Fourth Sunday OF LENT

Jesus said,

"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39



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St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

March 30, 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 29, 2014

4:30 PM George Weber r/o Wife, Janet Virginia Dambach r/o Cathy & Matt Flott

Frieda Deggorio r/o Gemignani Family

SUNDAY, March 30, 2014

8:00 AM Parishioners

10:00 AM Bob Handy r/o Keegan Family Bernard Kelly r/o Mary Sue & Peter Lamb

11:30 AM Vicenta Martinez r/o Martinez Family Robert Seagriff r/o Venus Lambert Patrick Ring r/o Lori & Rob Johnson

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

Mass Intentions:

Monday, March 31, 2014
Rev. David Hillier
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
Anthony & Rachel Pennetti
Thursday, April 3, 2014
John Maarleveld
Friday, April 4, 2014



After Mass until 11:00 A.M.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Fourth Sunday of Lent

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

− Psalm 23:1

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

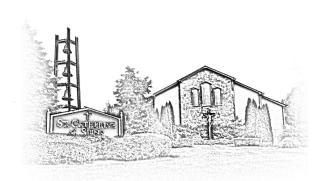
Richard Borgstrom, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, John Masterson, Esther Peraza



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

Anne Smith (Sister of Alice Bowne)

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



Contacts:

Website:

www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

<u>Parish Office:</u> 732-938-5375

Religious Education:

732-938-6229

Nursery School:

Dear Parishioners,

We are more than half way done with our journey in Lent. Our Lenten tradition aside from coming to mass daily are the simple soup dinner and praying and meditating the Stations of the Cross. The ministries assigned are in full cooperation as they bring food not only to break bread together but more of our parishioners are coming. Friday after Friday we noticed the attendance is increasing. Most importantly, there are more parishioners who are in church and engaging themselves in prayer as we do the Stations of the Cross. Everyone, no matter how busy they are, for sure is doing their best to be involved in these activities. The Stations of the Cross meditations and prayers are being led by our own Deacon Joe Prioli, and our soon to be Deacon Dan Sakowski, Joe Diamond, and Pat Lavin. They are doing a wonderful job. We are deeply blessed to have them as our prayer leaders. As a parish family, let us altogether take this opportunity to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' Paschal Mystery.

The Gospel reading this Fourth Sunday in Lent from St. John introduces the narrative of the man born blind. This is the sixth sign or miracle that Jesus has performed. The others are the following: Jesus' changing water into wine in Cana; the royal official's son restored to life; the healing of the crippled man at Bethesda; the feeding of the multitude; Jesus walking on the water. We have to remember that each sign serves to reveal Jesus' identity and confirm his disciples' belief in him. However, with each sign, those who do not believe strengthen their animosity toward him. After the seventh and final sign, the raising of Lazarus to life, the chief priests and Pharisees gather the Great Council and decide to have Jesus put to death. It is important to note the fact that the man healed in today's Gospel is twice brought before the Pharisees to explain who restored his vision. With his new sight, he recognizes his healer as a prophet and a man from God. And now it is the Pharisees, unable to recognize Jesus as the Son of God, who are truly blind.

Which brings us to the thought that though we might think of healing physical blindness as a wonderful miracle, today's Gospel seems to be saving that it is spiritual blindness that truly needs to be overcome. We might have the twenty/twenty vision in our sense of sight and yet we are in great need of healing because of our spiritual blindness which is the best miracle. Since we have the gentle touch of Jesus in our lives, and we recognize his light in our world, we seek to imitate Jesus with our faithfulness, prayer and service to our brothers and sisters. We might not be able to bring about the restoration of vision but we can shed light of compassion and hope on the lives of those who are less fortunate. Lent gives us the possibility to express in a very public and tangible way of our faith. It gives us the opportunity not to judge by appearance, but to each other as God would see us.

We ask Jesus, the light of the world who came to heal our blindness that our eyes may see others truly. Amen.

God bless us all, Father Angelito

Sacrificial Offertory

3/23/14 Weekly Mortgage Reduction

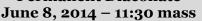
\$6,156.00 \$1,573.00

4/6/14 Weekly & Mortgage Reduction
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



Refreshments to follow in the church hall

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of min, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today's Collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO ...

JOHN CHRISTOPHER DAVID SIMS MILAGROS IVELISSE MARTINEZ

who were married at St. Catherine of Siena Chapel on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

MAY GOD BLESS THIS COUPLE WITH A LONG HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER!

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 <u>RCIA</u> Conference Room

Contact janeccable@gmail.com

Thursďays

10 AM <u>Legion of Mary Conference Room</u>

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

St. Vincent de Paul News

Dear Fellow Parishioners, We are in the process of helping a client move out of a homeless situation. The one thing he did own was his car and a recent accident left him safe but his car totaled. He was not at fault and has a rental car for now but in all likelihood will not receive enough money to replace the car he owned. If anyone comes across or is interested in donating a car please let us know. This client is truly a hardship case and he is very grateful for any assistance we have provided him thus far. Please contact Rosa @ 732-683-2492 or Cathy @ 732-577-1417 if you have or need any further information regarding a car donation. Once again thank you for your continued support of SVDP.

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.

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EASTER MEMORIALS

As we approach the Resurrection of Our Lord from death, we call to mind all our beloved dead. Taster to mind all our beloved dead.
Our Church decorations are a Flower's memorial to those who have © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. died, to be remembered

throughout the Easter season. If you wish an Easter Memorial, you may use the flower envelope included in the March/April offertory envelope mailing OR use this form. Please print names clearly and note who the memorial is "requested by." Drop into a collection basket or mail to 31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Please Return By MONDAY, APRIL 7 (in order for the memorial to be included in the Easter bulletin) IN MEMORY OF:

Requested by:

Amt. Enclosed: \$ (Suggested Donation: \$10)

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.



ABSTINENCE from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the AND ABSTINENCE 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.



Station of the Cross offered by **Healing Hearts Support** Group – April 2, 2014

Healing Hearts Support Group will be praying the Stations of the Cross for adults that are affected by the

pain of separation and divorce. We will meet on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, at St. Veronica's Spiritual Center located at 670 Hulses Corner Road, Howell, NJ 07731. If you know someone going through or have gone through a divorce, make sure he or she knows about this event. It might just be the best thing you could do to help during the Lenten Season. Come and join us as we experience healing and develop a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Please feel free to contact Maria Rodrigues at 732-363-5698 or email stveronicakre4u@optonline.net for additional information or directions.

The Annual Catholic Appeal—IN ACTION!

Ministry of Clergy Personnel

The Ministry of Clergy Personnel assists the Bishop in the assignment of priests and deacons in the diocese, handles all personnel matters pertaining to active and retired priests, and works with priests from outside the diocese who seek to minister in the diocese.

Ministry of Clergy Personnel keeps priests and deacons informed of events in the diocese specifically for its clergy, assists in the continuing education of clergy, the annual convocation of priests and in working throughout the diocese. Your gift supports the Bishop, priests and deacons in serving all parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton.

ST. CATHERINE'S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY REGISTRATION FORM - SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE TRIP

to see Moses

Saturday, November 15, 2014
Meet at St. Catherine's Back Parking Lot at 8:00 am
Leave St. Catherine's at 8:15 am
Return approximately 8:00 pm
Total Cost: \$105.00/person

Payment Due: March 31, 2014 at the latest

The sooner we have payment, the sooner we can lock in our seats.

Cost of the Trip includes:

Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord

Theatre Ticket (Seats will not be assigned until payment for all tickets is made.) **Bus**

Tax and Gratuities

Please fill out the form below and return it with your check made payable to "St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society." You may also <u>register online</u> by filling out the form and paying as indicated below.

Put a copy of the form and payment in an envelope marked "Rosary – Sight & Sound" in the collection basket at church OR

Return the information form and payment marked "Rosary – Sight & Sound" to the Parish Office For further information, please contact Stephanie Harakal at sharakal@optonline.net or 732-364-9163.

Phone:	under 13		13 to 19 Cell Phone:		over 19
Email: For Rosary use only Date Paid:	7	Amount Paid:		_Cash/Check #:	

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



CONGRATULATIONS

to the young men and women who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, March 21, here at St. Catherine's.

2:00 P.M. Ceremony

Mr. Dan Sakowski's Class

Braedon Baldwin Drew Bertinelli A.J. Calabro Devon Chrzan **Maximillian Cross** Jonathon Haslach Marc Hecht Jack Henderson Gerry Johnson Michael Margadonna Ian Maroney Joseph Marten Thomas Marten **Edwin Morales** Matthew Picone John Prioli Shawn Scully James Sellino

Mrs. Michele Clays Class

Katie Balzarano Christina Brandl Erin Chirumbole Carly Clays Perri Clifton Anna Conigliaro Carlee Daniel Justine Imburgio Grace Joyce Megan Kelso Alexandra Lamb Victoria Leboida Hannah Misyak Amy Musselman Lynna Nguyen Alexa Scranton Angelina Siino **Emily Soper** Nicole Surgent

4:00 P.M. Ceremony

Mrs. Cerisano's Class

Dominick Spano

Dylan Theyn

Alexander Bajohr **Wyatt Barlow** James Belknap Joseph Cataldo Dominick Civitano Michael Clark John-Franco Curreri Nicholas DiBella Patrick Handy **Daryl Hasting** Maxwell Janniello Christopher Kowalski Justin Kroeger **Kevin Lindon** Griffin Murtha Gary Nardiello Justin Pierre-Louis Christopher Strzalkowski John Sulfaro Scott Wetzel

Mrs. Sulfaro's Class

Camryn Allmers Erica Attanasio Elizabeth Capestro Jenna Cholowinski Alexandra Colecchia Amanda Dabreau Amy Dabreau Caroline Kowalski Gianna Miele Victoria Ochlan Alisa Pallitto Gabrielle Potenza Samantha Potenza Julia Ray Gabrielle Sakowski Angela Sulfaro Gianna Sulfaro Cara Volpe