

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

April 27, 2014

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

Weekday Masses @ Chapel, 9:00 A.M. :

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday, following 9:00 A.M. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday, following 9:00 A.M. Mass to 11 A.M.

Holy Day Masses: As announced in bulletin

Confessions: Saturday - 3:30 to 4:00 P.M.

Baptism Classes: 3rd Wed. of each month

Parish Office Hours -

Monday thru Friday:

8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Prioli

Coordinator of Religious Education: Nancy Riddell

Director of Nursery School: Susan Connolly

Coordinator of Nursery School: Patricia Cranmer

Parish Office Secretary: Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary: Janice Deakyne

Sacristan: Ruth Ziznewski

Organist: Judy Hyer

Parish Trustees: Cindy Ventura and Dean Wright

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 26, 2014

4:30 PM Nancy FitzGerald r/o Family

Beatrice Puleio & Nancy Fama r/o Negro Family

Luigi & Pina Negro r/o Negro Family

SUNDAY, April 27, 2014

8:00 AM "Living" Maryann O'Neill r/o Friend

Parishioners

10:00 AM Henry Ballasty r/o Callari Family

Anne Smith r/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Gerry Plescia r/o Richard Ferris

11:30 AM Consuelo & Sal Remigio & Vicenta Martinez
r/o Martinez Family

Robert Seagriff r/o Roy & Terri Murray

"Living" Jasmin & Josue Martinez r/o Mom & Dad

Weekday Masses at St. Catherine's Chapel, 9:00 AM 1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

Contacts:

Website:

www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:

732-938-5375

Religious Education:

732-938-6229

Nursery School:

732-938-3454

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732-938-3260

Pastor's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 7

Deacon's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 5

Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

St. Vincent de Paul:

732-701-7837

Mass Intentions:

Monday, April 28, 2014

"Living" Jasmin & Josue Martinez r/o Mom & Dad

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

"Living" Jasmin & Josue Martinez r/o Mom & Dad

Thursday, May 1, 2014

"Living" Jasmin & Josue Martinez r/o Mom & Dad

Friday, May 2, 2014

"Living" Jasmin & Josue Martinez r/o Mom & Dad

After Mass until 11:00 A.M.

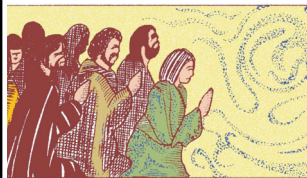
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Second Sunday of Easter

"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed."

— John 20:29b



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Richard Borgstrom, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, John Masterson, Esther Peraza

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter let us focus on the subject that seeing is not always believing. Listening to the word of God as we proclaim and read the second reading and the Gospel gives us a great opportunity to be mindful of the aforementioned topic "seeing" and "believing." We heard Thomas as we read the Gospel, he will not believe unless he sees the risen Lord Jesus himself. Jesus obliges him by appearing to him but he also said to Thomas and to us "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Likewise, when we hear the second reading, Peter the apostle, the author makes the same point: "Even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy." Notice that in both of these two readings, it is an awesome willingness to believe what goes beyond the evidence of our eyes that is praised.

However, it is but part of human nature to desire a sign, a proof, some evidence prompting us to an act of faith. Let us take a look at the first reading, from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, it seems that people come to faith in the Risen Jesus because of the kind of life that they see his followers living. They see people dedicated to living a life together, who willingly share their goods, and who break bread with each other with exultation and sincerity of heart. Because of the impressive witnessing of the Christian community in Jerusalem, the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. They were the magnificent sign that Jesus our Lord was indeed and truly risen.

Much more than anytime, anywhere, today the Church has the role to be the living sign of the Resurrection of Jesus which can prompt and bring into action those who witness our love and joy to believe in the risen life of the one whom they cannot see. The Church is not simply a place where we go to be spiritually fed and nourished; it is a living reality in which we all have the role of serving as a sign of the reality of Easter.

We have to remember that on the First Easter evening those friends of Jesus in the locked room were filled with joy at seeing the Lord Jesus again, and hearing his familiar voice. We who cannot see the Risen Lord, or hear his voice, save with the eyes and ears of faith, can share their joy. For us, Jesus has a gift and a blessing not given to those first friends of his. Once again, it is contained in the closing words of today's Gospel. Jesus is speaking those same words to us in this Church, right now: Blessed, and the word means happy and joyful, are those who have not seen and have believed.

God of love, may your Holy Spirit inspire and prompt us to live lives of generosity and compassion that stems from the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

God bless us,

Father Angelito

Sacrificial Offertory

4/13/14 Palm Sunday	\$9,773.00
4/18/14 Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$1,196.00
Flower Offering	\$2,227.00
4/20/14 Easter	\$19,081.00

5/4/14 Weekly & Mortgage Reduction

Through the generosity of our parishioners who attended our simple Lenten soup suppers, \$570 was donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Deacon Intern Dan Sakowski will be Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on May 10, 2014

**Come Celebrate Deacon Dan's
Mass of Thanksgiving –for
his Ordination to the
Permanent Diaconate
June 8, 2014 – 11:30 mass**



Refreshments to follow in the church hall after

Calling all children, (ages 5-12) to the St. Catherine of Siena Children's Choir! The choir will sing on the fourth Sunday of each month at the 11:30 Mass. Rehearsals are held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays after the 11:30 Mass. For more information call Lorrie at 908-814-8022.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All Registrations will be sent home this week. You may also access the forms on our website at: **www.sienachurch.org**. For questions or more information, please call **732-938-6229** or email us at **ccd@sienachurch.org**.

Tuesdays, Beginning April 29

7-8:30 PM Christian Yoga Chapel Call 732-938-3139

Thursday, May 8

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

Saturday, May 10

9 AM Men's Prayer Group Chapel Call 732-477-7567

Monday, May 12

7 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 21

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

Tuesdays, First & Third

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Contact janecable@gmail.com

Thursdays

10 AM Legion of Mary Conference Room

Homebound Ministry If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, contact the Parish Office.

18th Annual Mother's Day Baby Shower 2014 Sponsored by St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society
PLEASE BRING YOUR NEW OR HANDMADE DONATIONS TO MASSES ON APRIL 26/27 AND MAY 3/4

Diapers - bigger sizes	Arts and Crafts Supplies
Q-tips	Sleeping Bags - any size
Baby Towels	Skin-So-Soft/Insect Repellent
Crib Sheets	Beach Towels
Comb & Brush Sets	Kiddie Pool
Maternity Tops	Kites
Wipes	Jump Ropes
Summer Toys	Jacks
Beach Toys	Sidewalk Chalk
Summer Hats	Backyard Games/Balls/Bubbles
Tops	Gift Cards for Ice Cream
Summer PJs	Picture Frames
Receiving Blankets	Clothing for Babies ages 3 months to one year
Sunscreen	Girls & Boys Sleepers – sizes 6, 9 & 12 months
Diaper Bags	Wash Cloths and Towels -white
Sunglasses	

Donations will be given to Birthright of Freehold and to St. Clare's Home for Children, which is sponsored by the Aids Resource Foundation for Children.

Birthright would also welcome volunteers to work one day a week from 10 am – 2 pm.

Our loved ones will be with us as we remember them at the Easter Masses and in the flowers given for their intention. We have made every effort to record your intentions accurately; please forgive any typographical errors. Sincerest thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's 2014 EASTER MEMORIALS. (Continued from last week).

Jeffrey Bell

Mr. & Mrs. David Failla

Cocuzza & Greiner Families

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cocuzza

Maureen Cox

Vincent Cox

James & Francis DeLuca

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Polce

Donation

Dr. & Mrs. Mark Dalton

Emmons Family

Grace Emmons

Mr. & Mrs. Ferreris

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sevilla

Loved Ones

Donna Lee

Lois & Josephine Polce

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Polce

Mr. & Mrs. Sevilla

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sevilla

Dorothy & Anthony Siniscalco

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Giordano

Sisters, Barbara & Patricia

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Infante

Joan Werner

Harold Werner

New Parishioners

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ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH
WARMLY WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

**Gerard & Erin Allutto
Mary Jean Griffith
Franklin, Patrice & Eric Honsberger
Peter & Therese Schoberl**

The Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster County, PA to see Moses on Saturday, November 15, 2014. We will be meeting at St. Catherine's at 8:00 am and returning at approximately 8:00 pm. Total cost of \$105 per person includes lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, theater ticket, bus, and all taxes and gratuities. Registration forms can be downloaded at sienachurch.org. Please make checks payable to "St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society" and return your checks and registration forms to the Parish Office or in the collection basket marked "Sight & Sound trip." This trip is open to all members of the parish. For more information contact sharakal@optonline.net.

Confirmation DVD's

If your child received Confirmation on March 21, 2014 and you don't have a younger sibling in the program, please come by the Religious Education Office to pick up your child's DVD. Thank you.

St. Veronica's Church will start the Life in the Spirit Seminar on **April 29 at 7:30 pm** in the church. The seminar is a great life changer and runs for 7 consecutive Tuesdays. Each Tuesday is a different topic, a witness, small group sharing and refreshments. The cost is \$10. Please register. All are Welcome. Questions call Mary Jean @732-364-2815 or mjjohnson1234@aol.com.

**ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS!
SPRING OPEN HOUSE –**

MONSIGNOR DONOVAN HIGH SCHOOL

Visit Ocean County's only Catholic High School during our Open House for Prospective Students: **Monday, May 5 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Please call the Admissions Office at 732-349-8801 ext. 2426 for more information, or just come and see what the excitement is all about. Monsignor Donovan High School, 711 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753 – www address: mondonhs.com

Please join us at Saint John Vianney High School's Wine Tasting Event hosted by the PTA and Gallos Wine Cellar of Aberdeen on **Saturday, May 17th 7:00 - 11:00 pm.** \$30.00 in advance or \$35.00 at the door. For more information or to place your reservations online with a credit card, please visit our website www.sjvhs.com.

The Mega 50/50 Raffle, to be held May 22 at the Spring Lake Bath & Tennis Club, will support the many Catholic Charities programs in Monmouth County. For information on these programs, visit www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/monmouth.

Calling On All Catholic Men: The Knights of Columbus is welcoming all men over the age of 18 to become a member of the new St. Catherine of Siena council here at our church. Devoted to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, of over 1.8 million world-wide members, the Knights of Columbus strives to be a positive Catholic presence in both our parish and community. If you wish to join please call (732) 835-2049 or email KOFc15703@gmail.com

Help Wanted: Adult to run our Youth Group at St. Catherine's! As Deacon Intern Dan Sakowski prepares for Ordination in May 2014, we are searching for someone to run the Youth Group starting in September 2014. This is a very rewarding experience and a chance to work with our dedicated and amazing kids. Please contact Dan for more information: sienachurchyg@yahoo.com or text/call: 732-766-6805.

The Church is looking for ANY working or non working snow blower, preferably gas, to be donated. Please call the front office.

"Legion of Mary Pilgrim Statue" will be available to visit homes in our Parish Community. Anyone interested, please call 732-616-3127 or email pheathers7@yahoo.com for arrangements.

SEEKING FELLOW PARISHIONERS TO PARTICIPATE AND JOIN THE PRO LIFE CAUSE: We are forming a parish committee to advance the cause of LIFE through prayer, witness and education. If you are interested in giving your time and talents please call Mary at 732-580-1387.

The son of an 83 year old female is in need of your help in attending to his mother an hour or two while he is at work. Any amount of time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Finances are stretched and female volunteers are needed. Please leave a message for Gary at [732-938-3693](tel:732-938-3693). The phone may ring 6 times before machine picks up.

The Annual Catholic Appeal—IN ACTION!

Mount Carmel Guild

Mount Carmel Guild has been helping Mercer County community members in their times of need since 1920 regardless of race or religion. Our services are offered free to those who need them.

Home Health Nursing

The Guild's Home Health Nursing provides in-home nursing services to seniors whose Medicare insurance has been exhausted and have no alternative means of care. Our nursing care allows patients to stay in the comfort of their own homes, in familiar surroundings. Services can include: pre-filling insulin syringes for the sight impaired, pre-pouring medications weekly, monitoring vital signs, blood sugars and cardiopulmonary status, administering injections, and assisting with pacemakers. Patient referrals are always welcome.

Emergency Assistance Program

Each day, our staff members assess the needs of Mercer County families and distribute bags of groceries based on nutritional requirements. We assist approximately 700 heads of households each month. Our Comprehensive Nutritional Care program provides high-protein food packages, vitamin supplements and nutritional counseling to those who are HIV+. We also provide help for emergency prescriptions. Your gift gives them a place to turn to in their need.

Parish Registration To be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered and to show your presence and support by attendance at Mass and through the regular use of offertory envelopes. If you have any questions please call 732-938-5375 or email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.