

MARCH 23, 2014

Third Sunday OF LENT

**A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
Jesus said to her,
“Give me a drink.”**

John 4:7



St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

March 23, 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, March 22, 2014

4:30 PM *Virginia Dambach* r/o St. Vincent de Paul Society

"Living" Intention Fr. Quinlan r/o Cathy Flott & Rosa Garcia

Domenico Dattilo r/o Gemignani Family

SUNDAY, March 23, 2014

8:00 AM *John Cesare* r/o Ann Kessler Parishioners

10:00 AM *Michael Gordon* r/o St. Catherine's Religious Education Program

Maureen Cox r/o Jim & Maureen Ferris

Robert Seagriff r/o Phil & Phyllis Algozzini

11:30 AM *Robert Handy* r/o Michele Cerisano
Leonard Cerisano r/o Michele & Mariah
Valerie G. Fatigante r/o Moore Family



Contacts:

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www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:

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Parish Office:

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Religious Education:

732-938-6229

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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

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

Mass Intentions:

Monday, March 24, 2014

Cecelia T. Arnister

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Joseph & Olympia Demeo r/o Libby Miller

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Rev. David Hillier

Friday, March 28, 2014

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Third Sunday of Lent

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

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

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to welcome our students in faith formation, the fourth graders, together with their families this Sunday as we celebrate the Eucharist at 10 o'clock. As always, there's a lot of joy when we see young people of the community gathering to worship, pray and thank the Lord as a family on any given Sunday. We encourage parents, as well as their loved ones to be with us as they come together in the Mass. Words are not enough to thank our catechists as they volunteer their precious time and skills and efforts to be the teachers of faith. The parish is so grateful to all of you.

On Saturday, March 29 at 10 o'clock, the first group of our second graders which is about 25 of them are receiving Jesus for the first time as they are having their First Eucharist. We encourage their respective parents as they are the first catechists, to direct and guide them, giving their kids the reminder that in every Mass they attend, communicants should partake Jesus in Holy Communion, an awesome opportunity to be united with the Lord through the species of bread and wine. However, one must be in the state of grace, meaning to say no mortal sin committed to be worthy of the sacrament. On behalf of the parish community, I would to congratulate the First Communicants together with their Parents and Teachers for the preparations they did in order to make their dreams come true, that is uniting with Jesus in Holy Communion. Thank you so much dedicated catechists.

As we look back, March 21, there were seventy seven young people of the parish that have been confirmed by the Bishop of Trenton, His Excellency, David O'Connell. Our sincerest word of thanks to our Shepherd for taking his time confirming and blessing our young people last week. His presence makes a big difference to the community most especially to our young people. We thank you immensely.

The usual practice that we have established as a parish community during Friday in Lent is doing very well. Different kinds of soup are being brought as well as some other foods so that we as one family of God are gathered to break bread together.

Coming together and praying the Stations of the Cross during Fridays in Lent as a parish community is always a wonderful event and an awesome experience. The attendance is impressive and we see young and old parishioners participating and being involved on this significant para liturgy. Let us bring in more people to our community, encouraging and leading them to worship with us as we journey with Jesus this Holy season.

This Third Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading speaks to us about the symbol of water used to describe God's life-giving presence. It is referred to as "the gift of God," living water, a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

We can reflect on these questions: What am I spiritually thirsting for? Acceptance? Wisdom? Forgiveness? Compassion? Something else?

As Jesus has offered the Samaritan woman a spring of water welling up to eternal life, may we have that same living water, and hence forth we might live God's presence forever. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

Sacrificial Offertory

3/16/14 Weekly **\$7,031.60**
St. Vincent de Paul **\$2,545.00**

3/30/14 Weekly & Catholic Relief Services
Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

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.



ABSTINENCE from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. **FASTING** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

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.

Tuesdays, thru April 8

7-8:30 PM Christian Yoga Chapel Call 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

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

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

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

Michael, Joyce, Emma, Michael & Timothy Sullivan

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 sharakal@optonline.net.

St. Vincent de Paul News

We would like to sincerely thank our parishioners for their most generous donations to SVDP. Please know that without your financial support we would not be able to make the difference we do in our parish community. This winter we were able to provide 11 families with assistance with propane, oil, kerosene and natural gas. Thank you once again for all you do to support our ministry whether it be through food donations, monetary donations, the giving tree or thanksgiving food drive none of it would be possible with you.

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 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.

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 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 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.

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.

"**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.

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

The Annual Catholic Appeal—IN ACTION!

Department of Multicultural Ministry

The Department of Multicultural Ministry will bring attention to the most pressing needs and concerns of the various cultural communities, and will assist parishes and diocesan offices as they address the needs that are identified. The council will have representatives from the Black Catholic, Filipino, Haitian, Hispanic and Portuguese, Korean, Polish and Eastern European communities. Yours is a gift for all people.