Second Sunday OF LENT

From the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17:5



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St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

March 16, 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



SATURDAY, March 15, 2014

4:30 PM Maureen Cox r/o Anthony & Jane Morro Virginia Dambach r/o Rosa & Lou Garcia Nancy Dolan Boudart r/o Catherine Rispoli

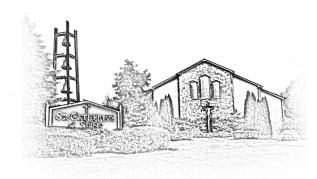
SUNDAY, March 16, 2014

8:00 AM *Cathy Taylor Attara* r/o Sardone Family *Ramona Danuaz* r/o Suarez Family

10:00 AM Robert Seagriff r/o MaryAnne Frasier & Ray Bellino

> Carol Lynn Rod r/o Leon & Pam Davison Robert Handy r/o Corsentino Family

11:30 AM *Jean Webster* r/o Edmund Buckelew *Parishioners*



Contacts:

Website:

www.sienachurch.org <u>Mass Schedule:</u>

732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:

732-938-5375

Religious Education:

732-938-6229

Nursery School:

732-938-3454

FAX phone:

732-938-3260

Pastor's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 7

<u>Deacon's Office:</u>

732-938-5375 ext. 5

Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

St. Vincent de Paul:

732-701-7837

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

Mass Intentions:

Monday, March 17, 2014

Edward Mongon r/o Wife, Clare

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Josephine Testa

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Robert Seagriff r/o John & Stephanie Harakal

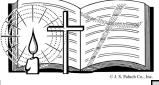
Friday, March 21, 2014

Dolly & Gerry Murphy r/o Gerry Johnson

Second Sunday of Lent

Christ Jesus . . .destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

− 2 *Timothy* 1:10*b*



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Richard Borgstrom, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, John Masterson, Esther Peraza Dear Parishioners,

We have started the season of Lent in our community with enthusiasm and excitement. Looking back at the good attendance of our brothers and sisters, together with their families in the masses and services we had in the parish in the past few days, we would say that they are good signs of involvement and participation as we observe the holiness of the season. It would be wonderful also if we bring more people to the simple soup and Stations of the Cross during Fridays as we engage in prayers and fellowship.

The parish community wishes to give a word of thanks to the Finance Council as they have published in our bulletin the Financial Statement for the year 2013. They have spoken briefly at the masses last weekend and made themselves available for any concern and questions. They have emphasized the need to add more dollars in our weekly envelopes as it is evident that the cost of expenses to maintain the buildings and grounds have gone up considering the enormous amount of snow storms we had this season. We are asking for everyone's support on this particular matter as your means allow. Thank you so much.

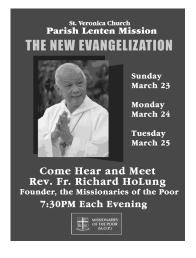
On March 21, our Shepherd, Bishop David O'Connell is coming to the parish as our confirmation candidates will be confirmed. Let us welcome his Excellency with his generosity and goodness to us as he continue to serve and bless us with his presence. Let us pray that our Confirmandi may receive truly the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they move forward to become the best version of themselves and be in the right direction as witnesses of Jesus' Gospel.

This Second Sunday of Lent, the Church calls us for transformation, for change and for renewal. It is a great time to let our way of thinking be transformed. As we would hear in today's Gospel, we not only have the transfiguration of Jesus, but what we might think of as the "non-transfiguration" of the Apostle Peter. What was Peter's response to this event? Obviously, he still shows in at least two ways that he is still tied to an old way of thinking. First of all, he thinks that Jesus, Moses, and Elijah are in need of some sort of shelter. Secondly, he wants to camp out on the mountain of transfiguration rather than make the journey to Jerusalem, where the true glory of Jesus will shine forth on the cross. So what saved him from his un-transfigured way of thinking? It was the voice of God. It is quite unusual to have the privilege of such an audible voice, however, we do have the example of Peter with which Scripture presents us.

How can we listen more attentively to Jesus? Where do I go to hear His voice?

Our Lenten discipline should not only be one of giving up things like soda, sweets or smoking, etc., but one of actively listening to Jesus in prayerful reflection as we open up the Sacred Scriptures.

May God bless us, Father Angelito



Sacrificial Offertory 3/5/14 Ash Wednesday

\$2,444.00

3/9/14 Weekly \$7,362.00 Black & Native Americans \$1,264.50

3/23/14 Weekly & Mortgage Reduction
Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I reach out to those affected by the massive gas explosion in Ewing Township which left one woman dead, several others injured and still many others displaced by damage to their homes. Several of those suffering are members of parishes here in Mercer County. I ask all the members of the Diocese to remember the victims of this explosion in their prayers. As we begin this holy season of Lent, a time of penance and sacrifice for Christians, I encourage Catholics to be generous in the face of this unexpected tragedy. If you are able to help, please send donations to:

Ewing Family Relief Effort Diocese of Trenton 701 Lawrenceville Road Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 ATTN: Sr. Joanne Dress, D.C.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER @ 6:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7:00 P.M. All Fridays throughout Lent in the Church

for our parishioners and friends on each Friday during Lent. This *free* dinner will provide an opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter. Free will offering.

Wednesday, March 19

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

Tuesdays, thru April 8

7-8:30 PM <u>Christian Yoga Chapel Call</u> 732-938-3139

Thursday, April 10

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

Saturday, April 12

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

Monday, April 14

7 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

Tuesdays, First & Third

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Contact janeccable@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.

New Parishioners

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH

<u>WARMLY WELCOMES</u>

THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Jon, Nicole, & Harper Kragh Michael & Nancy Lyon Robert & Alice Straut

Calling all children, (ages 5-12) to the St. Catherine of Siena Children's Choir! The next rehearsal is: Sunday, March 16th, following the 11:30 Mass in the church. 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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ. PRAYER Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics this Lent: The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat). The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year – often called "Easter duty" – for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, March 9 to Trinity Sunday, June 15. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause. I want to encourage Catholics to get to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church. May this Lent be a time of penance, grace and joy for us all. Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. Bishop of Trenton

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

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." Seats will not be assigned until full payment is received so register as soon as possible. This trip is open to all members of the parish. For more info contact sharkal@optonline.net.

Our diocese's respect life committee is supporting 40 DAYS FOR LIFE event. This is a peaceful, prayerful witnessing in front of the abortion clinic, Planned Parenthood at 69 E Newman Springs Rd., Shrewsbury. People from all over the diocese will be present from 8am to 6pm for 40 days. People are asked to simply pray there for one hour. Parishioners from St. Robert Bellarmine and St. William the Abbot will be witnessing in prayer every Wednesday from March 5 through to April 13. You can also go and prayerfully witness any day during these 40 days.

SEEKING FELLOW PARISHERS 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 Living Last Supper
A living dramatization of Leonardo Di Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. Come and experience the emotions of this live dramatization, where twelve men speak their minds to themselves, to each other and to the Lord, in the light of the tragic words that they have just heard Him speak.

April 14, 15, 16, @ 7:30pm Church of the Nativity 180 Ridge Road, Fair Haven

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. The phone may ring 6 times before machine picks up.

Spring Equinox
Thursday March 20, 2014 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
WATERSPIRIT at Stella Maris Retreat Center,
981 Ocean Avenue, Elberon, NJ
Come and join us at WATERSPIRIT to celebrate
and reflect on the freshness and excitement of the
rebirth of nature. Enjoy this evening of reflection
and ritual in celebration of Spring, a season of new
vitality and energy for Earth and the human spirit.
e-mail: waterspirit@stellamaris.comcastbiz.net or

Monsignor Donovan HS Performing Arts Presents
The Spring Musical "Les Miserables"
Thursday, March 20th 7:30 PM
Friday, March 21st 7:30 PM
Saturday, March 22nd 7:30 PM
Sunday, March 23rd 2:00 PM
Gepp Gymnasium
\$12.00 Adults, \$10.00 Students/Seniors
For tickets call the box office: 732-349-8801 x 2403

call 732-923-9788. Donations according to means.

VILLA VICTORIA ACADEMY PRESENTS "ANNIE"

Our award-winning theater production team will present three shows of the classic, "Annie": Friday, **March 21** at 7 PM, Saturday, **March 22** at 7 PM and Sunday, **March 23** at 3 PM, at the Villa Victoria Academy Theater. Tickets are \$15/adults \$12/(12 and under) and seniors, and may be purchased by calling 609-882-1700, ext. 10. All seating is reserved; Tickets may be available at the door. More information about Annie can be found on Villa's website, www.villavictoria.org

Saint John Vianney H.S. Casino Night/Gift Auction
Join us on FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST, for an exciting
evening of FINE DINING, DANCING, CASINO
GAMES AND LIVE AUCTIONS at Eagle Oaks
Country Club in Farmingdale. Win "big" cash with
great basket gifts, trips and exciting island
adventure get-a-ways. Go to (www.sjvhs.com)
under announcements and click on the Casino
Night link for information or call Candice at
[732] 219-8944 or halstead1185@aol.com

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY HIGH SCHOOL'S MEGA CASH RAFFLE

1st Prize 25% of Proceeds 2nd Prize 15% of Proceeds 3rd Prize 10% of Proceeds

Drawing: Friday, March 21,2014 at 11:30 pm SJV Casino Night /Gift Auction Eagle Oaks Country Club Farmingdale, NJ Winner Need Not be Present Donation: \$25.00 per ticket or book of 5/\$100.00 For Tickets please contact: Julie Pasquale at SJV [732] 739-0800 ext. 121 or Pasquale@sjvhs.com

St. Anselm Parish, 1028 Wayside Rd. Wayside, will host two sessions of "A Quick Journey Through The Bible – An Eight-Part Introduction to the Bible Timeline." Daytime sessions are 10 a.m. to noon, Thursdays: March 20, 27; April 10, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. (no class April 3, 17) Evening sessions are 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays: March 24; April 7, 14, 28; May 5, 12, 19, June 2, 9, 16. (no class March 31. April 21. May 26). The topics covered include: How to Read the Bible and Explanation of Materials; Early World; The Patriarchs; Egypt & Exodus and Desert Wanderings; Conquest & Judges and Royal Kingdom; Divided Kingdom and Exile; Return from Exile and Maccabean Revolt; Messianic Fulfillment and The Church. A facilitated discussion session will follow. Cost to attend the series is \$20/person and includes a student workbook, bookmark, Bible Timeline chart and memory-bead wristband. Participants should bring their own Bibles. Registration forms are available at www.stanselm.com or contact kimdibi610@gmail.com for more info.

Annual Communion Breakfast The Knights of Columbus John F. Baldwin Assembly will be holding our annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 6, 2014. The event will begin with Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Veronica's Church, 4215 US Highway 9, Howell, NJ. A breakfast buffet will follow Mass. Cost is \$5.00 per adult and children 12 years of age and younger are free. For tickets or more information please contact Darryl Reid at 732-370-8810 or pm07727@optonline.net.

The Annual Catholic Appeal—IN ACTION!

Department of Pastoral Care

Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual, pastoral and sacramental care of God's suffering people by resourcing the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them. Those who offer pastoral care communicate God's love and compassion 'person-to-person' by offering spiritual and sacramental support. including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest. We connect with healthcare institutions, medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and well-being of Catholic patients. Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel.

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Enrollment is easy, too ... Phone: 866-PARISH-1

Website: www.parishpay.com

... and enrollment forms also are available from

the Parish Office.

ATTENTION:

PARISHIONERS WITH CELIAC SPRUE

An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. <u>Please notify the Celebrant or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.</u> Further information can be found on our website under "Sacraments". Thank you.

ST. CATHERINE'S ONLINE!

Check out our website **www.sienachurch.org** for all the latest Parish info, including Parish Policies, Church Bulletin, Nursery School and CCD Calendars, <u>Closings & Delays</u>, Minister Schedules, and more.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

A listing for prayers of those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Parish Office @ 732-938-5375.

TO ALL GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR ST. CATHERINE'S BULLETIN

Because of the deadline assigned to us by the bulletin company, all information <u>must be submitted to the Parish Office by Monday morning</u>. Articles given later will be included in the bulletin for <u>the following week</u>.

Thank you for honoring this request!



ALTAR FLOWERS ... can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one or for any special intention (except during Lent & Advent). Offering: \$50/basket ...To arrange for Altar Flowers, please call the Office @ 732-938-5375

Important Parish Information

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 questions regarding Parish Registration, please call 732-938-5375 or email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

If you move or change addresses or parishes, please notify the Parish Office in a timely manner.

Young adults ...who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or who are employed full-time, **should register with the Parish under their own name.**

<u>Weddings</u> ... Please call the Parish Office one year in advance of desired wedding date, BEFORE completing any other arrangements (reception hall, etc.).

Baptisms ... The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 P.M. or can be celebrated during Sunday Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance.

Prior to the birth of the child, attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is mandatory for parents, and sponsors/godparents also are encouraged to attend. Classes are held in the Church at 7:30 P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact the parish office.

Sponsorship ... In order to be a sponsor/godparent for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; if married, be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully ... also, be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months. One month's notice is desirable when requesting a Sponsor Certificate, a Letter of Recommendation for Parochial School, and other items of this nature.

Remember Us in Your Will

A simple charitable bequest can provide very meaningful support for St Catherine of Siena Church. Be sure your will is up-to-date. An up to date will can:

- Protect your loved ones and your dreams.
- Let you, not the state, determine how your assets will be distributed.
- Help you leave a legacy through charitable gifts.
- Help you minimize estate taxes.
- Assure those charities you valued will continue.