

# 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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# Jesus Christ

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead and  
ruler of the kings of the earth.  
To him be glory and power  
forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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**



<b>Nov 24 SAT.</b>	4:30 pm	<b>John Donlon</b> Req. by Marion & John Dubil <b>Rose &amp; Mike DelPriore</b> Req. by Ella LaRocca
<b>Nov 25 SUN</b>	8:00 am	<b>The Kyriakoulis Family</b> Req. by the Scalzo Family <b>Ron Snyder</b> Req. by Terri & Arnold Carpenter
	10:00 am	<b>The Smithouser Family</b> Req. by the Scalzo Family <b>Edward McDonnell</b> Req. by Mary Ann Frasier
	11:30 am	<b>Rose Cantatore</b> Req. by Husband & Family <b>Raymond King, Living Intention</b> Req. by Suzanne DeGrande
<b>Nov 26 MON</b>	9:00 am	<b>Tom Morrisey</b> Req. by Tim Nash
<b>Nov 27 TUES</b>	9:00 am	<b>Tara Quigley</b> Req. by Mike, Mary, Sean, Peter, & Michael Quigley
<b>Nov. 29 THURS</b>	9:00 am	<b>Michael Garfole</b> Req. by mother, Diane Conforti
<b>Nov. 30 FRI</b>	9:00 am	<b>Ralph Suozzo</b> Req. by Josephine Cicone

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

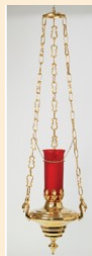
MaryAnn Aulisi	Lori Jones	Jeanette Picciani
Jean & Mike Burke	Janice Kehoe	David Piccolo
Joseph Cocuzza	Charles "Butch" Lavin	Barbara Sansevere
Nancy Drake	Barbara Lipari	Lenore Sears
Bob Fort	Lauren MacArthur	Nancy Soper
Sharon Foster	Teresa Magyar	Wayne Sos
Marlene Gravatt	Margie McCullam	Yolanda Spinelli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



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

**The Fitzsimons Family**

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



The Sanctuary Light will burn this week  
in loving memory of

**Joanne Kennedy**

at the request of  
Kevin & Deneen & Family



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

**Dorothy Edna Natale**

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



The Altar Flowers are given this weekend  
to honor **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

at the Request of  
**The Randazzo Family**



**Homebound Ministry**

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

**GRATITUDE**

What is gladness without gratitude, and where is  
gratitude without a God?

--Coventry Patmore

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today at 11 o'clock in the morning, our parish community is so happy to welcome the Traveling Guadalupe Torch coming from Our Lady of Perpetual help Parish in Maple Shade, New Jersey. Let us celebrate the Torch arrival with Las Ninas folk dancers and prayers. Our Knights of Columbus and Hospitality Ministry are happy to offer refreshments before and after the 11:30 Mass. The torch and image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will remain in the Church for the week and there will be activities to follow being handled and taken care of by different ministries of the parish. As a community of faith, everybody is expected to participate and be involved in the event. We cannot thank enough our dedicated volunteers and diligent ministry leaders as well as the whole parish for the support, the overwhelming participation and cooperation to make this event a success for the parish.

On December 12 of each year, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, marking the day, when, in 1531, the Blessed Mother appeared in Mexico to a 57-year old farm worker, Juan Diego. On that day and in that moment, the hills of Tepeyak are overcome by a silence, when our Lady tells him. "Listen and let it penetrate your heart... do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or displeasure, anxiety or pain. Am I not here... who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? ... In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?"

These are the words from Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego and these are the words that should resound from the walls of every Church and every home all over the world. This message and the miracle of the image that followed has entranced and encouraged Catholics for several centuries. Believers and non-believers the world over are inspired and intrigued by the apparition of Mary. Our Lady of Guadalupe is a story that invited us to know intimately the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God whose only desire is to bring us to her Son that we may have life and have it abundantly. Keep in mind that the traveling Guadalupe Torches are a symbol commemorating the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her message.

### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

The Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted only in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It was the time when kings were dethroned and established political powers were shaken. In this institution the Pope wanted to declare that while all the kings and emperors and rulers lose their power, it does not follow that we will move into a chaotic future. The truth is, Christ was, is and will always remain the King, not only of one nation or of one continent, but as the king of the universe.

Today's Gospel presents Jesus to us as affirming that he is a King, but that his kingdom does not "belong to this world." But if Jesus is not a political king, what kind of king is he? His royal throne is the Cross, the instrument of his execution. His kingdom is "not of this world." Then, what kind of kingdom is it? Pope Benedict said, "Jesus did not come to rule over peoples and territories, but to set people free from the slavery of sin and to reconcile them with God." Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH NEWS

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

Welcomes the Diocese of Trenton  
*Traveling Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe*



On Sunday, November 25, 2018 the Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Torch will arrive at St. Catherine of Siena Church for the 11:30 am Mass. At this time, the Torch will be presented to Father Angelito during a short ceremony that will include prayers, K of C Color Guard and folk dancers. There will be a procession up to the front of the church where the Torch will be placed alongside the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Torch and Image will remain in our Church for the week for personal devotion during which time special intentions may be placed in the prayer basket next to the Torch.

#### WEEKLONG ACTIVITIES

##### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018** · *Torch Arrival & Parish Celebration* · 11 am

To kick off the Torch Arrival, our Knights of Columbus Council are hosting a breakfast in our Parish Hall. Everyone is invited for festivities and fellowship.

##### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018** · *Miracle of Roses* · Church · Religious Education Students and Families

All religious education students will have a classroom lesson on Our Lady of Guadalupe. The students will learn about intercessory prayer and how our Blessed Mother brings our intentions to her Son, Jesus, on our behalf. Parents are welcome to watch the FORMED documentary, *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*. Students will be invited into our church to view the Torch and Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at which time they will present a rose to our Blessed Mother and place their prayer intentions in the prayer basket.

##### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018** · *RCIA* · Adults & Children · Parish Hall · 7 pm

Our RCIA team will host a “Taco Tuesday” dinner, watch a documentary on Our Lady of Guadalupe and have a moving prayer service.

##### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018** · *Miracle of Roses* · Church · Religious Education Students and Families

All religious education students will have a classroom lesson on Our Lady of Guadalupe. The students will learn about intercessory prayer and how our Blessed Mother brings our intentions to her Son, Jesus, on our behalf. Parents are welcome to watch the FORMED documentary, *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*. Students will be invited into our church to view the Torch and Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at which time they will present a rose to our Blessed Mother and place their prayer intentions in the prayer basket.

##### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018** · *Spiritual Prayer & Reflection* · Main Church · 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe has been a source of strength, protection and encouragement to remain faithful through trials and hardship. Our Rosary Altar Society, Legion of Mary Auxiliary and Respect for Life members will lead the recitation of the Rosary, followed by a short discussion on Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ending with a “Respect Life” prayer. Come experience the many graces and blessings of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Life.

##### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018** · *Farewell Torch Family Dinner and Movie Night* · Parish Hall · 6 pm

This will be the conclusion of our parish hosting of the Traveling Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for soup, salad and bread. After dinner we will watch the 5 Star rated FORMED documentary, *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*. This gripping film, produced by the Knights of Columbus, explores the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and gives insight and details about the story and impact of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

##### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018** · *Torch Pilgrimage* · Trenton · 8:30 am

The torch will continue its travels and all parishioners are invited to join our Knights of Columbus Council on a wonderful, faith-filled procession down the streets of Trenton as the Torch will come home to the St. Mary Assumption Cathedral. Bishop O’Connell will celebrate the Holy Mass at Noon. For more information on the pilgrimage, visit [www. dioceseoftrenton.org](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org).

## ADMINISTRATION and PARISH NEWS



### The Good Samaritan Ministry

A LETTER OF THANKS...

Dear Good Samaritan Ministry,

*I would like to thank the parish for your help in paying my electric bill.*

*My daughters and I broke the chain of domestic violence and left. We had to sneak out in the middle of the night with only a bag of clothes and food for my newborn. I receive no assistance from the state or their father.*

*If the parish didn't pay the electric bill, it would have been shut off. We greatly appreciate helping me get on my feet. Feels nice to know good people do still exist.*

*Thank you again and God bless!*

*Always, A Grateful Family*



### The Good Samaritan Ministry

Here at St. Catherine of Siena, through the works of the Good Samaritan Ministry, it is our goal to help local individuals and families of all backgrounds, who are facing temporary, emergency hardships. Since the ministry began in August 2018, we have successfully assisted 18 individuals with financial and food assistance and most importantly spiritual assistance. Sadly, the volume of financial requests is numerous and due to lack of funds we have not been able to assist everyone.

Your generous support provides the fuel that drives our ministry and allows us to fulfill our mission of the Church. Should you wish to make a monetary donation to the Good Samaritan Ministry, envelopes can be found in the Narthex or in the Parish Office. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in the ministry, please email, [socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org](mailto:socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org)

## ADVENT BENEDECTION SCHEDULE

### Prepare for the Lord's coming

St. Catherine of Siena Main Church

#### Saturday, December 1, 2018

3:30—4:00 pm Confessions

#### Sunday, December 2, 2018

7:00 pm Evening Prayers and Benediction  
7:30 pm Fellowship & Refreshments · Parish Hall

#### Saturday, December 8, 2018

3:30—4:00 pm Confessions

#### Sunday, December 9, 2018

7:00 pm Evening Prayers and Benediction  
7:30 pm Fellowship & Refreshments · Parish Hall

#### Advent Reconciliation

#### Monday, December 10, 2018

4:30 pm and 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday, December 12, 2018

4:30 pm and 6:00 pm

#### Saturday, December 15, 2018

3:30—4:00 pm Confessions

#### Sunday, December 16, 2018

7:00 pm Evening Prayers and Benediction  
7:30 pm Fellowship & Refreshments · Parish Hall

#### Friday, December 21, 2018

Simbang Gabi

7:00 pm Recitation of the Rosary

7:30 pm Mass

8:30 pm Fellowship Dinner · Parish Hall

#### Saturday, December 22, 2018

3:30—4:00 pm Confessions

#### Sunday, December 23, 2018

7:00 pm Evening Prayers and Benediction  
7:30 pm Fellowship & Refreshments · Parish Hall

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, requests are due to the parish office no later than

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.**

You can pick up a form in our narthex, or parish office. Parishioners can also use the Christmas Flower Envelope provided in the envelope books.

Donations begin at \$15.

*Please make checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena.  
Note Flower Memorial in the Memo*



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](http://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.

## SACRAMENTAL & FAITH FORMATION

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** To schedule an anointing, call the Pastor's Office at 732-938-5375 OPT. 7

**BAPTISM:** We celebrate Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM or during the 11:30 AM Mass. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor letters, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is mandatory for parents. Classes are held in Classroom 10 on the **4th Sunday of the month**. To sign up, please fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples planning a marriage must contact the parish office to begin marriage preparation at least one year before the anticipated wedding date.

**RCIA:** The process by which adults become Catholic and/or receive the Sacraments is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

**SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN:** The RCIA for children is a process that invites any child age 7 to 18, interested in the Catholic Faith, to discover what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. It is open to anyone seeking to get to know Jesus. Like the RCIA for adults, this process is accomplished in a comfortable, friendly and informal environment designed for children. Certain Rites are celebrated in the church throughout their journey in faith.

**OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY:** 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, the welcome envelopes located in the narthex, or via WeShare online giving*); 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.



## Welcome to Our New Youth Group Leader

We are pleased to announce we have a new Youth Group Leader, Richard W. Allen! Richard brings many years of leading youth and schools in his career as a Superintendent of schools.

Stay tuned for more information on our first Youth Group Meeting. You can come meet Richard on Wednesday, November 28 at the Our Lady of Guadalupe activities.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA The Giving Tree



### Next Weekend is the Final Weekend For Giving Tree Gift Returns!

Next weekend, December 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the final weekend for returning gift purchases for The Giving Tree recipients. Please be sure to bring your **unwrapped bagged item** with the **original paper ornament** to the church vestibule by **12:30 pm December 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

## The Good Samaritan Ministry



## Blessing Baskets

Thank you to everyone who made donations for our Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets. We truly appreciated your generosity which helps many who are struggling during this holiday season.



We would also like to thank our Religious Education Program, volunteers, students and families, with your outpouring of canned and boxed goods.

A special thanks to the volunteers and the 8th grade students who helped create 18 Blessing Baskets for our local families in need.

St. Veronica & St. Catherine of Siena

# Christmas Carol Festival



FREE Family Event Includes:

- Singing Carols Together
- Fellowship
- Refreshments  
(coffee and cookies)

JOIN US!  
December 1st, 2018  
at 7 PM in the St. Veronica school gym

