass. Thank you. Kyle Galante, 732-938-6229.

St. Veronica's Adoration Chapel

Be a blessing - Receive a blessing in 2018. Calling for new adorers, couples, friends, families, prayer groups, ministries to take an hour of adoration alone or to be shared. We can also pair you with a partner. Choose your hour, though sacrificial hours midnight and overnight, and weekend hours are most needed. What works for you is an hour you are most likely to keep. Join our faithful band of adorers who have been committed since 1997 to putting Eucharistic Adoration first in their week by planning it, which also blesses our entire community and world.

Most Needed Hours are: Sunday 7AM & 5PM, Monday at 1AM, Wednesday at Midnight, Saturday 6PM & 7PM. Contact drev514@aol.com or leave a message at 732-367-7750

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Calling All Catholic Men: The Knights of Columbus are welcoming all men over the age of 18 to become members of the St. Catherine of Siena council here at our church. Devoted to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, with over 1.8 million members world-wide, the Knights of Columbus strives to be a positive Catholic presence in both our parish and community. If you wish to join, email Mark Dalton, Grand Knight @ mmdd18@optonline.net or call him at 732-233-0842.

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.

St. Catherine's Funeral Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist families in planning and making arrangements for the Funeral Mass and Wake Service of a deceased loved one. Members of the ministry should be compassionate, good at details, understanding and have a flexible schedule. It is a ministry where one can be of much needed assistance to families who are going through a difficult time. If you are interested in joining, call Terri at 732-462-7452.

St. Catherine's is in need of additional Ushers to help at all masses. Anyone over age 12 can sign up and for those receiving Confirmation, can get service hours. Call [732-492-6861](tel:7324926861) or email scottrubinson@gmail.com.

Seeking fellow parishioners to participate and join in the pro life cause. Call 732-580-1387.

"**Legion of Mary Pilgrim Statue**" is available to visit homes in our Parish Community. If interested, call 732-616-3127 or email pheathers7@yahoo.com.

Help support our 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. Your food donations will help our local needy all year long. See the donation crate in the church's narthex.

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 Classroom 10 at 7:30 P.M. on the last Monday 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*.