

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

August 31, 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.

Religious Education Summer Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Prioli

Deacon Daniel Sakowski

Director of Religious Education: Nancy Riddell

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, August 30, 2014

4:30 PM **Yvonne Amoy Apo** r/o Lou & Rosa Garcia and Family

“Living” Barbara, Bob, & Candace r/o Family

SUNDAY, August 31, 2014

8:00 AM **Elizabeth Grogan** r/o Aulisi Family

John McArthur r/o Peter & Claire Schoenenberger

Veronica Schoenenberger r/o Son, Peter & Claire

10:00 AM **Parishioners**

11:30 AM **Toni Delibero** r/o Philip & Concetta Pondaco

Dylan Joyce r/o Why Catholic Friends

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

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732-938-3260

Pastor's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 7

Deacon Joe:

732-938-5375 ext. 9

Deacon Dan:

732-938-5375 ext. 3

Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

St. Vincent de Paul:

732-938-3454

Mass Intentions:

Monday, September 1, 2014

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Janette Bachmann r/o James McMahon

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Lawrence Evangelista r/o Palmie

Friday, September 5, 2014

After Mass until 11:00 A.M.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



*Solemn Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament*

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SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Joe Diamond, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Marjorie Seagriff

SAVE THE DATE Mass and Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 10:30 A.M.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— Romans 12:2



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Dear Parishioners,

Once I saw this ad and I cannot forget it: "If anyone should doubt whether this is truly the Promised Land, they should show up during campaigns for elections." This is true for all politicians in the world for they promise all the good things they will do for us. You would never ever hear a politician say, like Jesus did in today's Gospel, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Peter was asking Jesus to abandon God's hard and narrow way of the Messiah, namely, no Cross, no Crown, for the broad and easy way of the world. Although Jesus had recently called him Rock, he now looks Peter in the face and says to him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." There is Jesus using the strongest language in rebuking Peter. He was not saying Peter was an evil person, he was saying Peter was doing the work of Satan, being a tempter, trying to talk Jesus out of his mission, part of which involved rejection and suffering. Jesus knew the Scriptures and the history of God's chosen people better than Peter and he knew what happened to the prophets whose mission was to preach God's word, such as Jeremiah whom we hear in the first reading and John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin who had just been beheaded by Herod. It's not fair to be too critical of Peter but we have the advantage of hindsight and we know that what Jesus went through had a happy ending with the resurrection. Jesus' being raised on the third day would have been beyond Peter's ability to comprehend. It would have been too much to understand, too, if we had been there.

Jesus came to establish God's kingdom, a kingdom where God would "wipe every tear from our eyes, where there would be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." (Rev. 21:14) Jesus didn't come to us to tell us it is good to suffer, he came to bring us to a better world; he healed the sick, he drove out demons, he told people to help the destitute. Suffering for its own sake is never good. It's a reasonable thing to do what we can to try to alleviate it. But there are some crosses, some sufferings we cannot avoid. They are part of our journey to God. Also, there are those crosses we may have to bear that are part of our responsibility or our calling to care for others, crosses that parents have to endure, or religious or missionaries or adult children of aged parents, or they are the crosses that are part of our jobs like teachers or firefighters or men and women in uniform or whatever; those are some of the crosses that bring us closer to our Lord who carried a cross for us.

Every Sunday when we come to the Eucharist we recall Jesus' love for us and the sacrifice he made for us. Here, Jesus gives the strength to follow him and to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

8/24/14 Weekly Diocesan Assessment \$6,762.00
\$1,395.00
9/7/14 Weekly & Mortgage Reduction
Thank you so much for your generous contributions.



**THE PARISH OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1**

The Rosary Altar Society will be having sign-ups after all the Masses next weekend September 6/7.



through the Sacrament of Baptism, we
welcomed to the Church:

Louis DeFilippo
Penelope Winter Martinez

We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!

New Parishioners

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

**Joseph, Tracey, Alexandria, Jennifer, Joseph &
Gabrielle Golding**
Robert, Lisa, Carmen, Sydney, & Zachary Ploe
Joseph, Deborah, Emily, & Samantha Scutto



of all our Parish family and friends,
and especially the recently departed:

Jeanne Going (Mother of Todd)

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

Thursdays

10 AM Legion of Mary Conference Room

2nd Thursdays - Starting September 11

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

Saturday, September 13

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

Monday, September 15

7:30 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

Tuesdays, First & Third - Starting September 16

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Wednesday, September 17

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

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

Religious Education News

Classes for the 2014-2015 year begin September 15th and some classes are already filled. If you haven't done so already, please register your child(ren) as soon as possible. Registration forms can be located on our parish web site or obtained at the Religious Education Office on Monday or Wednesday between 9 am and 3:00 pm. Please note: Registrations WILL NOT be taken on the opening days of Sept. 15th and 17th. We are looking forward to the new beginning! Welcome back!

"Save the Date!" The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 5th.

ATTN: CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: need hours for community service? The Youth Group could use your help making 800 bagged lunches **Friday Nov 21st from 4pm – 6pm** in the Parish Hall to feed the homeless this Thanksgiving in Trenton. Please contact Deacon Dan Sakowski at sienachurchyg@yahoo.com to get your name on the helper list and for more info!

HELP FEED THE HOMELESS! The Youth Group is preparing 800 bagged lunches for the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen this Thanksgiving at St. Mary's in Trenton. Need: **Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Boxed Drinks, Individually Packaged Cookies/Chips, Paper Napkins, Paper Lunch Bags and Plastic Sandwich Bags.** Please drop off items up until Nov 16th in the church lobby. Monetary donations are also accepted at the front office. Make check payable to St. Catherine's Church and mark envelope **YOUTH GROUP – FEED THE HOMELESS.** Contact Deacon Dan Sakowski, Youth Group Coordinator with questions.

JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP! First Meeting September 21st 6pm Church Hall. We have a ton of fun, activities, meet Sunday nights, get community service hours and more! Email Deacon Dan at sienachurchyg@yahoo.com for more information.

Have you ever heard the initials **RCIA**? They stand for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the Roman Catholic official collection of Rites for bringing adults into the Church. A team here at St. Catherine's prepares individuals to be received into the church. We begin our RCIA in the fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning about becoming a Catholic, or a Catholic, who may have not yet received Sacraments, or to learn more about the RCIA process, please email Barbara Ust at **rcia@sienachurch.org** or call the parish office.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE *RELIGIOUS EDUCATION* OFFICE
WILL **ONLY** BE OPEN
Mondays AND Wednesdays 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

For more than 40 years, the bishop of the Diocese of Trenton has been celebrating the gift of sacramental marriage with anniversary couples. **If you're celebrating your 1st, 25th or 50th (or more!) year of marriage,** we invite you to a special Eucharistic liturgy (Mass) and blessing celebration at **3:00 pm on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Freehold.** We invite married couples celebrating these milestone anniversaries to participate in this beautiful event. Please visit the parish office to register. The deadline to register is September 20.

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 info email sharakal@optonline.net.

Psalm 143:6- "I STRETCH OUT MY HANDS TO YOU ; MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU" SPONSORS NEEDED!!

Will you be a companion on the journey for one of our RCIA participants? You do not need to be an expert in the Catholic Theology, just a faith filled parishioner, willing to share some of your Catholic experience with those who have answered God's call to join our community, and those thirsting to know more about our faith. If you are fully initiated into the Catholic Church (Baptized, Confirmed and actively participating in Penance and the Eucharist) please contact the Parish office at 732 -938-5375 or email us at rcia@sienachurch.org.

RCIA INQUIRY SESSION!!

Our next RCIA Inquiry meeting is **Tuesday September 16th, 2014 at 7:00 pm.** Inquiry sessions are informal, informative and open to anyone interested in the Catholic Faith. Our RCIA Team will present basic doctrine of our faith. Most of the session is devoted to faith sharing. This is an awesome opportunity for all! Please join us.

Please join us for the 13th anniversary of "WALK WITH JOE," a memorial 5K walk honoring Patrick "Joe" Driscoll, Christopher Gray and Tom McCann, local area residents who lost their lives on September 11th. The Walk will be held on Saturday, **September 6, 2014, 10:00 a.m.**, at Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Manalapan, NJ. Please visit www.walkwithjoe.com to register and obtain additional information. All proceeds are donated to local charities and non-profit organizations.

Sacred Heart Parish, Bay Head is conducting a 6 week Wednesday Morning Scripture Study from **September 17th through October 22** from 9:30am-11am at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. All are invited to attend this study in the beautiful, peaceful shore community of Sacred Heart Parish. If there are any questions please contact Dawn at 732-899-1398 or DawnRusinko@yahoo.com.

VERA BRADLEY/COACH PURSE BINGO Incarnation-St. James School will be having a Vera Bradley/Coach Purse Bingo on Saturday, **September 20, 2014**. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., Bingo begins at 7:30 p.m. Location: ISJ School/Church Auditorium • 1555 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ. Cost is \$30 per ticket and includes 12 games of bingo with three playing sheets per game and light refreshments (coffee, tea and cookies). Call Karen at 609-882-3121 for info or tickets.

Church of Saint Dorothea **HEALTH FAIR**
Sept. 21, 2014 9am-2pm
Health is Wealth: Focus on Diabetes
In Memory of Fr. Bill Evans
Free Services
Blood Pressure, Pulse, Glucose, Cholesterol,
Body Mass Index, Tdap Vaccine
Screening for Lead Poisoning
Diabetes and Stroke Assessment
Educational Materials, Refreshment and Giveaways
Flu Vaccine (most insurance accepted or for fee)
Presentation: Healthy Homes after Hurricane or Flood
Rev. James B. Coyle Family Center
240 Broad St. Eatontown, NJ

AUTUMN EQUINOX
Stella Maris Retreat Center
981 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740
Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Anticipate the coming of Autumn in an evening of reflection and prayer. Celebrate autumn's bounty and beauty while reflecting on the deeper meaning of this season of cooling breezes and lengthening night. Reservations preferred. Please email waterspirit@stellamaris.comcastbiz.net or call 732-923-9788. Donations according to means.

Birthright of Red Bank is participating in Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraiser scheduled for **Tuesday, October 21, 2014**. The tickets cost \$5 each. Birthright keeps all the proceeds received from the ticket sales. Everyone who purchases a ticket receives a 25% discount shopping pass for purchases made only on October 21, 2014. If anyone would like to purchase tickets for this event, please call Karen at 732-747-4240 or send your request with the amount of tickets and your check to Birthright, P.O. Box 202, Red Bank, NJ 07701

Saint John Vianney High School will host two **Open Houses** this year for prospective students on Wednesday, **October 22nd from 7pm-9pm and Saturday, October 25th from 10am-1pm**. Visit www.sjvhs.com for more information and to pre-register for our 2014 Open Houses.

Interested in a Catholic Education for your child? St. Rose of Lima School in Freehold is the place to be! Now registering Pre-School 3yr & 4yr through 8th grade programs available for the 2014-15 school year. Call 732-462-2646 for details.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul News
Have you ever thought about joining our ministry? We are in need of Home Visitors. If this is something that you think might interest you or you would consider it, there is a VIRTUS training being held at our church on Sept. 13th from 9-12. Please contact Rosa Garcia at 732-683-2492 or Cathy Flott at 732-577-1417 for more information. Thank you for considering this ministry.

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
THE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL OF COLTS NECK
CERTIFIED TEACHER FOR 3 YEAR-OLD CLASS
9-3 MONDAY - FRIDAY
AND NURSERY HELP - AFTERNOONS
PLEASE CALL DIANE AT 732-995-8826