

MARCH 9, 2014

First Sunday OF LENT

Jesus said,
"One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
forth from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4



St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

March 9, 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 8, 2014

4:30 PM *Maureen Cox r/o Touhey Family*

Nancy FitzGerald r/o Family

Mary Sisbarro r/o Mr. & Mrs. Richard Giordano

SUNDAY, March 9, 2014

8:00 AM *Marie Sardone r/o Son, Frank, Debi & Frankie Stella & Philip Olenitsky r/o Daughter, Helen*

10:00 AM *Patricia Bicica r/o Julie DeLuca*

Armand Amaral r/o Daughter, Sue Townend

John Donato, Jr. r/o Leon & Pam Davison

Joseph Caltagirone Sr. r/o Beverly, Joseph & John Caltagirone

11:30 AM *David Murray r/o Terri & Roy Murray Parishioners*



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

FAX phone:

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:

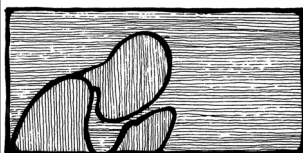
Monday, March 10, 2014

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Friday, March 14, 2014

Kathleen Maher r/o Kelso Family



First Sunday of Lent

The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.

— Matthew 4:10

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

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

Dear Parishioners,

The parish family of St. Catherine would like to welcome John Sims, together with his family today at the 10 o'clock Mass this morning about the CALL to CONTINUING CONVERSION in the RCIA rite which John has to undergo on his journey to full communion with the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Our Religious Education students, the Fifth Graders together with their parents and teachers will be with us at the 10 A.M. Mass. It is always good to see the young people attending and be with us as we celebrate the Eucharist which is the Summit and Unifying Event as we pray, worship and thank God at the celebration. Also, the presence, support and example of their respective parents creates a huge impact on the religious and spiritual lives of these kids.

This Sunday is GIRL SCOUT Sunday as Troop no. 734 is hosting for the event. They will be at the 11:30 A.M. mass today and the following Sunday. We hope and expect that these young women of the community will be with us as they do their task not only in school but for the great future of the church. They are being led by Michele Cerisano, one of our active parishioners.

The parish was happy to have the All Ministers meeting last February 28, at 7:30 in the evening in the Parish Hall. Considering the weather and the coldness of the night, we were glad to have such great attendance and meaningful discussions about the ministries and organizations as we continue to serve God and others through the Church of St. Catherine. To those for one reason or another who were not able to come, we are sending by e-mail the minutes of the meeting and hoping that you will be able to be there at the next one. Tentatively, it is scheduled on May 28, at 7 in the evening. As your pastor, I am immensely thankful for your presence and all you do for the greater good of the parish. I am truly grateful for your continuous and tireless support.

LENT according to Scriptural tradition, Moses stayed on Mt. Sinai forty days to receive the law of the Covenant. Similarly speaking, our Lord Jesus fasted forty days in the desert prior to his mission. Notice HIM, that to be fully equipped and prepared for the Herculean task, Jesus has to be in full communion with the Father through deep prayer and fasting. Hence, we Christians prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection by penitential forty days.

A reminder for all of us that PENANCE is part of the Christian philosophy of life. Sometimes the way it is done may change, however, the concept itself cannot be removed from the Christian life. Penance essentially has to do with SIN and CONVERSION. Therefore, it is the inner aversion from evil in and around us and a well thought and generous conversion on love to our God, that are the most important. What you give up during Lent is a personal decision, but it should be related to that inner conversion to God. The means to achieve this inner conversion, the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, charitable works, and even fasting should not be outdated and taken for granted.

As our practice in the parish, we start with the simple soup dinner in the Hall at 6 P.M. every Friday in Lent followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church. Please make every effort to attend these Lenten activities as we wish to be prepared for the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord Jesus this Holy Season.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

Sacrificial Offertory

3/2/14 Weekly \$7,551.00
Central & Easter Europe \$1,432.00

3/16/14 Weekly & St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

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.

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.

Monday, March 10

7 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul *Parish Hall*

Thursday, March 13

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society *Church & Parish Hall*

Wednesday, March 19

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class *Church*

Tuesdays, thru April 8

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

Saturday, April 12

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

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.

Report to the Parish Community of St Catherine of Siena On the 2013 Fiscal Year Financial Statements

I am pleased to present the parish's 2013 Fiscal Year's Financial Statements. These statements are in two parts: the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Activities. These are commonly accepted terms used in not-for-profit accounting. For those people more familiar with for-profit accounting, these are the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss (P&L) Statement respectively.

In review of the Statement of Financial Position, you will note that the Total Assets are relatively unchanged over the prior year with a total increase of \$5,171. The changes to the Total Liabilities are promising with a total decrease of \$148,266, a large portion of this decrease is attributed to the reduction of our mortgage in the amount of \$127,000. Unfortunately, as was explained recently with the announcement of the pre-school closing, the overall cash position was negatively impacted by the losses of the pre-school. These results are presented separately to the Diocese and are not included in Statement of Activities. For the two years presented the pre-school losses totaled \$70,623.

In review of the Statement of Activities, you will see that the total Net Income of \$124,709 is a decrease of \$104,270 in comparison to 2012 Fiscal Year. This annual decrease was the result of a reduction in revenue of \$60,047 and a \$44,223 increase in expenses. The revenue component is tied to the reduction in collections which may be explained by the difficult financial times and high unemployment that our country and local community is experiencing. In regards to the expenses, while various expense categories have both positive and negative variances, Building Maintenance/Grounds contributed \$34,010 towards the increase in Total Expenses. The Building Maintenance/Grounds increases were due to long-term maintenance expenditures required at the parish complex and the rectory, such as roof and structural repairs.

Lastly, although it is not evident in the review of the financial statements, I am very happy to report that our number of parishioners has increased in 2013 by sixty-six families. Welcome to our new parishioners, and I hope you take advantage of all that St. Catherine's has to offer. Unfortunately, even with more parishioners, there was a decrease in revenue in 2013. So if your current financial situation permits, please consider giving a little more financial support to the parish.

God Bless you all for your generosity and continued support!

Fr. Angelito I Anarcon
Pastor

**St. Catherine of Siena
Statement of Financial Position**

	<u>Fiscal Yr-2013</u>	<u>Fiscal Yr-2012</u>
Assets		
Cash	\$ 427,527	\$ 422,355
Fixed Assets	<u>3,657,011</u>	<u>3,657,011</u>
Total Assets	\$ 4,084,538	\$ 4,079,366
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	33,703	51,048
Wage & Benefits Payable	3,674	430
Religious Ed Deferred Revenue	32,000	39,995
Due to Other Funds	685	-
Operating Fund	3,504,880	3,504,880
Mortgage Payable - Long Term	167,795	294,795
Restricted Fund	<u>2,431</u>	<u>2,286</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,745,168	\$ 3,893,434
Total Net Assets	339,370	185,932
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 4,084,538	\$ 4,079,366

Statement of Activities

	<u>Fiscal Yr-2013</u>	<u>Fiscal Yr-2012</u>
Income		
Collections	\$ 599,113	\$ 657,847
Non-Diocesan Collections	12,199	22,611
Other Revenue	53,902	43,127
Religious Education	71,804	69,873
Donations Total	1,301	1,582
Interest Income	2,145	687
Fundraising Total	-	5,150
Rosary Altar Society	<u>-</u>	<u>(365)</u>
Income Total	\$ 740,465	\$ 800,513
Expense		
Salary & Wages	\$ 181,511	\$ 183,741
Benefits	59,490	50,783
Professional Fees	14,502	30,854
Subsidies & Charity	200	2,368
Educations Subsidies	40,026	35,149
Diocesan Assessments	56,930	68,224
Non-Diocesan Collections	24,308	22,611
Material & Supplies	59,251	54,661
Utilities	47,369	31,393
Transportation	3,457	1,332
Conference & Meetings	2,053	2,589
Building Maintenance/Grounds	74,398	40,388
Other Expenditures	34,346	27,245
Lease Payments - Equipment	4,862	2,709
Interest on Debt	<u>13,052</u>	<u>17,486</u>
Expense Total	\$ 615,755	\$ 571,532
Net Income - Expense	\$ 124,710	\$ 228,981

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
 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



New Parishioners

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

Rebecca Russell

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

Calling all children, (ages 5-12), to the St. Catherine of Siena Children's Choir. Rehearsals will begin on **Sunday, March 9th**, following the 11:30 Mass. The choir will sing on the fourth Sunday of each month at the 11:30 Mass. For more information call Lorrie at 908-814-8022.



✦ GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

The first line of the Girl Scout Promise is “On my honor, I will try, to serve God & my country”. On **Sunday, March 9, 2014**, all Girl Scouts (girls and adults) of

Saint Catherine’s church are invited to wear their GS vest/sash (girls) or their insignia tab (adults) to our 11:30 Mass in honor of Girl Scout Sunday. After Mass, there will be a brief get together for Girl Scouts & their families in the Parish Hall and light refreshments will be served. We will also celebrate Mass on March 16, 2014 at 11:30 and have a Girl’s Own in the Parish Hall after this Mass.

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.

"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.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 DONATION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE
PLEASE NOTE: SVDP right now

is extremely low on funds, having Vincent de Paul to reach out to other Parishes for assistance, so if you are able to help at this time, it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone wishes to make a donation at any time, simply place your monetary donation into one of the special envelopes found in the Church foyer, and drop it into one of the collection baskets at Mass. It then will be forwarded to *St. Catherine’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul* to assist the less fortunate in our area.

Sandy Survivors Still Need Help

Many families affected by Super Storm Sandy are still trying to recover. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will provide new furniture to survivors of the storm through a warehouse in Ocean Township. We need volunteers to help load furniture for them. Please consider volunteering for a 4 hour shift to help these families as they try to recover. Sign up today at www.volunteersignup.org/bxtrt. A page listing dates, times, and details will guide you.

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

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

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 Youth, Marriage and Family Life
The Department of Youth, Marriage and Family
Life strives to promote a Catholic understanding of
life through faith formation at every stage of
human living. They support you and your family,
recognizing that your family is "holy, not because it
is perfect, but because God's grace is at work in it,
helping it to set out anew every day on the way to
love." Your gift promotes individuals and family
life.

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.

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... 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. Please notify the Celebrant or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending. 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, Closings & Delays, 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 must be submitted to the Parish Office by Monday morning. Articles given later will be included in the bulletin for the following week.

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.**

Weddings ... 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.