

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

Religious Education Hours: Mon: 10 am—7:30 pm • Wed: 10 am—6 pm



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Easter*

Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
“Simon, son of John,
do you love me
more than these?”

John 21:15



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.

MAY 5, 2019

PARISH OFFICE: 732-938-5375 • OFFICE OF REL. ED: 732-938-6229 • PARISH FAX: 732-938-3260

WE PRAY... CELEBRATE... REMEMBER

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5, 2019

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory
and blessing."
— *Revelation 5:12*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 4 4:30 PM

John D'Alessio • *with love, from the family*

John & Mary Kruse • *daughters MaryAnn, Patty and Stephanie*

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00 AM **Judi Murray Graves** • *Rosemary T. Collins*
Corneilus Meagher • *Joe & Jenny Meagher*

10:00 AM **Benedetta Cosentino and Giuseppe Cosentino** • *Philip & Kristin Natilli*
Colleen Liabruno • *Keegan Family*

11:30 AM **Luigi & Rose Cantatore** • *the Tranchina Family*
Vernon Cheeseman • *Pat & Kathi Lavin*

MONDAY, MAY 6

9:00 AM **Emma Jane Heebner** • *Gail Carter*
Philip Smith • *Gail Carter*

TUESDAY, MAY 7

9:00 AM **For the People of the Parish**

THURSDAY, MAY 9

9:00 AM **For the People of the Parish**

FRIDAY, MAY 10

9:00 AM **John Koziar** • *Joanne Monroe*



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

Laura Ann Croce

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

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

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

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.

The tender dialogue between Jesus and Peter is my favorite. It is the exchange two close friends can have after one has deeply hurt the other and wonders if things can be the same. Perhaps you've had a similar experience? Jesus begins: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Peter answers, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus asks Peter to care for his lambs. When asked a third time, Peter is upset. Jesus asks for the total sacrificial love of close friends. Peter's answer changed. Jesus meets Peter there, trusting that the sacrificial love initially asked for will return. He asks Peter if he loves him with friendship. Peter once avowed that he would be willing to die for Jesus, but Jesus had warned him that before the cock crows he would deny him three times. Now, when Jesus asked him repeatedly if he loved him with a self-sacrificing love, Peter could not bring himself to respond in the same terms.

It is the weakness of Peter that appeals to us. The fact that he was honest enough to tell Jesus that he loved him, but not to the extent of self-sacrificing his life for him. Peter would experience spiritual growth. Very soon Peter did grow to love Jesus in the deepest, self-sacrificing way.

In the first reading, we see Peter and the other Apostles willingness to sacrifice. They had been ordered by the authorities to stop preaching about Jesus, and how they carried on filling Jerusalem with their teaching. Peter boldly declared, "Obedience to God comes first before obedience to men." Peter proclaims Jesus even that could mean a return to prison and death. In late 2014, ISIS beheaded four children because they would not convert to Islam. Those children said, "We love Jesus. We have always loved Jesus." They witnessed too sacrificial love as modern Holy Innocents.

We might not be asked to give ourselves in physical death. I am not even sure I would have the strength to do so. However, we are asked to love Jesus totally, to feed others with forgiveness, pay attention to others' needs. We are asked to give with an unconditional love of God by how we try to love others. The measure of our love is to love without measure, like Jesus, Peter, and the other disciples.

Here are some questions to ponder: How do you love Jesus, as a brother with the sacrificial love of spouses, family members or best friends? Identify and describe the ways you feed Jesus' lambs and sheep every day of your life.

God our Father, you gave yourself to us totally by becoming human like us. Jesus gave himself entirely to us and to you by his death on the cross. You raised him from death. Please raise us up and help us to love you totally by the ways in which we love another. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP

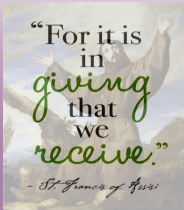
**Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
HELP AND SUPPORT!**

**Weekly First Sunday Collection
Saturday/Sunday, April 28/29 2019**

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,462.00	142 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,248.00	111 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,239.00	131 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$861.00	122 people
Totals	\$4,810.00	506 people
Online Giving April 22— April 28	\$1,224.00	61 donors

Second Collection

Catholic Home Missions \$1,245.00



**Upcoming Second Collection
May 11/12**

Mother's Day Remembrance

**WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT FOR OUR EASTER COLLECTION!**

**Holy Week Attendance
April 18—21 2019**

7:30 PM Mass	Holy Thursday	103 people
3:00 PM Mass	Good Friday	126 people
7:30 PM Mass	Holy Saturday	236 people
8:00 AM Mass	Easter Sunday	211 people
10:00 AM Mass	Easter Sunday	424 people
11:30 AM Mass	Easter Sunday	355 people

Second Collection

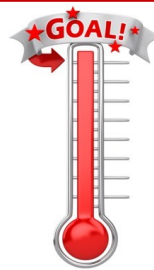
Holy Land Candles \$1,081.00
\$136.00

Easter Collection
\$14,415.00

Easter Flower Memorials
\$1,855.00



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



Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00
As of April 29, 2019
Pledged Amount: **\$27,470.30**
Percent of Goal Raised=62%
Donors: 110

Pledge Balance Owed on April 29—
\$4,908.64

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.

Here at St. Catherine of Siena, 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. Annual 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 PARISH NEWS

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



**Anthony & Josephine
Farinella**

**The Marotta Family
Michael, Jennifer &
Lukas**

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

May is the Month of Mary

The Legion of Mary Auxiliary Pilgrim Statue Available

If you would like to open your
home to our Blessed Mother,
please contact Nancy Martinez at
732-919-1712

or email

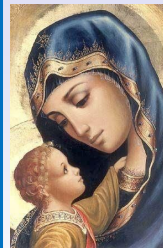
legionofmary@sienachurch.org



Rosary Altar Society will be

collecting baby items (diapers, clothing,
blankets, Maternity clothes, new or
slightly used, etc.) to donate to local
support groups for Moms and their ba-
bies. These items will be collected in the
Narthex until May 6.

Thank you for your support.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Easter Baskets of Blessings Drive



With your support and outpouring of love & generosity, St. Catherine of Siena Parish Social Concerns Commission exceeded our goal! We were able to make and deliver **140** Easter Baskets to benefit our community children in need and a local, domestic violence shelter.

Many thanks to all who contributed— **2,164 items were donated!** A special thanks to the following volunteers: *Mr. Joyce, Gerry Hodge, Lois Hradil, Denise Lamantina, Jennifer Lasalle, Susan Miller, Carol Nesbesnak, Trinh Nguyen, Debra Nobile, Mary Quigley, Debi Sardone, Linda Schrader & son, Andrea Zak. Youth Volunteers: Mackenzie Diamond, Christopher Ferrera, James Genovese, Samantha Joyce, Thomas Joyce, Ava Lamantina, Janna Lamantina, Alyssa Lasalle, Isabella McDonnell, Justin Nguyen, Isabella Novera, Matthew Paulsen, James Schottman, Guiseppe Tranchina, Lucrezia Tranchina, Victoria Tranchina, Francesco Vazquez. God's blessings to all.*



For more information on the works of this Ministry, please contact Laura Randazzo at passociate@sienachurch.org.

SACRAMENTAL AND FAITH FORMATION

ANOIDING 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. Baptism Arrangements must be made in advance by contacting 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 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 or removed to our prayer list.

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

LOW GLUEN HOST: An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.



We are so blessed to have many children ready to celebrate their First Eucharist with us as a parish family. This will take place at our Masses the Weekend of

May 11 & 12

Let us show these children how very proud we are of them by welcoming their families and friends into our community.

REIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are busy planning for the 2019-2020 Religious Education year and we need your help! Catechists for all grades are needed. You don't need to have a child in the program to be eligible to teach, just a desire to share your faith with the children of the Parish.

For more details, please contact Patrice Riley, at 732-938-6229 or email cre@sienachurch.org.

FORMED

Did you know our parish has FORMED On Demand?

Enjoy a free subscription to FORMED On Demand—an incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place! With FORMED On Demand, you can prepare for Sunday Mass by watching an insightful five-minute video by renowned Catholic teachers. Enjoy a movie with your family that is both nourishing and entertaining. Help your children grow in character and embrace the beauty and wonder of the Faith.

It is Easy! Get Started Today!

Go to www.formed.org

Click on **"Register"** and enter our parish code **QCVKRC**
Create a personal account with your username/email and password

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

OUR DIOCESE ... OUR COMMUNITY

For I Was
in Prison,
and You
Visited Me

Liberty Avenue, Trenton

The Diocese of Trenton Jail & Prison Ministry is in great need of volunteers to visit our incarcerated brothers and sisters, to remind them of God's great love and mercy for them. We serve multiple State and County Correctional Centers

as well as the Federal Prison at Ft. Dix. Our volunteers conduct Communion Services, Bible Studies and Prayer Services, as well as offering the gift of Listening and Pastoral Presence. If you are interested in sharing faith, hope and love with this often forgotten population, we will be conducting information sessions throughout the Diocese. Please call the Ministry Coordinator, **Peter Haas** at **609-403-7198** or email him at phaas@dioceseoftrenton.org. Please leave your name, phone number, email and parish. We will contact you with the date, time and location of the information sessions. Thank you.



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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

St. Veronica
www.stveronica.com

St. William the Abbot
www.stwilliamtheabbot.com



RAIN OR SHINE

SUNDAY MAY 19, 2019

ALL youth, young adults AND their families are invited for a special day at **GREAT ADVENTURE** that will feature **MASS with BISHOP O'CONNELL** and a **CONCERT with MATT MAHER!**

Cost is ONLY \$50 per person (\$20 w/ Season Pass) and includes a private lunch buffet, parking and a free return ticket!

You can come as a family or as a Parish group... just go to www.dotyouth.org for all the details!

Questions? Please call **609-403-7182**

Upper Room Spiritual Center www.theupper-room.org
3455 West Bangs Avenue, Building 2, Neptune, NJ 07753
e-mail: office@theupper-room.org

Men's Spirituality Group Wednesday, May 8, 2019 7:30pm - 9:00pm Our desire is to grow in spirit and move closer to God by generating loving, supportive discussions on all things spiritual. **Fee:** \$10

Knitting and Prayer Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:30pm -3:30pm
Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills with prayer and compassion, and create a prayer shawl, for someone in need of prayer. Little or no experience required. Free Will Offering