

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

February 15, 2015

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 Office Hours

Monday 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Rev. Alfred Burke, Weekend Assistant

Deacon Joseph Prioli

Deacon Daniel Sakowski

Director of Religious Education: Kyle Galante

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, February 14, 2015

4:30 PM **“Living” Bishop David M. O’Connell** r/o
St. Vincent de Paul

SUNDAY, February 15, 2015

8:00 AM **John Lempka** r/o John & Stephanie Harakal

10:00 AM **Parishioners**

11:30 AM **James Pellicano** r/o Luigi & Rose Cantatore

“Living” Christine & Peter DeGrande r/o Suzanne
DeGrande

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

Mass Intentions:

Monday, February 16, 2015

Ruth Macrae r/o Granddaughter

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Anna Tedesco



February 18, 2015

(All in Main Church)

6:30 AM - Service

9:00 AM - Mass

12 Noon - Mass

4:30 PM - Children - Service

7:00 PM - Mass

Thursday, February 19, 2015

Mary McMahon r/o Grandson, Jim

Friday, February 20, 2015

Parishioners

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Contacts:

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Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

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732-938-5375

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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



Dear Parishioners,

As your Pastor, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude for your excellent support of the 2014 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. We were successful in responding to the responsibility of putting our faith into action, being mindful not only of our own parish community but of the bigger community as well to which we belong. A special word of thanks to Donna Lee who is our Coordinator for the project. Her dedication and hard work makes a big difference for she put in a lot of time and effort to make it a success. Thanks very much Donna.

This weekend we are going to hear from Father Al and myself speaking at all the Masses as we kick off the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. Let's listen and be prayerful as we participate and ask for your active participation on this endeavor. We are asking for more donors and contributors in order to respond to the Diocese's financial help. We ask for your prayers also as we would like to reach our goal of \$44,000 this year or exceed our goal so that our parish would get some share from the appeal.

I would like you to pay attention to the Knights of Columbus as they speak at all the Masses this weekend. They are Catholic men who are doing so great when it comes to our faith and religion. They are looking for more members in the parish. Please, if you are not a member yet, pray and think about joining them.

Today at Mass we celebrate a love that reaches out to us, a love that is unconditional, infinite, a love that is willing to come down to us from his throne on high as the Son of God and put on the weakness of our humanness. A love that was powerful enough to heal the sick and raise the dead to life. A love that restored to a poor leper not only his health, but his home and family. In so doing he made himself unclean by Jewish law 'because he touched a leper and made himself unable to be in the company of others. His is a love that is willing to give everything to those he loved, even his own life. Nevertheless, the Good News is that the evil powers that took his life did not succeed. His love was too powerful to be crushed. And in his love he continues to give himself as food and drink for those who believe in him; not just any food or drink but a food and drink that will give eternal life.

In the Eucharistic liturgy, we come to the source and origin of all love with our own frailties, failures and sins that get in the way of our own ability to love. With the pain we have caused and with the marks and scars from wounds inflicted on us, we ask for healing. Wherever we need healing, in our physical bodies, in our broken hearts, in our ability to be more loving toward others, we ask the Lord to reach out and touch us and we pray for healing.

The 18th of February is Ash Wednesday. It marks the beginning of the liturgical season of penance in preparation for Easter. During the forty days that begin with Ash Wednesday and conclude on Holy Thursday, we are encouraged to engage in penitential acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, in order to heighten our spiritual life and draw us closer to God.

For our schedule of Ash Wednesday Masses and services, please check the bulletin. All of them are in the Church.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

2/8/15 Weekly **\$7,848.00**
Central & Eastern Europe \$1,478.00

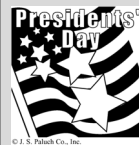
2/22/15 Weekly & Black & Native Americans

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Some bills paid this week:

Property Taxes	\$2,622.39
NJ Natural Gas	\$1,293.30
JCP & L	\$1,945.82
Snowplow, salt, apply icemelt	\$2,499.00

[Two times each at the Church & Chapel]



All Parish Offices and
Religious Education/CCD
are closed on
Monday, February 16,
in honor of Presidents' Day.



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Mike Lubniewski, Lauren MacArthur, Betty McCann, John Masterson, Esther

Peraza, Marjorie Seagriff, George Zieminski

The Rosary Altar Society will be holding its Valentine's Day Bake Sale this weekend. Complimentary coffee and tea will be served after all Sunday masses, so please stop by.

ALL FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT
LENTEN SOUP SUPPER @ 6:00 P.M.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7:00 P.M.

This *free* dinner, consisting of soup, bread, and salad will provide an opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter.

Tuesdays, First & Third - February 17

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Wednesday, February 18

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

Thursdays, First & Third - February 19

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Conference Room

Monday, February 16

7:00 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

Thursday, March 12

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

Saturday, March 14

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

Tuesdays, thru March 24

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

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.



January 28, 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“These forty days of Lent, O Lord, with you we fast and pray.” This line from a popular hymn we sing in our parishes during the season of Lent contains a very important truth. During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 18th until Holy Thursday, April 2nd** --- it is with YOU, Lord, with YOU we fast and pray. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience of the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. “With YOU we fast and pray” is our song. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. “With YOU, too, we fast and pray.” Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

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, February 22nd to Trinity Sunday, May 31st**. 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.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. 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

2014 Tax Statement

If you use ENVELOPES and need a year end tax statement for 2014, please EMAIL your request to sienastatements@gmail.com. **This is NOT a website.** Please include your full name(s), address, and envelope number. Please do not wait until the last minute. Email requests are done once a week through February, so if you plan to get a statement, don't delay.

Parish Pay 2014 Tax Statement

If you use Parish Pay, you will receive your Annual Giving Statement for the 2014 calendar year via email. You can also access your report online by logging into your account, navigating to the "Reports" tab, then select the "Annual Statements" icon, and download the report as a PDF.

We have prayer cards in the pews as we prepare for the upcoming World Meeting of Families in September as the Holy Father, Pope Francis comes to the United States in September. Everyone is asked to pray with us at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful during weekday and weekend Masses. Those prayer cards have to stay in our places of worship, the Chapel and the Church.

Our Pastor, Father Angelito, has determined that due to the rising incidence of flu and other communicable diseases, it is prudent to distribute Holy Communion under the form of bread only, and to omit the exchange of peace among members of the congregation. These changes, which are consistent with the Roman Missal, will continue until conditions improve.

World Meeting of Families February Theme: Two Become One

We are not made to be alone. Human beings need and complete each other. Friendship and community satisfy that longing with bonds of common interest and love. Marriage is a uniquely intimate form of friendship that calls a man and a woman to love each other in the manner of God's covenant. Marriage is a Sacrament and married love is fruitful and offered without reservation. This love is in the image of Jesus's faithfulness to the church. In the month of February, continue to pray for strong marriages, be it your own, a family member, or friend or for the married couples within our Parish Community. Remember the World Meeting of Families call: "Love is our Mission the Family Fully Alive." For more information, please visit the official web site at www.worldmeeting2015.org or go to our Parish web site: www.sienachurch.org for a direct link to World Meeting of Families.



Induction of new Knights: The Knights of Columbus will be knighting new members **Monday, February 16**, in the Parish Hall at 7:30 PM. All men over the age of 18 are welcome to join. If you wish to be a part of this holy brotherhood of over 1.8 million world-wide members, please call (732) 687-2683.

Adult Confirmation Classes & Celebration

Adult Catholics who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a preparation program. Our preparation program schedule is the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please email RCIA@sienachurch.org for more info.

"By the sacrament of Confirmation [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." -CCC, no. 1285.

Jesus' miracles were signs of God's love and compassion and drew people to faith in him. He continues to work miracles today as he did 2,000 years ago. This Scripture study includes the full Scripture text of a miracle performed by Jesus, a short commentary, and questions for delving deeper and applying it to daily life. Join us as we break bread and Scripture together during one of the year's most important Liturgical Seasons, Lent. \$16 to register all are welcome. Sacred Heart Parish & Hall, 751 Main Street Bay Head
Friday's -February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20,27
8:30am Mass-9:00am Stations of the Cross
9:15-11am Scripture Study
First Friday Adoration 9:00am
Call (732) 899-1398 or DawnRusinko@Yahoo.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION—CHAPTER I
Retreat Day. The day consists of Mass, prayer, music, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. "*Do Not Forget the Works of the Lord!*"
Saturday, February 21, 2015 9 am-1 pm
Mass - 9:00 am St. William the Abbott
2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Road, Howell NJ
\$20.00 includes lunch-Reservations are necessary.
Call 732-363-0139 x 777 or visit www.cwoz.org

SINGLE OR COUPLED YOUNG ADULTS

If you're single or coupled, aged 20-30 and looking for like minded people to share your faith and fellowship in a safe environment, join us. Saturday **February 21st, 7pm** at Sacred Heart Church Hall. Located opposite the church in the parking lot. Serving light refreshments. 751 Main Street, Bay Head NJ located on RT#35. Contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or (732) 899-1398

Saint John Vianney High School's Second Annual Casino & Gift Auction will be held on **Friday, March 20th** at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club in Farmingdale. SJVHS will also be drawing its MEGA CASH Raffle that evening with three chances to win cash prizes. Please visit our website, www.sjvhs.com and under Announcements, click on Casino Night for more information including our early bird special & our online invitation! For Casino Night and/or MEGA CASH RAFFLE info. contact Pasquale@sjvhs.com or call [732] 739-0800 x121.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Vocational discernment groups meet to assist young men who are discerning the possibility that God may be calling them to a life of priestly ministry. These groups are designed to explore a priestly vocation with other like-minded men through prayer and sharing vocation stories and experiences. The group meetings aren't meant to convince anyone that the priesthood is their vocation. They are designed to assist in discovering if the priesthood is your true vocation and build your relationship with Christ along the way. If you are a faithful, single, Roman Catholic man, between the ages of 18 and 40, and are asking yourself whether God is calling you to be a priest, you are cordially invited to attend this month's discernment meeting on **February 22nd**, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Saint James Parish, 115 E. Delaware Avenue, Pennington, New Jersey. Join Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Walsh, as he shares his experiences of the priesthood, followed by prayer and conclude with conversation and a meal. Please register with Diocese of Trenton Vocation Office at vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or by calling (609) 406-7449. Join us at this exciting time as you discover and respond to His invitation!

Lent, a Time to Prepare - For Separated and Divorced - Offered by Healing Hearts

A Lenten reflection that can be a source of spiritual renewal; one that can help the separated or divorced person toward healing by seeing his or her suffering mirrored in Jesus' suffering. We will be using the Sunday readings. The evenings will offer an opportunity for stillness and quiet reflection; for integrating thoughts, feelings, and prayer in the struggle through transition and change. The sessions will be held on Thursdays starting **February 19-March 26** from **7 -9 PM** at St. Veronica's Church, ACTS Office located in the rectory basement, 4215 Route 9, Howell, NJ. Contact Maria at 732-363-5698 or email stveronicakre4u@optonline.net. Bring a friend.

OFFERINGS FROM STELLA MARIS RETREAT CENTER
981 OCEAN AVE., LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740
LENTEN PRAYER AND FAITH-SHARING GROUP
Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self
February 19 – March 26, 2015

Six consecutive Thursdays

9:30–11:30am Fee:\$60 (includes book & refreshments)
Using Joyce Rupp's book, Open the Door, A Journey to the True Self, we will explore her "rich image of the door as an invitation to growth and awareness. Readers will discover that there is seemingly no end to the insights that the image of the door can yield and that opening the door of the heart reveals the vast treasure of who we are and how the sacred is present within us."

*Guided by facilitators, the Thursday weekly sessions are conducted in a small group format with time allotted both for group sharing and quiet prayer on the beautiful grounds of Stella Maris. Participants are encouraged to spend time daily in prayer and reflection, reading the book, attending the weekly gathering, journaling and sharing the fruits of their prayer experience with others. Give yourself a gift this Lent! Join us! Visit www.stellamarisretreatcenter.com for full program description. **To register or for more information call 732-229-0602 or** E-mail: retreats@stellamarisretreatcenter.com*

Act Now to Stop Assisted Suicide S382, a bill authorizing doctor prescribed suicide, was released by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on December 15, 2014 and could be voted on by the full Senate at any time. An identical bill, A2270 was passed by the General Assembly on November 13, 2014. S382, the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act, has great potential for serious abuses. For example, the bill does not allow for human error, which so often occurs. In predicting patients' lifespans, a 6-month prognosis for a terminal illness is often wildly inaccurate. Also, S382 does not require a patient to consult a psychiatrist, palliative care, or hospice expert before receiving and administering the prescription to commit suicide. Under S382 no physician is required to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription and there is no requirement to notify family members. We should support compassionate care, especially improved hospice and palliative care. We should not assist people to commit suicide. Please contact your Senator and ask them to vote "No" on S382 - the Aid in dying for the Terminally Ill Act. This is very easy to do by email at <https://voterveice.net/NJCC/Campaigns>. Or find your Senator and contact information for telephone calls at 800-792-8630.

The following programs will be offered at the Upper Room Diocesan Spiritual Center, Neptune, NJ for the month of FEBRUARY and MARCH.

Knitting and Prayer

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills, prayer and compassion and be rewarded with the satisfaction of creating a prayer shawl. Little or no experience required. Free will offering.

Wednesday, February 25 1:30-3:30pm

Cycling Through the Scriptures

We have grown used to the three-year cycle of Sunday readings, and a two-year cycle for the week-days. Tonight we will look at the cycle of readings and the underlying theological motif that leads us through a liturgical year.

Wednesday, February 25 7:00-9:00pm \$25

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. This retreat offers a supportive, non-judgmental and confidential environment where women and men can begin to experience the process of healing.

Friday, Feb. 27-Sunday, March 1, 2015 \$130

CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP

Spend a Lenten evening with Jesus and Pope Francis. We will look at the person of Jesus: teacher, prophet, Risen Christ of the Church and then examine Pope Francis' The Joy of the Gospel. Together they form our identity and what it means to be a disciple in the 21st century.

Thursday, March 5, 7:00-9:30pm \$25

LENTE TAIZE PRAYER

Come for an evening of contemplative prayer in the spirit of the Taizé community. This ecumenical Lenten evening of prayer will include sacred music, Scripture, silence, and prayer around the cross.

Monday, March 9, 7:30-9:00 pm

JOURNEY OF A CELTIC HEART

You are invited to take a symbolic pilgrimage of the heart to the sacred places on your own soul's journey. This pilgrimage will be inspired by Celtic themes, Celtic saints and sacred sites in Ireland. It will be conducted in a reflective atmosphere with song, meditation, ritual and gentle movement.

Tuesday, March 17, 9:30am-4:00 pm \$70-85

Knitting and Prayer

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills, prayer and compassion and be rewarded with the satisfaction of creating a prayer shawl. Little or no experience required.

Wednesday, March 18, 1:30-3:30pm

For registration and/or further information, please contact: Judy @ 732-536-6871 or email: judywarren543@msn.com

Annual Respect Life Mass and Witness on **Saturday, March 14, 2015**. Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Anthony Church, 121 Bridge Ave., Red Bank, followed by the Rosary outside of the Shrewsbury Planned Parenthood. Join us for prayer and fellowship, including light refreshments and presentation of Respect Life Poster, in the Parish Center after the Rosary. Call 609-403-7192.

You are invited to a Pocketbook Bingo event on **March 20, 2015 from 6:00 to 11:00 PM** hosted by the Monmouth County Board of Catholic Charities. Proceeds from the event, to be held at Saint Leo the Great, 50 Hurley's Lane, Lincroft, will benefit Catholic Charities programs in Monmouth County. 11 winners will receive authentic Designer Pocketbooks (valued as high as \$450) and one lucky Mega Bingo Jackpot winner will receive a Louis Vuitton bag! The event will also feature a Gift Auction and 50/50. Event expected to sell out quickly so purchase your tickets and reserve your group table early! For more information, contact Jenn at 609-394-5181 x1137 or jleip@cctrenton.org.

The Rosary Altar Society of Visitation is running a bus trip to The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the hilarious comedy classic "Abies Irish Rose". Please join us on **Monday, April 20**. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 9:00 am and return 5:15 pm. There is an \$80.00 non-refundable fee which includes the cost of the bus, the show and a full course dinner. For make reservations, please call Terri 732-903-7527 or Marilyn 732-920-9763.

Attention Vendors, Crafters and Flea Market Sellers
Coming May 16, 2015-Griffin Grand Market
Outside Space \$35 Inside Space \$45
Food - Music - Games for Kids
For an application and information contact Erin
732-349-8801 x2433 or
elesperance@donovancatholic.org

ST. ROSE OF LIMA 51 Lincoln Place Freehold NJ
Enrolling Now For fall PreK3 - 8th Grade
St. Rose prides itself in Academic Excellence in the Catholic Tradition with Faith Based Activities, Sports, Music, Arts, Technology, and Afterschool Programs. If you are interested in enrolling your child or children in our school, you may contact us at 732-462-2646 to schedule a private tour and to receive a registration package. For more information visit www.SRLfreehold.com