



# St. Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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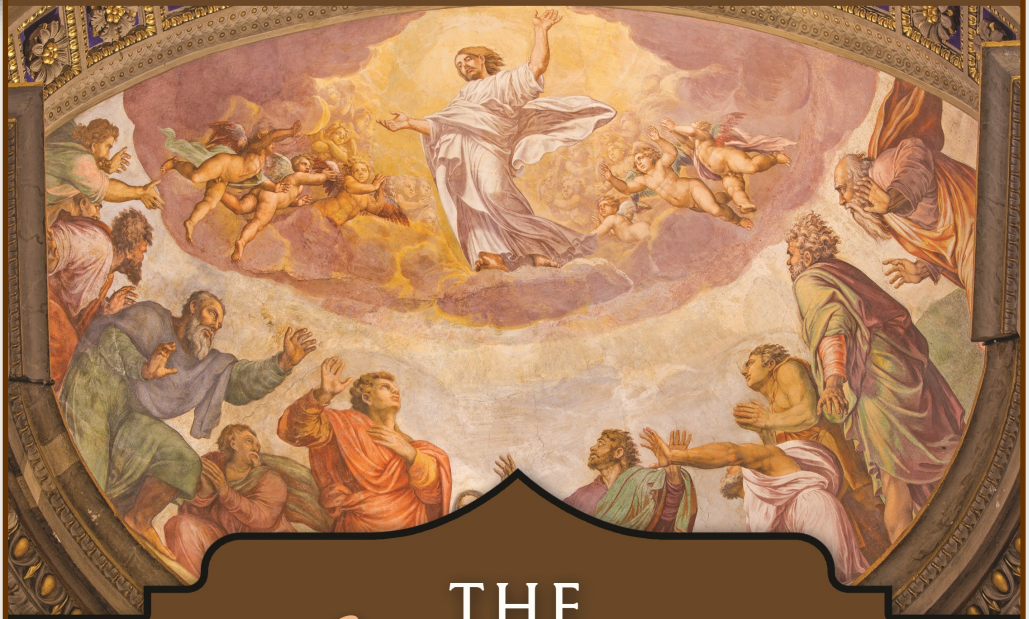
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9:00 AM to 5:45 PM



## THE *Ascension* OF THE LORD

MAY 13, 2018

Men of Galilee, why are you  
standing there looking up at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven  
will return in the same way.

Acts 1:11



*St. Catherine of Siena Chapel*  
One West Main Street

**Weekday Mass 9:00 AM**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Monday following 9:00 AM Mass  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM 1st Friday

*St. Catherine of Siena Church*

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday 4:30 PM**  
**Sunday**  
8:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 11:30 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 3:30 PM — 4:00 PM  
**Holy Day Masses—Main Church**  
9:00 AM / 7:00 PM

## SACRAMENT INFORMATION

**Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 P.M. or during the 11:30 A.M. Mass. Arrangements for all Baptisms must be made in advance by contacting the parish office at 732-938-5375. 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.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact the parish office to begin marriage preparation at least one year in advance before the anticipated wedding date.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is available as needed, by calling the Pastor's Office at 732-938-5375 OPT. 7

**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.



### Homebound Ministry

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

**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.*

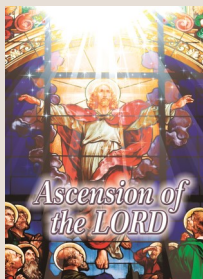
## READINGS

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** -- Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (*Acts 1:1-11*).

**Second Reading** -- God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (*Ephesians 1:17-23*) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

**Gospel** -- The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (*Mark 16:15-20*).



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 12, 2018 — 4:30 PM**

Anthony LaRocca/*Ella LaRocca*

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

8:00 AM Bill & Cecilia Costello/*Billy & Cheryl Costello*

10:00 AM All Mothers' Living & Deceased/*Rosary Altar Society*

11:30 AM Rosa Cantatore/*Luigi Cantatore*

### Weekday Chapel Mass — 9:00 AM

**Monday, May 14, 2018**

Frank Gelormini/*Janice & Don Deakyne*

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

H. Kenneth Mathis/*Jim & Marian Ferris*

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**

Louis Gelormini/*Janice & Don Deakyne*

**Friday, May 18, 2018**

Mary Neiland/*Lucy Dugan*

Altar Flowers for this weekend are offered for Mother's Day at the request of the Rosary Altar Society

The Sanctuary Light will burn for the week in memory of the Family of Agnes Rottkamp at the request of Agnes Rottkamp

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Light will burn for the week in memory of Marie Rottkamp at the request of the Family

**Please pray for the sick and all those who have asked for our prayers:**

MaryAnn Aulisi	Teresa Magyar
Jean & Mike Burke	Margie McCullam
Joseph Cocuzza	Amber Painter
Nancy Drake	Esther Peraza
Bob Fort	Jeanette Picciani
Richard Giordano	David Piccolo
Marlene Gravatt	Lenore Sears
Stephanie Harakal	Barbara Sansevere
Lori Jones	Nancy Soper
Edward Kress	Ilona Supczynski
Barbara Lipari	Roseann Williams
Lauren MacArthur	Barbara Yannich



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 at 732-938-5375.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers and others who offer motherly support in a loving way. An overworked mother wrote into a newspaper that the quickest way for a mother to get to her children's attention is to sit down and look comfortable. Let me share my own personal experience of my own mother. My siblings have the audacity to agree with what I have just said, as she is a workaholic and we never see her stop doing something except when she goes to sleep. I read a proverb that says, "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he created mothers." To honor and show our gratitude to the mothers this Mother's Day we are going to bless them in all the Masses this weekend. Thank you, so very much dear mothers. We love you!

Our experience in life's longing and happiness are quite usual and ordinary. Sometimes we had to journey into the past to make sense of the pain of the present. At times the insight did not abolish the pain, but at least the source of the pain was located and identified. And for me that is one of the uses of the past, to draw aside the veil that covers the present tense.

One of the ways we try to make sense of the present is by consulting the past. When we try to figure out why things have turned out the way they have, we often search the past for an understanding. Hence, ancient voices are listened to with a new attentiveness, old texts are consulted with a new eye, past events are scrutinized anew. That human effort of making sense of the present by rereading the past is one that was used widely in the Early Church, thus things are seen to happen "so that Scriptures might be fulfilled." Hence, in today's first reading we hear Peter saying: "Brothers, the passage of Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus. To quote the Book of Psalms it says: "Let someone else take his office." Peter is claiming the past as a reinforcement of the present. A past, as we know, once skimmed over, now become part of the Church's sequence of references; what was said before becomes personal territory. The past takes on a new significance because of what is happening now. As the past throws light on the present, so the present captures the full meaning of the past. In that sense, we know the past is not dead for it just bides its time until the truth can be discovered.

Interestingly, the activity of bringing the past up to date is one that we all engage in from time to time. We have to review the past in the light of a new experience, and in the process, we begin to see a shape to our story. Certain dates and people become more important, an encounter once regarded as forgettable is seen to be directly related to what is happening now. We begin to see how our previous history contains pointers to our present situation, how everything is connected. A certain pattern slowly emerges.

In today's first reading, you can see the attempts of the early Church to make sense of all the recent happenings. They scour the past for signs, indications, clues. But when they come to look to the future of the Church and choose a successor to Judas, their faith takes a riskier turn. They nominate candidates, pray together and then draw lots.

Their faith is an enterprise which needs the support of the past but also the willingness to take risks in the present. Notice that the past cannot provide solutions to all their needs. The time comes when the disciples must go through the door into the dark, without being sure if the future will confirm their choice to be the right one. Our venture in faith, like theirs, needs the support of the past. We must take the risk. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

## ADMINISTRATION

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

### Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, May 5/6 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,511.00	389 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,822.00	146 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,917.00	385 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,865.00	478 people
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,115.00</b>	<b>1,398 people</b>

**Online Giving  
May 7—12**      **\$1,367.00**      **46 donors**

**Second Collection**  
Diocesan Collection      **\$1,351.00**



### Next Weekend's Collection Weekly Collection & Mother's Day Remembrance



*Thank you for your participation in our parish's online giving program. The sharing of treasure with your community is not only appreciated by many, but is also necessary for this community to thrive and reflect the Kingdom of God.*

*As you may know, our parish has transitioned from our old system, ParishPay, to a new online giving tool—WeShare. We believe that by switching to WeShare online giving, we will be able to engage more of our parish families to join us in supporting the important work we have been called to do together. You will still be able to set up one-time or recurring donations and choose when and how to give to any of our different collections. You will also be able to view your complete, accurate financial records at any time during the year.*

*Those of you who wish to continue using traditional methods of offering may do so, but I would ask that you prayerfully consider switching to online giving if you are able to. Your choice to give online will help our parish become better stewards of our Time, Treasure, and Talent.*

*You can click on this link <https://www.parishpay.com/nonprofit/login.html?pc=cserg792> to verify your ParishPay account information. Once your account is validated, you will receive an email link to log into your account on our new WeShare site. You will log in with your email address and create a password. You can also find this link on the bottom of our church website homepage. Look for "Give Online."*

*Thank you again for your generosity!*

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION RESOLUTIONS



Each year, people throughout the world make New Year's resolutions. For many, these resolutions are short lived and quickly forgotten. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we made New Life resolutions. Our baptismal promised are lifelong commitments to Jesus and the Church.

We recognize that all that we possess comes from God. We are God's stewards. We have been empowered to manage the abundant gifts that we have received.

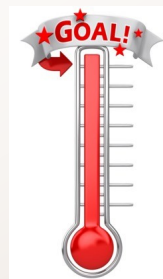
As "good stewards," it is our responsibility to give back a portion of time, talent and treasure we receive from our generous and loving God. Let us recommit ourselves to the Lord by taking the time to plan. Let us make stewardship of time and talent part of our lifestyle, and stewardship of treasure part of our budget.

*"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

### STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

Follow-up letters from Father Angelito will be mailed to all households from whom we have not yet received a response to our Stewardship Appeal. Please respond as soon as you are able by placing your intention card in the collection basket.

### 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

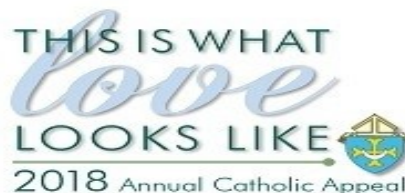


Goal \$44,000.00

April 30, 2018

Pledged  
\$35,085.00

Pledge Balance  
\$9,396.70



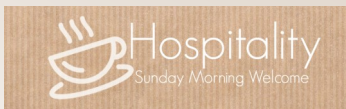
**Please support the  
2018 Annual  
Catholic Appeal**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH NEWS

**The Catholic Women of Zion** will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on **Saturday, May 19, 2018** at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727.

The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 1:00 pm. Speaker, Father John Gordon, will speak on the topic: **"This is the Day the Lord Has Made."** 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 Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Leave your phone number and spell your last name. Thank you.



You are Invited!

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

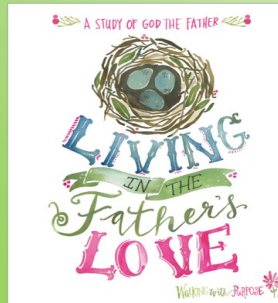
After the 10:00 & 11:30 AM Masses—Parish Hall  
**Coffee. Breakfast. Community.**

[hospitality@sienachurch.org](mailto:hospitality@sienachurch.org)

You are Invited!  
New Study for Women  
at *St. Catherine of Siena*



Join us on  
Tuesday, May 29, 2018  
10:00 A.M.  
Discussion, Food, Fellowship  
DVD, "The Beauty of a Childlike Faith"



*Living in the Father's Love*, a six-week study of God the Father, reveals how deeply relevant the Gospels are to our relationships, both with God and those we love. No previous Bible study experience is necessary; come as you are as we discover just how much God loves us.

For questions or to RSVP, contact  
Laura Randazzo, [wwp@sienachurch.org](mailto:wwp@sienachurch.org) or call  
732-938-5375.



walking with purpose

### HELP SUPPORT HARBOR HOUSE - A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH

Harbor House, an agency that helps homeless and runaway youth, is supported largely by the Ride for New Beginnings, 400-mile bike ride July 11 through 15. Representatives of this ride will be at St. Catherine of Siena on May 19 & 20 to accept your donations in support of Harbor House. See <http://www.oceansharborhouse.org>

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Liturgical Schedule: May 12 & 13

#### Altar Servers

4:30 PM Julia Papasso, Sarah Schuld  
10:00 AM Maria Utz, Vincent Utz, James Genovese  
11:30 AM Emma Rubinson Alexandra Reyes

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30 PM Kathy DeMicco, Mary Ann O'Brien  
8:00 AM Stephanie Harakal, Maureen Hillers  
10:00 AM Jack Warburton, Judy Warburton, Marian Ferris  
11:30 AM Debra Alfano, S. DeGrande, B. Imposimato

#### Readers

4:30 PM Brian Brogno, Fran Brogno  
10:00 AM Ken Hillers  
11:30 AM Denise Dipierri, Donna Whitesell

### RCIA—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 in the Church. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning about becoming a Catholic or a Catholic who may have not yet received the Sacraments, or to learn more about the RCIA process, email [RCIA@sienachurch.org](mailto:RCIA@sienachurch.org)

**Ushers Needed**  
*Are you willing to serve?*

Anyone over age 12 can be an usher. Confirmation students - earn service hours.

Contact [scottrubinson@gmail.com](mailto:scottrubinson@gmail.com) or call 732-492-6861.



If you would like to assist in our Liturgical Ministries during Mass, please contact

Deacon Daniel Sakowski at  
[deacondan@sienachurch.org](mailto:deacondan@sienachurch.org)

or

Donna Lee at [massministries@sienachurch.org](mailto:massministries@sienachurch.org)

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

### Sharing the Gospel

Do good things for others. Say, "I am doing this good deed in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Then God will become your partner. He will make your body and mind strong. You will learn new ways to help people. You will feed the hungry. You will help the homeless. God will use your heart, hands, and words to perform miracles for his people.

### Prayer

Father, I will feed your people in the name of your Son.

### Do you love kids, fun and Jesus?



Then this opportunity is for you! St. Veronica Vacation Bible School is looking for adult volunteers to help this summer.

**VBS runs July 9th - July 13 from 9am- 1pm.**

You can volunteer for part of week or the whole week. We also need help before VBS starts.

For more information, contact Jo-Anne at [svmcg21@yahoo.com](mailto:svmcg21@yahoo.com)

### Read the Gospel and Color



Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.  
--William Makepeace Thackeray

*Holy Mary, protect all mothers*



### St. Catherine of Siena ROSARY HAPPENINGS

Everyone is invited to join us to pray the Rosary after 9:00 am Mass at the Chapel every Tuesday & Thursday throughout May.  
Walk & Pray – 7:00 pm on Wednesdays in the Church parking lot, May 16 & 23, June 13 with the Rosary Altar Society and the Legion of Mary Auxiliary, weather permitting. We encourage others to join us and to walk on other Wednesdays without us.  
Pray the Rosary at 9:30 am before the 10:00 am Mass, attend the 10:00 am Mass, have breakfast as a group – Sunday, May 20.  
Celebrate the vigil of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 30. Check the website ([sienachurch.org](http://sienachurch.org)) for the flyer on this event.  
End-of-the-Year Rosary Altar Society get-together, June 6 at 6:00 pm at Huddy's in Colts Neck.



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

**Logan Vanderspiegel**

*We ask God's blessings on this child and his family every day of his life!*

## COMMUNITY CORNER

You are cordially invited to join Co-Cathedral of  
St. Robert Bellarmine ROSARY GUILD

Wednesday May 30, 2018 7:30pm in the  
Co-Cathedral

To celebrate the vigil of The Visitation of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary Opening Prayers

- Recitation of The Most Holy Rosary • Candlelight  
Procession Presentation of Flowers

61 Georgia Road Freehold, NJ 732-462-7429

The Upper Room Spiritual Center is sponsored by the  
Diocese of Trenton. The following programs will be offered  
in May at the Upper Room Diocesan Spiritual Center,  
Neptune, NJ.

### **Knitting and Prayer**

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills, prayer  
and compassion and be rewarded with the satisfaction of  
creating a prayer shawl. Little or no experience required.

**Facilitators:** Lois Dougherty

**Date:** Wednesday, May 30, 2018

**Time:** 1:30-3:30pm

**Place:** Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune, NJ

**Fee:** Free Will Offering



Join us for an evening presentation and discussion about

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

### Healing the Wounds of Abortion

Who: All who want to learn more about this healing ministry

Where: Saint Joseph's Church, Toms River, in the Parish Ministry  
Center. 509 Hooper Ave. It is the first building south of the  
bell tower on the left side of Hooper Ave. Please enter  
through the rear of the building.

When: Wednesday May 23, 2018 at 7:30 PM

**\*\* No pre-registration or RSVP is necessary\*\***  
Bring a friend!

*The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be 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 offers 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.*



Registration is now open for

### The Full Tuition Raffle

Saint John Vianney High School

Valued at \$12,995.00

Tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00

Contact Julie Pasquale 732-739-0800 ext. 121 for  
tickets, and detailed exclusions. Drawing 06/25/2018