

# 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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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019



*A voice came from heaven,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”*

*Luke 3:22*

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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



### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS January 13, 2019

Jan 12 <b>SAT.</b>	4:30 pm	<b>Helen Steinecke</b> Req. by Joan Kress
Jan 13 <b>SUN.</b>	8:00 am	<b>Charlotte &amp; Walter Turowski</b> Req. by Ann Zigmund <i>** 50th Wedding Anniversary</i>
	10:00 am	<b>Richard LaRosa</b> Req. by Joe Meagher <b>Tony &amp; Marie DeCongelio</b> Req. by the Keegan Family
	11:30 am	<b>Harriet Pytlik</b> Req. by the Gabbard Family <b>Ron Snyder</b> Req. by the Liempka Family
Jan 14 <b>MON.</b>	9:00 am	<b>Regina Chesna</b> Req. by The Piccolo Family
Jan 15 <b>TUES.</b>	9:00 am	<b>Mary Luz</b> Req. by Ralph Kuehmstedt
Jan 17 <b>THURS.</b>	9:00 am	<b>Lois Chciuk</b> Req. by Phyllis Hurley
Jan 18 <b>FRI.</b>	9:00 am	<b>Dominick Pondaco</b> Req. by the Pondaco Family

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

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



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

**Jean Anne Burke**

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

#### CELEBRATE, CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as one mightier than I. But he did as Jesus asked, and the Holy Spirit descended and heavens voice spoke to Jesus, You are my beloved Son. Jesus was

beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him. Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.

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#### TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading** -- Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

**Psalm** -- The Lord will bless his people with peace (*Psalm 29*) or *Psalm 104*.

**Second Reading** -- Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (*Acts 10:34-38*) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

**Gospel** -- A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (*Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*).

#### LOW GLUTEN HOST

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.*



**ALTAR FLOWERS** Can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one or for any special intention. (except during Lent & Advent).

**Offering: \$50/basket.** Please contact the Parish Office for orders.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JESUS.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany of Jesus. Epiphany means manifestation, the infant Jesus was manifested as the Savior not only of the Jews but of all mankind. Today, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, is also an epiphany, a feast of a still further manifestation of our Lord.

Today, the Church asks us to leave aside the sweet, touching scene of the crib. We must see Jesus not as a tiny, helpless infant, but as a grown man who takes upon himself a tremendous burden and responsibility. The difficulty is the weight of the sins of all mankind. The trust is to make reparations for those sins.

Jesus took sin upon himself to do away with its guilt. As St. John the Baptist proclaimed, "Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." His baptism was self-abasement, a humiliation. But from the waters of the Jordan, he emerged as a glorified Savior.

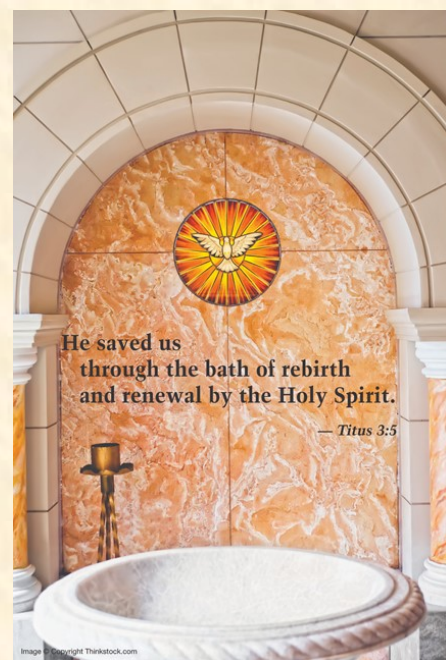
"You are my beloved son. On you, my favor rests." They evoke most clearly the Suffering Servant passages of the Old Testament. As we read from the first reading from Isaiah, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am well pleased..." In its fullest sense, the idea of the servant found its realization in Jesus, and it was Jesus himself who identified himself as the servant of God. As such, Jesus would suffer for the sins of the people, all the people.

Our Christian life began with our baptism. It too was self-abasement, a humiliation. But we emerged from the waters of baptism as a new people with a new life. Our baptism was an end and a beginning. It was the end of the presence of sin and the beginning of the new life of God's favor. It was a sharing in the very death and resurrection of Jesus.

Every time we as baptized people celebrate the Holy Mass, we identify ourselves with Jesus, as he renews his sacrificial death on the Cross. We implicitly say that we too wish to be suffering servants of God, that we want to accept any suffering that is necessary to disassociate ourselves from sin. Each one of us has had the experience of knowing that self-denial and suffering are frequently involved in avoiding sin. Even more importantly, the attempt positively to lead a good, Christ-like life means self-sacrifice and generosity. In the Holy Eucharist, we not only identify ourselves with the suffering and generosity of Christ, but we also see the supreme model and example of what our lives should be: a total gift of ourselves to God in obedience and love. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MINISTRIES



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

**The Sasso Family**  
**Geoffrey, Polina,**  
**Anthony, Angela & Adrian**

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

## Ushers Needed

*Are you willing to serve?*

The Usher Ministry is an opportunity to serve God by serving His people and is a wonderful way to actively participate at St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

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

For more information, please email  
[scottrubinson@gmail.com](mailto:scottrubinson@gmail.com) or call 732-492-6861.



The first step for  
Infant Baptisms at  
St. Catherine of Siena  
Parish is our Baptism  
Preparation Class.

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**  
**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

For more detailed information and to register,  
visit our parish website, [www.sienachurch.org](http://www.sienachurch.org).



## RESPECT LIFE

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
JANUARY 14 - 22, 2019

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JOIN THOUSANDS  
AS WE PRAY  
FOR THE RESPECT  
OF HUMAN LIFE

4 WAYS:    

A multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information.

Visit [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) • search 9 Days for Life

## Rosary Altar Society

We invite all parishioners to join the  
Society as we **pray the Rosary on**  
**Sunday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m.**  
**before the 11:30 a.m. Mass** at the  
Church.



**Closed**  
*for the*  
**Holiday**

The Parish Office and the  
Religious Education Office  
will be closed in  
observance of  
**Martin Luther King Day,**  
**Monday, January 21, 2019.**



*Hospitality*  
*Sunday*

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**




After the 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Mass  
All are invited for Coffee, Conversation and Complimentary Breakfast.

## ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence  
of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson

## ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Collections & Attendance THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!			EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER	
<b>Weekly First Sunday Collection</b> Saturday/Sunday, December 29/30 2018			Care of Grounds	\$325.00
4:30 PM Mass	\$ 1,452.00	170 people	Religious Education Supplies	\$94.47
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,065.00	101 people	Office Supplies	\$830.65
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,311.00	128 people	Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	\$361.49
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,099.00	150 people	Electric	\$1,108.07
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,927.00</b>	<b>549 people</b>	Telephone/Internet/Cable	\$580.36
Online Giving Dec 24 — Dec 30	\$1,706.00	54 donors	Waste	\$122.03
<b>Second Collection</b>			Water	\$87.09
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$660.00		Gas	\$1,662.19
The Good Samaritan Ministry	\$732.00		Printing	\$92.45
Poor Box	\$284.00		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5,263.81</b>
				
			<b>Christmas Collection Report</b> <i>Thank you for your tremendous generosity this Christmas!</i>	
			Simbang Gabi Christmas	\$523.00
			Solemnity of Mary	\$22,057.00
				\$910.00
<b>Weekly First Sunday Collection</b> Saturday/Sunday, January 5/6 2019				
4:30 PM Mass	\$ 1,544.00	163 people	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.	
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,052.00	95 people	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.	
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,368.00	144 people	For address changes, including a change in Parish, please stop by the office or call us at 732-938-5375.	
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,045.50	147 people		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,009.50</b>	<b>549 people</b>		
Online Giving Dec 31 — Jan 6	\$4,623.00	90 donors		
<b>Second Collection</b> Maintenance & Repairs			<b>\$1,286.00</b>	



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.

## SACRAMENT & FAITH FORMATION

**ANOINTING 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. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

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

**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. Near the end of the process, the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist—are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. The RCIA for Children will be offered on the **1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the Month October thru May**. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY:** In order to be a godparent/sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, according to Canon Law, 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.

**OBTAIN A MASS CARD:** We welcome all who would like to request their special intentions or deceased loved ones be prayed for at weekday or weekend Mass. Please call or stop by the Parish Office.

**Prayer List:** Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added to our prayer list.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



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### Parish Counseling Services

A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns and bereavement. Contact your pastor or parish priest for additional information and referral.

The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

For more information, please call (609) 406-7400.



### Bookkeeper/ Finance & Payroll Assistant

St. Catharine- St. Margaret Parish is seeking applications for a Bookkeeper/Payroll Assistant. This person would be responsible for providing support to the Finance Manager and Business Manager as well as facilitate the semi-monthly payroll and accounts payable functions. A working knowledge of QuickBooks, strong computer, written and verbal communication skills are required. Familiarity with Paylocity and a working knowledge of church offices is preferred. This is a part-time position, approximately 20 hours per week.

Please forward resume, cover letter and references to

[Jobs@stcatharine-stmargaret.org](mailto:Jobs@stcatharine-stmargaret.org).

### The Giving Tree A LETTER OF THANKS...



*Dear St. Catherine of Siena Parishioners and  
Giving Tree Volunteers,*

*THANK YOU !*

*The residents loved their gifts! Thank you so much  
for making their Christmas special again this year!*

*Happy New Year!*

*Local Nursing Facility*

## COMMUNITY CORNER



### Story Time With Jackson

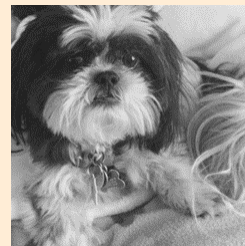
**When:** Starting Wednesday, January 16, 2019 (bi-weekly)

**Time:** 11:30am-12pm

**Where:** Church of Epiphany

**Who:** Children 6 months and Up

**Cost:** Free



### Get to know Jackson

9 Years Old Maltese Mix Certified Therapy Dog Since 2016 • Gentle Soul that loves to make others smile  
Jackson spreads joy at hospitals, Mental Health Facilities, Adult Day Care & St. Dominic's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class.

**Upper Room Spiritual Center**  
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[www.theupper-room.org](http://www.theupper-room.org)

#### Dreams and Inner Healing

Dreams are a language of the heart, a way that our deeper self speaks to us. They are a language of symbols and metaphors that help us to understand what lies beneath our fears and inner struggles. Every dream is an attempt of our unconscious to center us, balance us, and heal us. Dreams expand our capacity to experience God and our true self.

**Presenter:** Maureen Conroy, RSM, D. Min

**Date:** Thursday, January 24, 2019

**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:30pm

**Fee:** \$25 ~ \$50 (sliding scale)

#### 12 Step Spirituality for Every Day Life

Re-cover your relationship with God, yourself, and with others utilizing the practical tools of traditional 12 Step spirituality to foster patience, forgiveness, compassion, acceptance, trust and love.

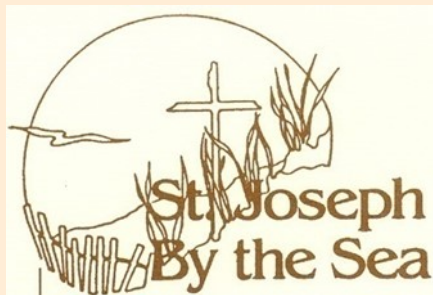
**Presenter:** Grace Conte, M.A.

**Date:** Monday, January 28, 2019

**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Fee:** \$15 - \$30 (sliding scale)

To register for all programs please call (732) 922-0550 or email [office@theupper-room.org](mailto:office@theupper-room.org)



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**CURRENT BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – [www.sjbsea.org](http://www.sjbsea.org)**

**February 1-3, 2019 - COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT** - Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with God. This retreat offers time for reflection; Eucharistic Liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included. Arrival: 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Staff and Visiting Directors) Cost: \$220

Please call **St. Joseph By the Sea** at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.