

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9 am—2 pm • Sun 9 am—12:45 pm
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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.

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday
of

Lent

Whoever is in Christ
is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Holy Week



When Christ your life appears, then
you too will appear with him in glory.

— Colossians 3:4

Holy Thursday, April 18
7:30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19
3:00 p.m.

Passion of the Lord
Veneration of the Cross
& Communion

7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20
9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayers
followed by
Blessing of Easter
Baskets and Foods

7:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass

WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER



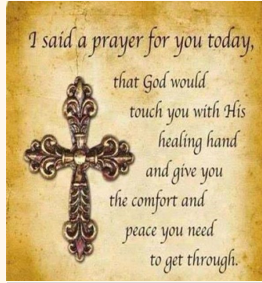
WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
March 31, 2019

March 30 SAT.	4:30 pm	Jean Anne Burke Req. by June Hankel Rina Filosa Req. by Lyrstis Family
March 31 SUN.	8:00 am	Mary Obrochta Req. by Sara & Tom (Walling) Butala Lena Rossi Req. by Wayne & JoAnn Sos
	10:00 am	Salvatore Giamo Req. by Kristin Natilli & Family Raymond Vincent King Req. by Leon & Pam Davison
	11:30 am	Vicenta Martinez Req. by Nancy Martinez Raymond Vincent King Req. by Anne Hilker
April 1 MON.	9:00 am	Jack Fitzpatrick Req. by Frank & Debi Sardone
April 2 TUES.	9:00 am	Anthony & Rachel Pennetti & Family Req. by Libby Miller
April 4 THURS.	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
April 5 FRI.	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

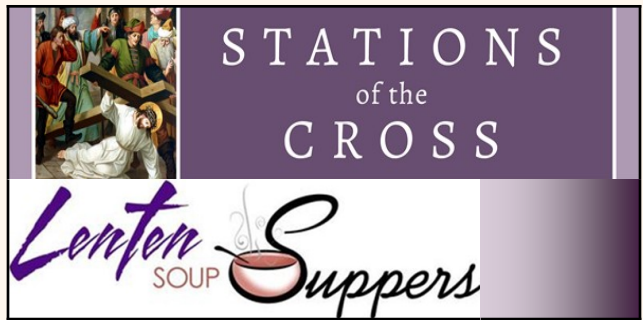


April 5, 2019
1st FRIDAY—Chapel
9 a.m.—11 a.m.



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

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



Fridays, March 8 - April 12
 Join us each Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross service. These services will begin with a soup supper hosted by various groups from the parish ministries. Come for the prayer and stay for the fellowship!

6:00 PM Soup Parish Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross Church



April 19, 2019
3:00 PM Service
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.
 ~ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT

I saw the familiar God through fresh eyes. I noticed for the first time that Jesus addressed this parable to the Pharisees and scribes who complained that he welcomed sinners and ate with them. Now the older jealous son became the prodigal one, who was angry with his father for lavishing forgiveness on the younger prodigal. He stayed home. He did not waste his inheritance on prostitutes. He was obedient and faithful but did not receive so much as a young goat, much less the fattened calf. Their father pleads to see through the father's eyes, grateful that the prodigal has returned and is alive. Could the father have shown the older son gratitude for his fidelity earlier? Maybe. Could the older son have expressed gratitude because his father always shared? Maybe. That's not our story.

Today's parable is one of the best-known and best-loved stories in the Bible. Generally called the parable of the prodigal son, the focus is not only on the prodigal son and his repentance but on the father and his mercy. Incidentally, the story could be called the parable of the resentful brother, since it is a brother who was very indignant about his younger brother's self-indulgence and angry with his father for showing mercy towards him. Resentment has stolen his joy. He has been loyal to his father and his estate, an upright member of the community, and feels he deserves to be the sole inheritor of his father's wealth.

The father's mercy and love encompass both sons. He wants not only his younger son back but his elder son as well. However, will that elder son respond to his father's pleas or remain stuck in bitterness? This is not a story that separates the two brothers into the good one and the evil one. It is only the father who demonstrates goodness. He wants both to participate in his joy. "All I have is yours," he says to the elder son. The father's unreserved, unlimited love is offered wholly and equally. He does not compare the two sons. He expresses complete love according to their individual journeys.

The prodigal son is that part of us which is rebellious and irresponsible with the gifts God has placed in our lives. We recognize him in ourselves when we go racing through the right experiences and things in life. Perhaps we are takers who gather everything we can to ourselves or squander what we have. Maybe we don't show appreciation to our parents and families. Our parable for today teaches that God offers people a second chance. It is never too late to turn around our lives to bear fruit in God's eyes.

What do we learn from the older brother's jealousy? Are you carrying a resentment that is stealing your joy? Have you tried to be less judgmental? How willing are you to reflect on this story for the rest of Lent, and do something about it so that Easter joy can be yours?

God feeds us with the manna of forgiveness to help us pass over from the land of sin to feast on God's promised merciful love. Having tasted and seen the goodness of the Lord we can feed others with God's unconditional love known in Jesus Christ. Can we see others and ourselves with God's eyes? Welcome others as God welcomes the least, the last, and the last among and within us. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



This weekend, we continue the celebration of the Scrutiny's. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent we pray in a particular way for those who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We pray that any attachment to evil might be removed, and that they be truly converted to Christ.

ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, March 23/24 2019

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,420.00	170 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,911.00	103 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,749.00	186 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,313.00	136 people
Totals	\$6,393.00	595 people
Online Giving Mar 18— Mar 24	\$1,284.00	65 donors

EASTER FLOWER Memorial



As we approach the Resurrection of Our Lord from death, we call to mind all our beloved deceased. The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our Altar and Narthex are a special part of the celebration of Easter at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

You are invited to honor your loved ones this Easter by offering an Easter Flower Memorial. Your name, along with the names of those you honor, will be published in our Easter bulletin and the week after.

You may use the Easter Flower Memorial envelope included in the March offertory envelope mailing or you may use the form located in the Narthex and Parish Office.

Please place the Easter Flower Memorial envelope or form, along with donation, in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office no later than **Sunday, March 31**. Suggested donation begins at **\$15**. Please print clearly and fill in all information requested. Thank you for your generosity.

May our Lenten journeys & sacrifices lead us to and enrich our Easter joy!

Second Collection

Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,313.00
Candles	\$80.00



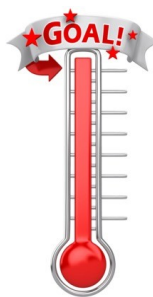
Next Week's Second Collection— Apr 6/7

Energy & Fuel



“Never **REACH OUT**
 your hand unless you are willing to
EXTEND an arm.” Pope St. Paul VI

Each parish is part of the larger church of the Diocese of Trenton. We are led by Bishop O’Connell, who is charged with the education and guidance of all the members of his flock. We must help him to shepherd his flock. **Each one of us** is the beneficiary of blessings from God. Our time, talent and treasure are all gifts. **We are called to make a difference and share our gifts with those who are less fortunate than ourselves.** Together, we can do more than any one parish can do alone



Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00

As of March 18, 2019
 Pledged Amount: **\$20,135.00**
 Percent of Goal Raised=46%

 Pledge Balance Owed on
 March 18=\$4,502.00



We are always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. **Thank you** for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family.

Catholic Appeal pledge cards are available in the narthex. For more information on the Annual Catholic Appeal, please email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MINISTRY NEWS



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

The Kohler Family
Brian, Stefania,
Gavin, Serena & Brayden

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



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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Sunday, April 28, 2018

For more detailed information and to register, visit our
parish website, www.sienachurch.org.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be alert to a recent email and text "scam" that is victimizing parishioners in nearby parishes and dioceses. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia recently alerted its pastors that an email scam is being perpetrated on numerous parishes where the scammers use the pastor's name/email address or some slight variation of it to solicit funds from parishioners in the form of gift cards or cash donations. The email/text often has a subject line reading "From the Pastor" seeking funds in his name. The message then usually begins with simply "Hi" but no name. The pastor's name concludes the request. Please be alert and be aware that Catholic priests in general and your pastor here at St. Catherine's does not seek contributions in this manner. If you receive a solicitation similar to that described above, please call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
the ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Friday
APRIL 12
7 PM

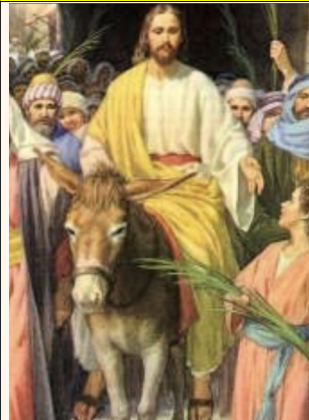
Soup & Salad at 6 pm
Parish Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME!

It is not too late to sign-up your child!

Looking for creative parishioners who can assist in
making costumes/props. Donations for materials are
welcomed.

Please email religiousedkids@sienachurch.org.



St. Catherine of Siena
Music Ministry
Presents

An Easter Cantata
**Jesus Remember
Me**

Performed by the Adult and
Children's Choir

Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019
St. Catherine of Siena
Church
3 pm

Refreshments to Follow
Parish Hall

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.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: We welcome all on Monday's after the 9 am Mass in our Chapel.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Easter Baskets of Blessings Drive St. Catherine of Siena



The Social Concerns Commission extends out into our community to lend support to those facing hardships. Together, reaching out to God's children, let us make a difference this Lenten season to give hope to others through a small token of our parish community's love for the children of our area.

Donations Welcomed Now through April 7th

We will be collecting:

Books	Easter Baskets	Play-Doh
Bows	Easter Candy	Sidewalk Chalk
Bubbles	Easter Eggs	Stickers
Coloring Books	Easter Grass	Stuffed Animals, Small
Crayons	Markers	Gift Cards
Clear Wrap	Toys/Games	Small Personal Care Items: toothbrushes, hairbrushes

Please bring all donated items to the collection bin located in the Church Narthex.

Basket Assembly Day
Saturday, April 13, 2019
7th & 8th Grade Students Earn Community Service Hours

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office or email socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org

Store Bought Baskets Gladly Accepted

OUR DIOCESE ... OUR COMMUNITY

Upper Room Spiritual Center
Neptune, NJ 07753
e-mail: office@theupper-room.org

Men's Spirituality Group

Our desire is to grow in spirit and move closer to God by generating loving, supportive discussions on all things spiritual.

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Fee: \$10



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FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Three Parishes † One Community

St. Catherine of Siena ~ St. Veronica ~ St. William the Abbot

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Catherine of Siena

www.sienachurch.org

All are welcome to join together in fellowship on Friday, April 12, 2019 at our Lenten Soup Dinner, 6 pm and Live Stations of the Cross, 7 pm. Looking for creative individuals who can assist in making costumes/props for the upcoming Live Stations performance. For more information, please email religiousekids@sienachurch.org.

Jesus Remember Me, an Easter Cantata performed by the Adult and Children's Choir. All are welcome to enjoy the concert being held on **Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 3:00 pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall immediately following. For more information, please email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

St. Veronica

www.stveronica.com

Starting **April 8, 2019**, St. Veronica Church, 4215 Route 9, Howell NJ will commence a support group for those who have lost loved ones. The meetings will be held on **Monday evenings**, in the rectory (basement office) at 6:30 pm for a duration of 6 weeks. To register and for more information, please call Deacon Tom at **732-363-4200**.

St. William the Abbot

www.stwilliamtheabbot.com

Stitches from the Heart, our crochet group, will meet on **Wednesday, March 27, 7 pm**. All are welcome. Stations of the Cross is held every Friday during Lent at 7 pm. A Noon Mass has been added for Lent, Monday thru Thursday. We are having a Penance Service on Monday, April 1st at 7 pm. There will be at least six priests available to hear confessions.

Saint John Vianney High School
Vintage Mixer

Enjoy AN EVENING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019 - 6:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.
IN THE STUDENT DINING ROOM AT
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY HIGH SCHOOL

VINTAGE COCKTAILS,
WINES AND CRAFT BEERS
FROM OVER 40 VENDORS

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JAHRED GALLO - OWNER
10770, RT 34
ABERDEEN, NJ 07747

LITE FAIR: HORS D'OEUVRES/APPETIZERS
50/50 RAFFLE AND GIFT BASKETS

TICKETS \$40 IN ADVANCE - \$45 AT THE DOOR

ONLINE TICKET SALES/TICKETS BY CREDIT CARD
VISIT WWW.SJVHS.COM AND CLICK THE LINK
UNDER THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TICKET SALES BY MAIL
MAIL CHECKS TO: 540A LINE ROAD, HOLMDEL, NJ 07733
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SJVHS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JULIE PASQUALE
(732) 739-0800 EXT 121 OR PASQUALE@SJVHS.COM

Adults Only
NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED ON PREMISES,
VALID PHOTO ID MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE DOOR

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Rosary for World Peace-April 4: All are invited to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ, to join in praying the Rosary for Peace on Thursday April 4th in conjunction with Saint Anthony's Parish in Fatima, Portugal. The rosary will be prayed in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel starting at 3:00 pm. The schedule for the day is as follows: 11:30 am Holy Rosary; 12:00 pm Holy Mass; 1:00 pm Exposition; 2:00 pm Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; 3:00 pm Holy Rosary for World Peace. The World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, is located at 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802.