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OF SIENA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE

SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —

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www.sienachurch.org

Parish Office Hours:
Sunday 9:00 AM—
12:45 PM
Monday-Thursday
9:00-2:00 PM

Our parish staff is here to help.

You may contact the Parish Office by phone or email, and we warmly welcome you to call ahead to schedule an appoint-

Weekend Mass

Saturday

4:30 PM Vigil

Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM | 11:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 AM | 7:00 PM

unless otherwise announced

Confession

Saturday

3:30 PM—4:00 PM

other days by appointment

**The Church is open for prayer during
office hours.**

St. Catherine's Chapel Weekday Mass Now Open

9:00 AM Mass | 8:30 AM Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday

Our Pastor's Sunday Message

The Most Holy Trinity

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here is an interesting question: **If God were a judge, what kind of judge would He be?** Would He be a vengeful and fearful judge? Would He measure us only by our failures, our weaknesses, and our sins?

If God judged us only by human standards, all of us would stand in need of mercy. How could we hide our transgressions and sinfulness from the One who sees the heart? St. Paul reminds us that "sin entered the world through one man, and through sin, death; and thus death spread to all, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12). Left to ourselves, we would have no defense and no hope.

But our God is not only just. He is loving, merciful, and saving. He does not love us because we are perfect. He loves us despite our shortcomings, our wounds, and our weaknesses. The psalmist gives us this beautiful assurance: "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults" (Psalm 103:10). God's judgment is never separated from His mercy, and His mercy is never separated from His love.

In today's Gospel, Jesus declares one of the most beloved verses in all of Scripture: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." This sentence has been called "the greatest of all": God, the greatest lover; so loved, the greatest motivation; the world, the greatest number; that He gave, the greatest act; His only Son, the greatest gift; whoever believes, the greatest invitation; may not perish, the greatest deliverance; but have eternal life, the greatest possession.

On this Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, it can be tempting to see the Trinity as a puzzle to be solved or a doctrine too difficult to understand. But the Trinity is not first a problem to solve; the Trinity is a mystery of love to be lived. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a communion of love. And by grace, we are invited into that love.

The Father creates us and calls us His children. The Son redeems us by stretching out His arms on the Cross. The Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, and draws us into the very life of God. The Trinity teaches us that love is never closed in on itself. True love gives, receives, forgives, and unites.

Like the sun that gives rays to warm us, God the Father is the source of love. He embraces us through the outstretched arms of Christ on the Cross, and He surrounds us with the warmth, nearness, and power of the Holy Spirit. From death to life, from sin to grace, from darkness to light, we need the loving embrace of our Triune God.

May this feast remind us that we are not alone, not abandoned, and not beyond the reach of mercy. We live, move, and have our being in the love of the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Yours in Christ,



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Having come down in a cloud,
the LORD stood
with Moses there
and proclaimed his name,
"LORD." (Ex 34:5)

Second Reading:

The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with all of
you. (2 Cor 13:13)

Gospel:

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God so loved the world that
he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who
believes in him might
not perish
but might have
eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

We are Called

To know, love, and serve as Jesus did.



The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions

Saturday • May 30

4:30 PM † **Salvatore Thompson** r/b Annette Slitas

Sunday • May 31

8:00 AM † **Ronald Kushnir** r/b Angela & Irwin Israel

10:00 AM † **Carol Zawislak** r/b Mary Anne Frasier

11:30 AM † **Josephin Petrella** r/b Negro Family

Monday • June 1 —St. Catherine's Chapel

9:00 AM † **Arthur Heitzenroder** r/b Margie & Sandy

Tuesday • June 2 —St. Catherine's Chapel

9:00 AM † **Harriett Giordano** r/b Victoria & James Roberts

Thursday • June 4 —St. Catherine's Chapel

9:00 AM † **Rev. Albert Ricciardelli**

Friday • June 5 —St. Catherine's Chapel

9:00 AM † **Roy Murray** r/b Wife & Family

"Your word is
a lamp that
gives *light*
wherever
I walk."

Psalm 119:105

For the Sick of our Community

If you or a loved one needs Anointing of the Sick or homebound visitation with Holy Communion, please contact the parish office at 732-938-5375.

Know

To know, is learning to trust God.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Annulment

The Church encourages divorced and remarried persons to pursue annulment. To arrange a confidential discussion, email deacondan@sienachurch.org

Becoming Catholic

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for you! Contact the parish office at 732-938-5375 or email passociate@sienachurch.org.

Bulletin

Please email submission requests by 5:00 PM 14 days before the weekend bulletin date, to bulletin@sienachurch.org

Change of Name/Phone/Address

Update information to officeassistant@sienachurch.org

Faith Formation | Children

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is for children in K through 8th grade. Inquire to, email prep@sienachurch.org or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

Faith Formation | Teens

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) has sacramental preparation and ministry opportunities for teens, grade 9 –12. Inquire to email prep@sienachurch.org. or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

Sacraments

Baptism

Parish families who wish to have a child baptized should be registered in the parish. First time parents are to take a pre-baptismal class before the sacrament of baptism. Classes are offered monthly. Please call the parish office at 732-938-5375 for further information.

Confirmation/ First Eucharist Children

Preparation is a two- year process for children in our Parish Religious Education Program. (PREP) For those seeking the sacraments, please email prep@sienachurch.org or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

Confirmation/ First Eucharist Young Adults/Adults

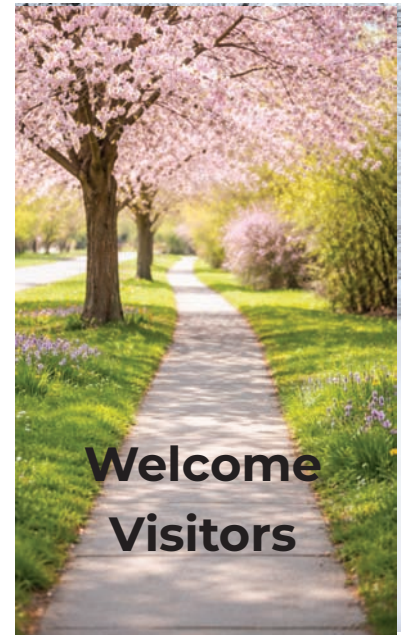
If you've been baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation, we invite you to complete your sacraments of initiation! Contact the parish office at 732-938-5375 or email passociate@sienachurch.org.

Marriage

For parishioners (attending 6 months or more), a minimum of one year preparation is required. It is recommended to contact the parish office before booking venue.

Sacramental Records

To request a sacramental record, i.e., copies of Baptismal Certificates, First Eucharist Certificates, Confirmation Certificates, Marriage Certificates email officeassistant@sienachurch.org.



We warmly welcome all visitors joining us today at St. Catherine of Siena Parish—whether you are here for the first time, visiting family, or simply passing through.

We are blessed by your presence and hope you feel at home in this house of God.

If you are new to the area and would like to learn more about our parish community, or how to register, please contact the parish office at 732-938-5375.

May the peace of Christ be with you during your time with us!



Love

To love is to learn how to follow Christ together.

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When we love as Christ loves, we become instruments of His peace and healing in the world. True Christian love unites us, strengthens the Church, and draws others closer to God.

Let us love not just in words, but in action—serving, forgiving, and building each other up in Christ.

Observances for the week of May 31, 2026

Monday

St. Justin, Martyr

Tuesday

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Wednesday

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday

Friday

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday:

St. Norbert, Bishop

Next Sunday

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Reflect and Respond

1st Reading Question

We hear how God proclaims His name as “Lord” to Moses on Mount Sinai, describing Himself as merciful, gracious, kind, and faithful.

How would you describe your experience of God?

2nd Reading Question

Paul speaks of the grace, love, and fellowship of our triune God and encourages the Corinthians to treat each other likewise.

Who needs your love and fellowship this week?

Gospel Question

Jesus speaks of God’s love and commitment to both people and planet.

What do you imagine a “saved” world will look like?



Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Salvation is a gift God dearly wishes us to accept. It is not a yardstick against which He measures our worth.

He has made it so simple.

So, will we accept?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Salvation

Question:

In some passages of the Bible, Jesus makes it sound like only a few people will be saved. But we talk about hoping for everyone’s salvation. So which one is it — will many or few people be saved?

Answer:

Salvation is a mystery of God’s grace. St. Paul encourages us to offer prayers for everyone. He calls it “*good and pleasing to God*” because God Himself “*wills everyone to be saved*” (c.f. 1 Tm 2:1-4). The redemption that Jesus offers is held out to all of us. His sacrifice on the cross was already for everyone. Now it is a matter of if and how we accept that salvation in our own lives.

Here on earth, we can’t possibly know the exact number of people who will be in heaven. When we hear words like “many” and “few,” we tend to think of them in quantitative terms. Four wine glasses for six guests is too few. Three slices of cake for one person is too many. For God, however, “many” and “few” are qualitative terms. Imagine for a moment that nearly every human person is in heaven and only a handful had, by their actions on earth, separated themselves from God. For a God who infinitely loves, even one person spending eternity apart from Him is too many!

Around the Diocese

Highlights, Events, and Opportunities for our Parish Community

DIOCESE OF TRENTON YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Presents:



Service & Social

JUNE 6, 2026
9AM - 2PM
PROUDLY SERVING WITH
VINCENT'S LEGACY

- MEET OTHER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- HANG OUT AND HAVE LUNCH

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Mass for Catholics in Recovery

JUNE 7, 2026 ~ 1:00 PM

The Church of Epiphany
615 Thiele Road, Brick, NJ 08724

This mass is for Catholics who are in recovery for addictions such as alcohol, drugs, gambling, food, etc. as well as their family members and friends.

Our Celebrant: Fr. Mike Santangelo
Guest Speaker: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF



For more information, please contact the parish office at 732-458-0220 or email Kim@churchofepiphany.org

Sensory Friendly Masses



April 26 | 2 p.m.
St. Rose Belmar

May 31 | 2 p.m.
Holy Innocents Neptune

June 14 | 2 p.m.
St. Benedict Holmdel

Fellowship and refreshments to follow. These services are inclusive to the **Special Needs Community**.

For more information, please contact NorMonHIS@gmail.com



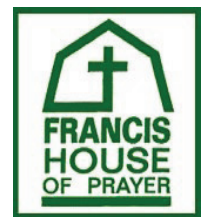
Offerings at Francis

House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan
Spiritual Center and
Retreat House
84 Walnford

Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509

or FHOP@verizon.net



Looking to deepen your prayer life? The Francis House of Prayer offers days of reflection, retreats, and spiritual programs in a peaceful setting rooted in the Franciscan tradition.

Take time to step away, listen, and encounter the Lord in silence and prayer.

For upcoming programs and registration, please visit: www.FHOP.org

SERVE

To serve is to live like Jesus—with love, humility, and purpose.

At the heart and soul of our parish is the call from Jesus: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We believe the best way to live this out is by forming community and sharing our faith together—this is the heart of ministry.

If you're looking for a way to grow in faith and serve others, we invite you to get involved in parish life.

Whether it's through liturgy, faith formation, outreach, or hospitality—there's a place for you here.

*Serve Jesus
by Serving Children*

St. Catherine of Siena Parish is seeking **catechists and program volunteers** to help create a warm, faith-filled, and welcoming Religious Education Program for our children and families.

If you have a **love for Christ, a joyful spirit, and a desire to share the faith**, we would love to hear from you.

There is a place for every gift — catechists, aides, substitutes, hall monitors, and special event volunteers. Training and support are provided.

*Come help us build a place
where faith comes alive.*

Email : passociate@sienachurch.org

Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism | Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation

To Serve as a Godparent

Visit Our Website, www.sienachurch.org to fill out the Request Form

To serve as a godparent is more than an honor—it is a sacred calling. A godparent supports the faith journey of a child by example, prayer, and ongoing spiritual encouragement. Chosen not just for closeness, but for character and commitment to the Catholic faith, a godparent walks alongside the child and their family, helping to nurture a life rooted in Christ.

To Serve as a Confirmation Sponsor

To serve as a Confirmation sponsor is a meaningful role in the life of a young Catholic. A sponsor stands as a witness to the faith, guiding the candidate through prayer, encouragement, and example. Chosen for their active Catholic life, sponsors help the candidate grow in their relationship with Christ and take their place as a fully initiated member of the Church. It is a commitment of presence, prayer, and ongoing spiritual support.

Eligibility

According to Canon Law, godparents & sponsors must:

- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church
- Be at least 16 yrs of age
- Received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation
- Not be bound by canonical penalties
- Not be the father or mother of the one being baptized

Letter of Good Standing

Before we can issue “a letter of good standing” from the Office of the Pastor, we ask that you be an **active, registered parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months**. An active member:

Attends Mass on a regular basis & is registered, showing regular participation with the life, mission and support of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Note, if he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish years ago but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of this parish.

Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides.

This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

GROW

To grow in Christ is to become who we are meant to be.



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic, completing the Sacraments of Initiation, or learning more about the Catholic faith?

OCIA , Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a welcoming process for adults who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Come with your questions, your story, and an open heart. We look forward to walking with you on the journey of faith.

For more information, please contact **Laura Randazzo, Pastoral Associate**, at passociate@sienachurch.org.

Catholic Summer Book Club Now Forming

Summer Selection *Life of Christ* by Fulton Sheen

As we look ahead to the **beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on September 24, 2026**, join us this summer for faith-filled reading, thoughtful conversation, and parish fellowship as we explore one of Sheen's most beloved works.

Life of Christ is a powerful and deeply Catholic meditation on the person, mission, and saving love of Jesus Christ. More than a biography, this spiritual classic invites readers to encounter Our Lord more deeply through Sheen's rich reflections on the Gospel, the Cross, and the mystery of redemption. The book is now available, please see the parish office.

Register now. Please contact **Laura Randazzo, Pastoral Associate**, at passociate@sienachurch.org.



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Make time each day to nurture your relationship with God, and consider joining others in reading Scripture and growing together in faith.

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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2026–2027
Religious Education
Registration
Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2026–2027 St. Catherine of Siena Parish Religious Education Program for children in Grades K–8. 0

Families are encouraged to register early, as classes are filled in the order registrations are received.

Online registration closes **August 31, 2026**. Program starts **September 21**.

For questions, please email prep@sienachurch.org.



God loves you so much. He sent Jesus into the world to take your sins away. Jesus died on the cross as punishment for all of your sins so that you could have a new, better life with God. Believe in Jesus. Trust in God's love. Then you can live with God forever.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for taking away my sins.

Color the Picture



THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan

ABUSE HOTLINE:

1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



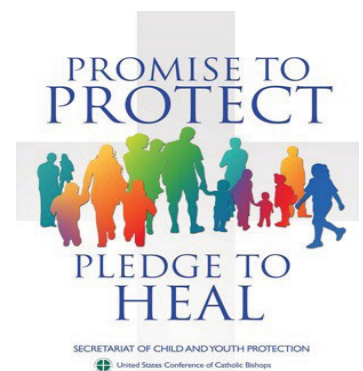
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10:00 AM Mass & 11:30 AM Mass.

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Help your child grow in faith, one Sunday at a time.



STEWARDSHIP

What shall I return to the Lord for all He has given me?

Offertory Update

May 23 | May 24

4:30 PM	\$1,072.00
8:00 AM	\$1,263.00
10:00 AM	\$1,069.00
11:30 AM	\$1,045.00
Online Giving:	\$2,050.00
Total	\$6,499.00
Second Collection:	
Good Samaritan Ministry	
\$1,796.00	

Parish Offertory

Support the ongoing, operational needs at St. Catherine's, including the care of people, programs and facilities.

Your offertory gifts enable us to celebrate our Masses each week, provide pastoral care, and maintain our sacred spaces.

Thanks to your support our parish can continue our mission to know, love, serve and grow and Jesus did.

Thank you



2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Would You Like to Receive Offertory Envelopes?

If you are a registered parishioner and would like to begin receiving offertory envelopes, please contact the parish office. Using envelopes is a helpful way to support the parish regularly and to receive a record of your contributions for tax purposes.

Not yet registered? We'd be happy to welcome you! Stop by the parish office to register.

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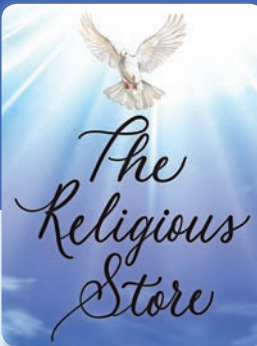
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