



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday/Sunday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday
3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road
9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday—9:00 a.m.
Tuesday—9:00 a.m.
Thursday—9:00 a.m.
Friday—9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

First Friday of the Month immediately
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday immediately following the
9:00 a.m. Mass

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

We want to give a warm welcome to our 7th and 8th grade Religious Education classes, as well as their parents and teachers today as we celebrate the Sunday Liturgy at 11:30 a.m. As a family of God who prays, give praise and offer thanksgiving, let us be mindful that the summit of our Christian life is no other than the Eucharist and the Mass.

Tomorrow, Monday, February 3rd is the Optional Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. It is customary to have the blessing of our throats, and this blessing will be given at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. Mass in the Chapel. The Novena to the Miraculous medal is done in private.

This Saturday, February 8th, at 10 a.m., our candidates for First Holy Communion are going to have their First Reconciliation in the Church. This is also an excellent opportunity for everybody, most notably the parents and family members of our candidates to have their confessions heard and receive absolution. We have invited some priests in the area to help us to administer the Sacrament.

Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple.

An interesting question is: Why should Mary be purified, and sacrifice be offered? St. Luke tells us it has to be done because Joseph and Mary were in every way faithful to their religion. It is noticeable that St. Luke speaks of Joseph and Mary fulfilling the Law of the Lord.

The Canticle of the Holy Man Simeon is a prayer that is prayed as part of the Night Prayer which is said by all who pray the Divine office. It is a solemn and beautiful prayer for night time: "Now Lord you can dismiss your servant. . ." In this prayer, St. Luke is telling us that Jesus came to save all people: Christ would reveal his Light to the Gentiles. Simeon gives a hint of the cross that is ahead for Mary and her Child: "And you yourself a sword will pierce," he tells Mary.

I would like you to consider how Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus. Many other babies were brought to the temple over the ages. How did they know this was the one? St. Luke tells us the Holy Spirit guided them and they were holy people. They were aged people who served in the temple. Simeon is an exemplar of someone who has learned to be patient, living in the hope that God would fulfill the ancient promises. Likewise, Anna had been prompted by the Spirit. They seized the opportunity to proclaim the truth, and they pointed us in the direction of God's saving presence among us.

It was St. John who told us that Jesus promised the gift of the Spirit to the Church; the Spirit would lead us to all truth. Like Simeon and Anna, we can learn to be patient and attentive and wait for the promptings of the Spirit. We live in the wake of the first coming of Christ and continue to wait for his second coming. In the meantime, there is enough going on in our lives and the world around us for us to recognize that. In the midst of all the pain and confusion, God continues to make His presence felt. Simeon's prophecy speaks of the Christ child as a "light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel."

Today's feast day centers on the theme of the Light. Christians are praying & processing with their candles; hence it's called Candlemas. At our baptism, our parents and godparents were entrusted with a candle. It was lit from the Pascal Candle with the hope that we would: "keep the flame of faith alive." What better way for us to celebrate this feast than by reflecting on the fact that Jesus, not only declared himself to be the Light of the World, but reminded us, his followers, that we too are to be the Light of the world? It does not have to be too dramatic. It will be enough if you and I can, like Simeon and Anna, be attentive to the promptings of the Spirit, recognizing the signs of God's abiding presence and pointing these out to others. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTION



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

SATURDAY · FEBRUARY 1

4:30 PM

Joseph Cocuzza • Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ruggiero

SUNDAY · FEBRUARY 2

8:00 AM

Rose Muti • John & Bell Kennedy

10:00 AM

Luca & Michael Canzona • Andrade Family

11:30 AM

Marilyn Hunter • Lindon Family

MONDAY · FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM

Father Joseph Gancila • Sal Manno

TUESDAY · FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM

Dora Capra • loving family

THURSDAY · FEBRUARY 6

9:00 AM

Father Joseph Gancila • Sal Manno

FRIDAY · FEBRUARY 7

9:00 AM

Hugh Blair • Ellen & Joel Gordon

The Presentation of the Lord *February 2, 2020*



First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger “to prepare the way” and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, “a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.” Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus “is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel.” Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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

MaryAnn Aulisi, Peter Bennett, Victoria Bott, Frank Bracco, Mike Burke, William Clemens, Keith Dice, Nancy Drake, Bob Ebhar, Cyril Elias, Sharon Foster, Cheri Gargiulo, Marlene Gravatt, Norma Jean Hall, John Hart, Lori Jones, Ann Johnston, John Keegan, Eugene Kerek, Jeanine Kerek, Laurie Krawowski, Charlie “Butch” Lavin, Barbara Lipari, Adrienne Lomangino, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Margie McCullam, Linda Moore, McKenna Murray, Amber Painter, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Mary Rossiello, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Melissa Tortorello, Lauren Tuosto, Giuseppe Turriciano, Phyllis Weissblum.

LITURGY



St. Blaise
Bishop and Martyr
February 3, 2020

The Blessing of Throats will take place at St. Catherine of Siena Chapel at the conclusion of the 9:00AM, Mass on Monday, February 3rd, the Feast Day of St. Blaise.

Prayer to St. Blaise for protection, particularly from afflictions of the throat.

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."



World Day for Consecrated Life

PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED PERSONS

God, our Father we thank you for calling men & women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, & hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes.

Feb. 1 & 2, 2020

Renew their knowledge & love of you and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously & courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 1 & 2, 2020

MASS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
4:30 pm	June Hankel Greg King	Sara Schuld	Deacon Dan Sara Schuld Kathy DeMicco
8:00 am	Robert Perry		Deacon Dan Dr. Steve Martino Stephanie Harakal
10:00 am	Joe Miller		Marian Ferris Susan Miller Janice Kehoe
11:30 am	Alexandria Terri Murray		Suzanne DeGrande Patrick Shanks Joe Lanza



HELP WANTED

Would you like to help? We are in need of Substitute Ushers at our weekend Masses. The Ushers greet parishioners coming to Mass and help find seating.

MASS	USHER TEAM
4:30 pm	George Zieminski Nick DeMicco Frank Bostjancic George Gravatt Nicholas Gravatt
8:00 am	Pat Cranmer John Harakal Tony Infante Jerry SanAntonio
10:00 am	Joe Caltagirone Jr. Joe Golding Bill Ingram Mike Smith
11:30 am	Jerry Coleman Matt Moore Jason Rubinson Scott Rubinson

They also pass the collection to the parishioners in the pews. Training provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:13



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

John Paczkowski

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



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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Sunday, February 23, 2020
Sunday, March 29, 2020

For more detailed information and to register, visit our Parish Website, www.sienachurch.org.

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 certificates, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is required. Classes are held in Classroom 10 on the **4th Sunday of the month**. To sign up for the class, 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.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES: In order to obtain a sponsor certificate at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, the following is required: **Registration in the parish for at least 6 months prior to the request; received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation; if married, married in the Catholic Church; be at least 16 years of age; attending Mass faithfully participating in the life of the Church, receiving the Eucharist and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.** All requests are approved by the Pastor. Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your registration status.

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.

LOW GLUTEN 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL or Memorial Mass
Please contact the Parish Office arrangements.



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wwp@sienachurch.org



NEWS

Religious Education CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The Parish Religious Education classes will be closed on
Sunday, February 16th
Monday, February 17th &
Tuesday, February 18th
in observance of Presidents Day.

NOTE 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
Tuesday, February 18, 5 p.m.
Parish Hall

UPCOMING First Reconciliation
Grade 2 Students & Families
Saturday, February 8, 2020
10:00 a.m.

A PRAYER FOR OUR RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally.
Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive.

Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith as we journey together. Amen.

The Religious Education Program is made up of many generous volunteers.

We are in need of Substitute Catechists.

You do not have to have a child in the program to volunteer.

Please call the office @732-938-6229 for more information.

Diocesan Youth Conference

February 8, 2020



All Teens in 8-12th grade invited!
Register with your parish!

For more information:

www.dotyouth.org

Or Call St. Catherine of Siena

Office of Rel. Ed

732- 938-6229



Diocese of Trenton

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome

If you are new to the area and have questions regarding Parish Registration, please contact the Parish Office. In order to be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered and show your presence and support with attendance at Mass and also through the regular use of offertory envelopes.

Young Adults who are still living at home with their parents, who are in college, and/or are employed full-time, are encouraged to register under their own name. This is important when one is asked to be a godparent.

For address and phone number changes, including a change in parish, please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

We are committed to serving the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish, and we ask for your prayers and commitment.

Forgot your Offering Envelope?

We have "Welcome" envelopes in our Narthex available to anyone who does not have an envelope or forgot their envelope at home.

If you currently do not participate in our envelope system & would like to start using them, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Submissions

FEBRUARY
23 bulletin

Materials Due
Feb. 10

MARCH
1 bulletin

Materials Due
Feb. 17

EMAIL: frontoffice@sienachurch.org

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

The Aurisano's
Dominick, Jessica
Emilia & Lucy

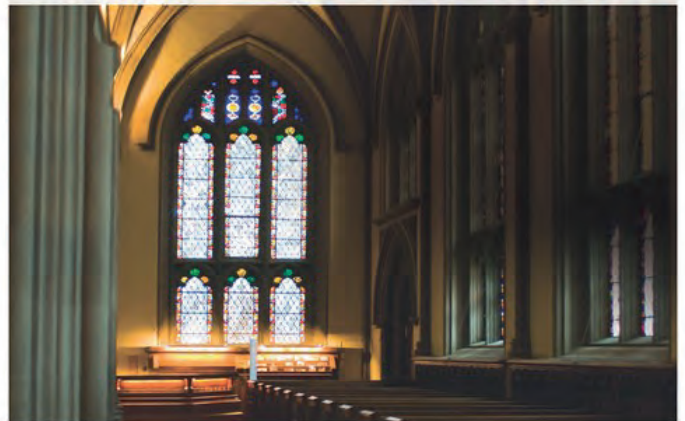
The Ruddy's
Kevin & Cynthia

Ashleigh Venezia

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- 2 Select the collection you wish to donate to.
- 3 Set up your donation or payment.



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Thank You!

Altar Flowers

We invite our parishioners to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or perhaps to mark a special occasion. You will help us provide beauty for the Lord's worship and pay a visible tribute to a special person or celebrate a special event.

Please call the Parish Office for more information or to place an order.

STEWARDS CORNER



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

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Jan 25/26 2020

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,180.00	123 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,500.00	113 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,432.00	168 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,028.00	157 people
Totals	\$5,140.00	561 people
Online Giving Jan 20—Jan 26	\$1,629.00	77 donors

Grand Total **\$6,769.00**

Second Collection

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, the amount collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!
 Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift makes a difference!

Church in Latin America	\$1,252.00

Upcoming Second Collection

Parish Energy and Fuel

February
9

February
16

Parish Maintenance and
Repairs

2019 TAX STATEMENTS

Envelope Users: If you would like a year-end tax statement for 2019, please email your request to sienastatements@gmail.com.

This is NOT a website. Please include in your email your full name, address, and envelope number. Please do not wait to the last minute since email requests are handled once a week.

Online Giving: Your 2019 parishioner donation statements will be e-mailed on January 29, 2020 to everyone who has a valid e-mail address in WeShare. The statement is provided directly by WeShare. If you do not receive your email by early February, please contact the Parish Office.

We thank you for your support to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Stewardship

O Divine Giver of all gifts grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.
 Amen.

UPCOMING



Reader Ministry Workshop!

To help prepare for the Lenten and Easter Season Deacon Dan is offering a workshop for all current Reader's and those who would like to become a member of the Reader Ministry.

Join us on

Tuesday February 11th at 7:00 pm.

You must be at least 16 years of age & have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please email deacondan@sienachurch.org to confirm your attendance.

Knights of Columbus
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Hospitality Ministry

In appreciation, Hospitality Sunday was a wonderful day of fellowship!

THANK YOU

for your support of our Parish.

Altar Server Training!
ALL ARE WELCOME

Please join Deacon Dan in the main church on **Monday February 10th** immediately following Religious Education classes. Open to existing servers who would like refresher training and for new servers who would like to join this exciting ministry!

Open to 5th graders and up! Earn service hours for serving at Mass and attending this training.

Please email deacondan@sienachurch.org to confirm your attendance.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

COME BACK TO ME WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.

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END OF LIFE PLANNING

from a Catholic Perspective

Saturday, February 22, 2020

St. Veronica Church 4215 Rt 9 Howell NJ

10:00 A.M.—Noon

Parish Narthex

Refreshments Served

- Seating Limited

For more information, call
732- 363-4200

SPEAKER

Rev. Vincent Euk will address end-of-life issues during this discussion such as cremation, living wills, and more. An important discussion for adults of all ages and stages. Father Euk, Pastor of St. Veronica Church, has a master's degree in theology with a specialization in bioethics and National Catholic Certification in Health Care Ethics.

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

Centering Prayer*

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

DONOVAN CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS ANNUAL



Sunday, February 17, 2019

2:00 or 4:00 Seatings

\$15. per person

RSVP to Cindy Lehmann
732-349-8801x2403



Saturday, February 22, 2020

Volunteer Orientation 3 p.m.-7 pm.

Do you feel called to care for Earth? Join us at Waterspirit, a non-profit center for spirituality and ecology, in an informative 3-hour session (with dinner to follow) of eco-spiritual activities at 4 E. River Road, Rumson, NJ 07760. Let's co-create the right volunteer opportunities for you! More information is available at www.waterspirit.org or via email at water@waterspirit.org.

You are invited to the Catholic Women of Zion Chapter 1 Ministry Retreat Day on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at St. William the Abbot R. C. Church, 2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Road, Howell NJ. The day consists of Mass, prayer, music, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch.

Register online at cwoz.org or call 732-202-8352 no later than Tuesday, February 4, 2020. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name. Janet invites us to join her as she shares: *The Healing Power of Forgiveness*.

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