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Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15

THIRD
SUNDAY
OF

Lent

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

March 8, 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

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732-938-5375 ext. 3

Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

St. Vincent de Paul:

732-938-3454

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 7, 2015

4:30 PM **David Sullivan** r/o Tony & Jane Morro

SUNDAY, March 8, 2015

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

Gertrude Persaud r/o Nigel & Jacqueline
Storey

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

Joseph Caltagirone Sr. r/o Wife, Beverly

John Donoto Jr. r/o Leon & Pam Davison

11:30 AM **"Living" Intention Marjorie Seagriff**

r/o Donna Lee

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

MONDAY, March 9, 2015

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

TUESDAY, March 10, 2015

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2015

9:00 AM **Communion Service**

THURSDAY, March 12, 2015

9:00 AM **Virginia Mary Burlin** r/o Carol & Les Spindel

FRIDAY, March 13, 2015

9:00 AM **Cathy Taylor Attara** r/o Sardone Family

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.

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

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

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,

We celebrate today the Third Sunday of Lent. As we continue with our journey with Jesus during this blessed season let us use our sense of imagination and have a mental picture of the City of Jerusalem at Jesus' time at the Passover celebration. During those times the activities of the Temple were the year's major events, religiously, culturally, and economically, for Israel and particularly for Jerusalem. Jews came to Jerusalem from all over the world at Passover. A Jewish historian could be exaggerating when he says over 250,000 Passover victims, like oxen, sheep and doves were sacrificed during Passover. But for sure the figures ran into many thousands. The Law required that the animals for sacrifice be perfect. Since people came from distant places, and it would have been burdensome to bring an animal with them, it was expedient that the huge number of animals be sold in Jerusalem. With only one particular place to buy what they needed, they could not get any bargains. Are we getting a picture of something like a county fair with people packed together coming and going, moving along with animals like sheep and doves in birdcages. On top of all this were the moneychangers.

The law required that people purchase their sacrifice with Jewish currency. Roman coins were considered idolatrous because they were engraved with pagan inscriptions and images. Since the Jews were under Roman occupation, they probably had to use Roman currency in their everyday lives. So when people came to buy an animal for sacrifice, they had to exchange their foreign currency for Jewish currency. Thus we have the moneychangers.

Aside from cheating or dishonesty, there were those who were getting quite wealthy in the name of God. Jesus told the Jewish leaders who challenged him for doing what he did: "you have made the temple a den of thieves." We might be surprised why Jesus reacted so violently in this instance. We see him nowhere else in the Scriptures expressing such anger. Quite possibly he was angry at seeing how poor people coming to worship were being ripped off. The Gospel gives us another reason too for his irate behavior as he recalled the psalm verse: "Zeal for your house will consume me." Noticeably he placed worship of God much more highly than most people do. We all know how easy it is to become careless in our reverence and devotion to our Heavenly Father. Often times God is put in second place, or even further down in our list of values. It was not that way with Jesus. His Heavenly Father always took first place with him. The readings for this Sunday, most particularly the Gospel which is about the cleansing of the temple might prompt us to examine and reflect on our relationship with God. We call upon him and ask with all honesty: Do our lives show that we believe what we say? Jesus is challenging us to change, and cleansing our lives.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

3/1/15 Weekly	\$8,581.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,421.00
February Parish Pay	\$8,205.13

3/15/15 Weekly & Catholic Relief Services

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Some bills paid this week:

Snowplow, salt, apply icemelt	\$4,709.00
Church Supplies	\$ 474.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 271.00

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.



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

Mason Michael Woods

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, Edward Kress,, Lauren MacArthur, Betty McCann, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Marjorie Seagriff, George Zieminski

2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Congratulations to our parishioners on the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal this past year! St. Catherine's Parish has received a rebate from the Diocese in the amount of **\$9,921.25**. Your generosity is deeply appreciated! The Most Reverend Bishop O'Connell also wishes to thank you for making the 2014 Appeal a tremendous success.

Here are last Year's totals:

\$44,000 was the Goal.

\$46,242.50 was collected.

Here is the breakdown:

20% of Goal = \$8,800.00

50% of Overage = \$1,121.25

TOTAL REBATE = \$9,921.25

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.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

Ministry of Catechesis, Lay Formation and Evangelization

Each parish and Catholic school is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 50,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Even as adults we seek to learn more about our faith and deepen our relationship with God. Some adults want to know more; some adults want to grow in their prayer life. About 300 adults are brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese each year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

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.

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.

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.

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 **March 12, 19, & 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.

Spring Equinox—Wed. March 18, 7–8:30 PM
WATERSPIRIT, 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. email: waterspirit@stellamaris.comcastbiz.net or call 732-923-9788. Donations according to means.

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 Mega Cash Raffle Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Contact Pasquale@sjvhs.com or 732-739-0800 ext 121 for tickets and information. Drawing on March 20th, winner need not be present!

3 Phantom of The Opera tickets available for **Saturday, April 18th, 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.