



March 29, 2015

PALM SUNDAY

of the Passion of the Lord

**When the
centurion who
stood facing
him saw how he
breathed his
last he said,**

**“Truly this
man was the
Son of God!”**

Mark 15:39

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

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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 Wednesday 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

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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, March 28, 2015

4:30 PM **George Weber** r/o Janet Weber

SUNDAY, March 29, 2015

8:00 AM **Frances Urso** r/o Dan & Tricia Cottrell

10:00 AM **Rose & Anthony Cataffo & Dominic Callari**
r/o JoAnn Callari

11:30 AM **Vicenta (Eva) Martinez** r/o Nancy Martinez
& Family

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

MONDAY, March 30, 2015

9:00 AM **Claire Garvey Butler**

TUESDAY, March 31, 2015

9:00 AM **Sr. Mary Madonna Vona** r/o Anne Hilker

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2015

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

THURSDAY, April 2, 2015

9:00 AM **Anthony & Rachel Pennetti & Family** r/o Libby

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 30, 9:00 AM Mass @ Chapel

7:30 PM Mass @ St. Robert Bellarmine
Freehold, NJ

*Chrism Mass, Renewal of Priestly Vows, &
Blessing of Oils*

Tuesday, March 31, 9:00 AM Mass @ Chapel

Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 AM Mass @ Chapel

Holy Thursday, April 2, 7:30 PM @ Church
Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, April 3, Church opens at 9:00 AM
3:00 PM @ Church

Veneration of the Cross & Communion
7:00 PM @ Church
Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4, 9:00 AM @ Church
Morning Prayers

Followed by Blessing of Easter Foods

SATURDAY, April 4

VIGIL MASS 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM

Masses at the Church

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we begin the Holiest Season of the Year, the Holy Week. As we look at our small pamphlet and parish bulletin there are several activities for the days ahead.

On Monday of the Holy Week, the Priests (Presbyterate) of the whole Diocese of Trenton will gather for the traditional dinner starting at 4PM followed by the Chrism Mass at 7:30 PM at Saint Robert Bellarmine Church in Freehold. Everyone in the parish is invited to this event, particularly at the Chrism Mass wherein the Bishop of the Diocese is going to bless the Holy Oils which we use in the administration of several sacraments. Also, all the Priests in front of the Bishop and the faithful are going to renew their Priestly Vows. Please pray for us as we do and try our best to be faithful to our priestly ministry.

On Holy Thursday we are going to have the Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of the Feet. We do this to recall and put into reality what Jesus Christ did before he was put to death on the cross. I would like to express my thanksgiving to our generous parishioners who were very cooperative for the Foot Washing. True enough, they represent the 12 Apostles of Jesus. A big thank you also to Ruth, our Sacristan, to our Buildings and Grounds Committee, to our Youth Group and to all those who have given their effort, skills and precious time to decorate and put things together so that the Church, the Chapel and surroundings would look great for the Holy Season.

The celebration of Holy Week begins with the Passion Sunday of Jesus. Notice that week's events in the life of Jesus are summarized into just one hour today, from the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to the Last Supper and to Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and burial. Throughout this week we will reflect on these important events in a more gradual way.

As we want to focus on our spiritual journey, I recommend that you read the Gospel again this week so you can pray and reflect more deeply on Jesus' sacrifice of himself for us. Every single year I ask myself why Jesus did it? As I go on thinking and asking I understand a little bit more and yet I know it will remain a mystery. Jesus said he came "to seek out and to save the one who is lost." Could he have done that without having to die? And maybe that's what he agonized over in the Garden of Gethsemane, asking himself and his heavenly Father the same question.

In his darkest hour, Jesus prayed, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not as I will, but as you will. Every Gospel is in some way a portrait of Jesus, revealing who Jesus is. Today, we hear and see in a crystal clear way that Jesus is the obedient son of God the Father. The obedience of Jesus is reinforced in our 2nd reading, St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians his KENOSIS - which means he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death even on a cross. Total obedience to the will of God happens when we hear God's word, possibly not understanding completely what the word means or how it will be fulfilled, and saying YES.

Lord Jesus, you have shown us how to be obedient, teach us to follow you not counting the cost so that we might be your faithful disciples and show your love to the whole world. AMEN.

God bless us,
Father Angelito

Some bills paid this week:

Office Computer & Installation	\$1,518.15
Yearly Database License	\$ 849.00

PLEASE NOTE:

✠ The **Parish Office** will be closed on **Holy Thursday, April 2, Good Friday, April 3, and also on Easter Monday, April 6.**

The Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 7.

✠ **Religious Education** will be closed on **Wednesday, April 1 and Monday, April 6**

Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 8.

Please be aware that the First Holy Communion dates and times are Sundays, April 19 & 26, and May 3, at the 11:30 A.M. Mass.



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

Marco Carl Minuto
Lyla Rose Vargas

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

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Marjorie Seagriff, Ilona Supczynski, George Ziemienski

Tuesdays, First & Third - April 7

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

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

Tuesdays, Beginning April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

Thursdays, First & Third - April 16

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Conference Room

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.



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

Easter Food Blessing

On **Saturday, April 4**, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the church, there will be morning prayers followed by the blessing of Easter foods. Foods are usually brought to church in some form of basket lined with a white cloth that symbolizes the shroud of Christ. Often, a ribbon or bow is fastened to the basket's handle and some form of greenery is included in the basket. A candle, symbolizing Christ, the Light of the World can also be included. On Easter morning, each member of the family eats a small portion of each of the blessed foods.



Items that can be included for the blessing can include any of the following:

- bread* - represents Jesus, the Bread of Life
- butter* - can be molded into the shape of a lamb to symbolize, Jesus, the Lamb of God
- salt* - for zest, purification
- pepper, horseradish, mustard* - represent the bitter sacrifice of Christ, the bitter with the sweet in life
- ham* - for the joy of the Easter season, abundance
- hard cooked eggs* - represent new life, Resurrection
- kielbasa* - for God's generosity towards true believers
- bacon* - for God's mercy
- candy* - for the sweetness of new life in Christ, eternal life, good things to come
- babka* (sweet cake) - represents the sweetness of the Lord
- vinegar* - remembers the sour wine offered to Christ on the cross
- wine* - reminds us of the wedding feast at Cana

Prayer of Heart and Body celebrates Let Love Lead, a Christian Yoga Retreat at Stella Maris, 981 Ocean Ave, Long Branch, NJ. **June 12, 13, 14, 2015.** \$275.00 for the full weekend includes private room, all meals, yoga, meditation, and prayer programs, as well as a movie night and the celebration of the mass on Sunday. \$75.00 deposit due **April 1.** Deposit can be sent to Alice Latham, 101 Campbell Blvd #19103, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 or for more info. email aliceofsmanahawkin@comcast.net.

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 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.

**NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
APRIL 14 through JUNE 2**

St. Mary's Ministry of Consolation
One Phalanx Road Colts Neck, NJ 07722
For information and pre-registration, please call Barbara 732-544-8415 or Marilyn 732-462-8088. The program will meet at 7:00 PM in the Spiritual Center's Chapel.

**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!
Ministry Among Hispanic Catholics**

This ministry brings attention to the most pressing needs and concerns of the Hispanic community, and assists parishes and diocesan offices as they address the needs that are identified.