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2015

FEBRUARY



Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:14-15

FIRST
SUNDAY OF

Lent

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

February 22, 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

Website:

www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:

732-938-5375

Religious Education:

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 21, 2015

4:30 PM **Gus LaRocca**

r/o Ella LaRocca

SUNDAY, February 22, 2015

8:00 AM **Barbara & Eustace Nedd**

r/o Nigel & Jacqueline Storey

10:00 AM **Estelle Signorile**

r/o Carol Nebesnak

11:30 AM **Mary Claire DiMaggio**

r/o Pat & Kathie Lavin

Weekday Masses at the Chapel 1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

MONDAY, February 23, 2015

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

TUESDAY, February 24, 2015

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

THURSDAY, February 26, 2015

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

FRIDAY, February 27, 2015

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

Tuesdays, First & Third - March 3

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Thursdays, First & Third - March 5

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Conference Room

Monday, March 9

7:30 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

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

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.

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.

Dear Parishioners,

It is a great joy for the parish to see the young people of our religious education program in our Sunday liturgy. The fifth graders, together with their families and teachers are joining us at the 11:30 Mass today. We welcome them at the celebration as they truly participate in our prayers and singing.

As people of faith we know that the season of Lent offers us another opportunity to know Jesus in a deeper way. During Lent, we are invited to undergo some spiritual exercises as Jesus himself experienced two thousand years ago with his forty days and nights in the desert. He had fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

As we mention the term exercise, it brings a whole variety of reactions that range from "oh its painful" or "I hate it" or "maybe I should try it" or "no pain, no gain." Don't you know that each and every season of Lent we have to deal with these same three opportunities to grow and mature in holiness. Why? For the Church knows that growing in holiness and deepening our relationship with Jesus is a lifetime process.

In our 1st reading, God speaks to Noah and his children. By speaking to Noah, God intervenes in human history in order to establish a special relationship with Noah and his descendants. God chose Noah and in today's passage describes the essence of God's promise. Never again would God destroy his creation, people or things as had occurred with the great flood. Instead God will honor his creation even when his people fail to live up to their part of the covenant.

It is also important to look at the words of St. Peter in our 2nd reading, which speaks of the suffering of Christ that leads us back to God. It is through his suffering and death that we have become heirs to new life in him. Our journey in Lent offers us an opportunity to walk with Jesus, to offer our pain, suffering and brokenness and by the power of the Holy Spirit to come to a newer and fuller life in him. Through our charitable acts, we can manifest sincerity in almsgiving and signs that we have become a new creation in Christ.

What was Jesus doing in the desert? His temptation in the desert for forty days recalls our need to do penance. Jesus didn't need to do penance for any misdeeds. But Jesus was prompted by the Spirit to undergo this ordeal of temptation and hunger. What was his response? He submitted himself as he obeyed the desire of the Spirit for forty days. Isn't it the same Spirit who invites us to join Jesus in our Lenten journey?

The next forty days invite us to our own time of retreat. Perhaps due to our schedule we cannot get away for a few days, but maybe we can ask ourselves. Who am I? What do I want in life? What does God the Father want from me? What are the temptations that keep me from knowing God better, knowing myself better? And Jesus tells us: "The Kingdom of God is at hand." It's right here in front of us. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

2/15/15 Weekly	\$5,031.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$1,180.00

3/1/15 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Some bills paid this week:

NJ Natural Gas	\$2,116.43
Verizon (January)	\$ 664.95

New Parishioners

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

Joseph Marino & Margaret Lay

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress,, Lauren MacArthur, Betty McCann, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Marjorie Seagriff, George Zieminski

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. 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.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

Simon's Soup Kitchen operates in Seaside Heights, NJ. The kitchen serves meals Tuesday and Friday nights during the months of October through April to anyone in need of a meal and a friendly smile. Simon's Soup Kitchen is sponsored by Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish and the Knights of Columbus Council 8415. Since the start of Simon's Soup Kitchen over 45,000 meals have been served. Many of our clientele live in Seaside Heights and the surrounding area throughout the year and work in our community during the summer months, and sometimes need a little extra support during the winter. Your gift can help to keep the kitchen going.

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.

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." Visit www.worldmeeting2015.org or www.sienachurch.org

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. 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 **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. Call 732-363-5698 or email stveronicakre4u@optonline.net.

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!

Attention Men! Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 18th Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference on **Sat. Feb. 28** at Saint Gregory the Great Parish (4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square, NJ). The theme of this year's conference is "Dare to Be a Disciple." The day runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (doors open at 8:00 am for bagels and coffee) and will feature Holy Mass and inspiring talks by: **Jesse Romero**, Catholic author, radio host, and evangelist; **Mike Piazza**, former Major League Baseball All-Star catcher; and a **blockbuster speaker**, who cannot be announced in advance, but is someone you will not want to miss! There will also be Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to interact with other men who are looking to grow in their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from grade 8 thru college. Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org. By mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ PO Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067

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! Visit www.stellamarisretreatcenter.com for full program description. **To register or for more information call 732-229-0602 or** E-mail: retreats@stellamarisretreatcenter.com

Have you drifted away? Come Home to the Catholic Church - Catholics Returning Home is a five week series of relaxed but directed informal sessions that help you renew your relationship with God. Is there something missing in your life? Have you told yourself "I want to go back to Church but I have been away for so long and just can't bring myself to .." God is calling you... to walk through life with Him. Answer His call and say "Yes"!!! Come to Catholics Returning Home and feel complete and find that piece of the puzzle that's been missing. Sessions begin on **Tuesday, February 24 and will take place every Tuesday through March 24 at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Aloysius Church Parish Office, 935 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson. For more information contact Bill at 917-751-5962 or the Parish Office at 732-370-0500. Visit www.saintaloyusonline.org.

Calling All Catholic Men: The Knights of Columbus are welcoming all men over the age of 18 to become members of the St. Catherine of Siena council here at our church. Devoted to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, with over 1.8 million world-wide members, the Knights of Columbus strives to be a positive Catholic presence in both our parish and community. If you wish to join please call (732) 835-2049 or email KOF15703@gmail.com

STELLA MARIS RETREAT CENTER
981 OCEAN AVE., LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740
LENTEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL SERIES
6:00 Simple Soup and Bread Supper
7:00 – 8:30 Presentation

Join us on **four Monday evenings** of Lent to nourish your soul and enrich your faith with food for thought for your Lenten journey!

MARCH 2:LENTEN PRAYER: THE CUP OF OUR LIFE
MARCH 9:SHREDDING WRONG TRADITIONS IN LENT
MARCH 16: AN EVENING WITH ST. PATRICK
MARCH 23:LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS
MARCH DAY PROGRAMS 9:30 – 3:00 FEE: \$50
MARCH 7:RECHARGE AND BALANCE YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERIES
MARCH 14:IGNATIAN TUNE-UP DAY OF REFLECTION
Visit www.stellamarisretreatcenter.com or email retreats@stellamarisretreatcenter.com or call 732-229-0602 .A free will offering will be taken.

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.

St. Veronica School will be holding its 31st Annual Dinner & Gift Auction on **March 20th, 2015** at South Gate Manor, Freehold. Tickets are \$60 and are on sale now. Go to www.stveronicaschool.com.

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.

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

Lenten Desert Day

Come and be nourished body and soul! This Lenten retreat day offers a brief reflection on a Lenten topic, quiet time, Eucharistic Liturgy, and a light lunch. Take some time during this sacred season!

Thursday, March 19, 9:30am-2:00pm \$25

Woman's Gathering

This Saturday morning program provides women a time to be with other women, to pray with each other, to share with each other and to support each other. The program includes prayer on a particular theme relevant to women, sharing and brunch.

Saturday, March 21, 10:00am-12noon \$15

Centering Prayer

Join us as Fr. Keating invites us into greater depth and transformation in Christ. The day will include presentation, discussion and Centering Prayer.

Tuesday, March 24, 10:00am-2:00pm \$35

The Healing Power of Forgiveness

This evening we will examine the role that forgiveness can offer us in alleviating the anger and grief, as well as the physical, mental and spiritual benefits that come from forgiveness. We will look at people like Maya Angelou, Immaculate Illibagiza and Jesus who have taught us the benefits of forgiveness and the costs of un-forgiveness.

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00-9:30pm \$25

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

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. Call 732-938-5375 or email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

Seeking fellow parishioners to join and participate in the pro life cause. If interested call 732-580-1387



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
DONATION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

PLEASE NOTE: SVDP right now is extremely low on funds, having 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.

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://votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns>. Or find your Senator and contact information for telephone calls at 800-792-8630.

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
Contact us at 732-462-2646 to schedule a private tour and to receive a registration package. For more information visit www.SRLfreehold.com

"**Legion of Mary Pilgrim Statue**" is available to visit homes in our Parish Community. Anyone interested, please call 732-616-3127 or email pheathers7@yahoo.com for arrangements.