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2015 MARCH



Just as Moses lifted up  
the serpent in the desert,  
so must the Son of Man  
be lifted up, so that  
everyone who believes  
in him may have eternal life.

*John 3:14-15*

FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
OF

Lent

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

March 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*

## Website:

[www.sienachurch.org](http://www.sienachurch.org)

## Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

## Parish Office:

732-938-5375

## Religious Education:

732-938-6229

## FAX phone:

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, March 14, 2015

4:30 PM **Molly Senichka** r/o Ust Family

SUNDAY, March 15, 2015

8:00 AM **Rose Molnar** r/o Ann Kessler

10:00 AM **Flavia Tamzrian** r/o Family

11:30 AM **Giuseppe Canpanale**

r/o Luigi & Rose Cantatore

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

MONDAY, March 16, 2015

9:00 AM **Sr. Mary Madonna Vona** r/o Pat & Kathie Lavin

TUESDAY, March 17, 2015

9:00 AM **Edward Mongon** r/o Wife, Clare

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2015

9:00 AM **Communion Service**

THURSDAY, March 19, 2015

9:00 AM **Kathleen Maher** r/o Kelso Family

FRIDAY, March 20, 2015

9:00 AM **Joseph & Margaret Shade** r/o Daughter, Mary

## 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 - March 17

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

## Wednesday, March 18

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

## Thursdays, First & Third - March 19

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Conference Room

## Tuesdays, thru March 24

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

## Thursday, April 9

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

## Saturday, April 11

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

## Monday, April 20

7:30 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

## 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Our religious education students are going to have their Lenten Reconciliation events on March 16 and 18 respectively. We invite also their parents and guardians to join them at the Church for confessions. The parish has invited guest priests to help us hear confessions and give out absolution to them. The season of Lent is an opportunity to clean up our soul, body and spirit as we unite with Jesus in the wilderness to reflect, pray and fast.

Let us now look at the Gospel as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent. Jesus goes on to say that his death and resurrection are the basis of the spiritual life to be revealed by him. The words "raised up" in John's Gospel refer to Jesus being raised up on the cross and his glorification in his resurrection and ascension. Jesus used an example to explain this so that Nicodemus would have understood. The example is taken from an event from the Book of Numbers where the Jews, in their journey through the desert, encountered a nest of poisonous snakes. Many were bitten with a painful bite and many died. God, however, has to find a solution and told Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole and all who looked upon it were cured, healed and saved.

And therefore, it is through Jesus' saving death and Resurrection, our faith in him, celebrated and fully expressed in the sacrament of Baptism and Eucharist, that we are saved. Jesus emphasized that he has come to redeem us simply because of God's great love and not because we deserved or earned it. But he reminds us that his love cannot save us if we do not open up ourselves to it. It is like the light of Jesus.

Are you walking in the light of Jesus' love? Or do you fear his light because of what it might reveal in the dark corners of your life, which like all of us, you try to keep hidden? Now today, in this hour, Jesus is calling you to put away fear. Come into the bright light of his love. Once you do that, the fire of Christ's love will burn out everything in you that is opposed to this light. Then the reason for your fear will be gone. Confidently, you will be safe, safe for this life and for all eternity.

So we heard the famous verse John 3:16, God so loved the world, God so loved you and me, that he sent his only son who died and rose to give us life. This is the new and everlasting covenant that God bestows on us. Let us recall that love and truly express our faith in his love as we celebrate the Eucharist with joy and enthusiasm. Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

**3/8/15 Weekly** **\$7,589.00**  
**St. Vincent de Paul** **\$2,722.00**

**3/22/15 Weekly & Diocesan Assessment**  
**Thank you so much for your generous contributions.**



through the Sacrament of Baptism, we  
welcomed to the Church:

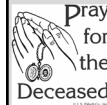
**Gavin Morales Gallagher**

*We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!*

### **New Parishioners**

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

**James & Phyllis Hurley**



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

**Joseph Cottrell** (Father of Dan)

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

### **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

### **THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!**

**Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults**  
These ministries strive 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.

Our Pastor, Father Angelito, has determined that due to the rising incidence of communicable diseases and flu, 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, will continue until conditions improve.

Food donations to the church are distributed to the needy by the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and by Joshua House. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **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](mailto: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 March Theme: Creating the Future**

Marriage is meant to be fertile and welcome new life. Children shape the future, just as they themselves are shaped in their families. Without children, there can be no future. Children reared with love and guidance are the foundation for a loving future. Wounded children portend a wounded future. Families are the bedrock for all larger communities. Families are domestic churches, places where parents help children discover that God loves them and has a plan for each child's life. This March, let us all offer a daily prayer for the children of our Parish, may they grow in God's love with the guidance of parents, family members, teachers, clergy, and our entire Parish Community.

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.



### **Knights of Columbus Spring Raffle**

The Knights of Columbus will be supporting "Birthright" via our Spring Raffle after each Mass through April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Birthright helps women who face unplanned pregnancies by caring, listening, engaging, and giving. Tickets are \$5/each or 3 for \$10. The drawing at the Birthright Dinner/Auction will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Winner need not be present.

**3 Phantom of The Opera tickets** available for **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**, matinee. Bus leaves St. Catherine's parking lot at 10am; returns about 6pm. Cost is \$129 per person (includes theatre ticket, bus, & lunch at a NYC restaurant). Tickets can be sold separately if you don't need all 3. Any interest, please contact Maria at 732-306-9994.

Give your heart to Jesus!

St. Veronica Healing Mass - Celebrant: Fr. Vic  
4215 Rt. 9, Howell, NJ 07731

**March 17, 2015 - Mass at 7:30 pm**

Individual Prayers after Mass - All are Welcome.

Call 732-364-2815 or [mjohnson1234@aol.com](mailto:mjohnson1234@aol.com)

The Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on **Saturday, March 21, 2015** at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, a speaker, sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 1:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Register online at [cwoz.org](http://cwoz.org) or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Leave your phone number and spell your last name.

If you are single or coupled and aged 21-30 years old and looking to make new friends of faith, join us Saturday night, **March 21 from 7-9pm** in the hall at Sacred Heart, 751 Main Ave. in Bay Head. There will be light refreshments. For more info call 732-899-1398 or email [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com).

Fr. Bill Habling is coming to Visitation Parish on **Tuesday, March 24, 7 - 9 pm** to deliver a powerful teaching on the Grace of the Family. Email [atdale@visitationchurch.com](mailto:atdale@visitationchurch.com) or call 732-477-7059 x214.

DONOVAN Catholic Performing Arts Department Proudly Presents "Hello Dolly"

Thursday, March 26th 7:30 PM

Friday, March 27th 7:30 PM

Saturday March 28th 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 29th 1:30 PM

Adults \$13.00 Students and Seniors \$10.00

& "Put on Your Sunday Clothes"

For the young and young at heart

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny -

Easter Egg Hunt in the Quad

Meet the Characters of "Hello Dolly"

March 21, 2015 9:00 - 11:00 AM

\$13.00 per person/ children under 2 Free

Contact: The Box Office (732) 349-8801 x 2403

Divine Mercy Weekend, **April 10-12**  
Immerse yourself in the grace of Christ's Divine Mercy during this 10th Anniversary weekend retreat at the beautiful Malvern Retreat House; culminating with the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday! Visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400 for more information.