

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

Christ Jesus... Destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

- 2 Timothy 1:10b

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Diocese of Trenton
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Pastor
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Alfred Burke

Deacon
Deacon Daniel Sakowski

Director of Religious Education
Kyle Galante

Parish Office Secretary
Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary
Janice Deakyne

Sacristan
Francine Gagliano

Music Director
Alice Kovach

Parish Trustees
Robert Mercado & Cindy Ventura

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Weekday Masses @ Chapel: 9:00 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Miraculous Medal Novena:
Monday, following 9:00 AM Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
1st Friday, following 9:00 AM Mass to 11:00 AM

Holy Day Masses:
As announced in the bulletin

Confessions:
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Baptisms:
2nd Sundays

Parish Office Hours
Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Religious Education Office Hours
Monday: 8:30 AM to 7:15 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 5:45 PM

Parish Website:
www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:
732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:
732-938-5375

Last Rites:
732-938-5375 ext. 7

Religious Education:
732-938-6229

Deacon Dan:
732-938-5375 ext. 3

St. Vincent de Paul:
732-938-3454

Parish Bookkeeper:
732-938-5375 ext. 8

FAX Phone:
732-938-3260

Sacristan/Music Director:
732-938-5375 ext. 9



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 11, 2017
4:30 PM Philip & Stella Olenitsky
(George & June Hankel)

Sunday, March 12, 2017
8:00 AM Cathy Taylor Attara
(Sardone Family)

10:00 AM Josephine Greco
(Peter & Laura Greco)

11:30 AM Susan Marie Bradley
(Hurley Family)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, March 13, 2017
9:00 AM Theodore J. Wojtanowski
(Daughters, Lynn & Jean)

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
9:00 AM Therese Crepeault
(Neal Family)

Thursday, March 16, 2017
9:00 AM Suzanne Petrocelli
(John & Stephanie Harakal)

Friday, March 17, 2017
9:00 AM Eddie Kovalick
(Family)

Baptism Classes:

Last Wednesdays of the month 7:00 PM Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
2nd/4th Sundays 11:30 AM Church

Legion of Mary:
Thursdays 10:00 AM Conference Room

Men's Prayer Group:
2nd Saturdays 9:00 AM Chapel

RCIA:
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM Classroom 10

Rosary Altar Society:
3rd Wednesdays 7:00 PM Church/Hall
3rd Sundays 9:30 AM Church to pray the rosary

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
2nd Mondays @ 7:00 PM Parish Hall

Homebound Ministry:

If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, contact the Parish Office.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jackson Boyden-Daley, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, Lois Hradil, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Charles Lambert, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski

3/1/17 Ash Wednesday \$1,258.00

3/5/17 Weekly \$6,649.00
Black & Native Americans \$1,259.00

February Parish Pay \$6,477.56

3/19/17 Weekly & Diocesan Assessment

Thank you for your generous contributions.

New Parishioners

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

Michael, Patricia & Gabrielle Caputo
Loretta DeSanto
John & Eileen DuBois



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

Janet Bonk (Wife of Anthony)
Robert Cassano (Husband of Linda)

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

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.

February Monthly Bills

New Construction	\$ 46,460.50
New Furnishings	\$ 8,115.31
Gas	\$ 3,752.20
Electricity	\$ 2,385.56
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 1,070.72
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 362.61
Telephone	\$ 350.14
Building Maintenance	\$ 240.00
Water	\$ 164.19
Care of Grounds	\$ 95.00

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION!

Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults

Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be his disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization takes place. Together in Mission is a tool to support these evangelization efforts. Your gift promotes individuals and family life. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, Ministry to separated and divorced persons are just a few of the services offered.

An Evening with Catherine McAuley & Francis Warde on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 5–7 pm @ Georgian Court University. Free; limited seating for 50 attendees; registration is required. Join us as we explore the life and legacy of Catherine McAuley (1778–1841), foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, as well as the many contributions of Mother Francis Warde (1810–1884), who is credited with bringing Mercy to the United States. As a result of the work of these and other Sisters, Mercy has spread worldwide to 47 different countries providing service in 17 colleges and universities in the United States, a variety of health care institutions, and many social service organizations that stand in solidarity, seeking social justice for those who are in need of support and advocacy. This will be an interactive and casual discussion on the wonderful gift of Mercy and will include tea, finger sandwiches, and sweets.

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annulment Information Sessions annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. The session in our county is on March 15, 7:30-9:00 PM at St. Thomas More in Manalapan. Call 609-406-7434 or email rrnoore@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive Tuesdays, March 21, 28, and April 4 from 9:30am till 3:00pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1 Holmdel, NJ. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers through home visitation, administrative support and special projects to support our mission of caring and compassion. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. To register, please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933. For more information about volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org/volunteering.

NOBODY TOLD ME, MARCH 25. We can look forward to this passionate presentation by Pam Stenzel, nationally known speaker on the need for chastity and living a clean life. This is for 8th graders and up, as well as all parents. Your child will be empowered by this presentation! For more information go to cimpar@dioceseoftrenton.org and to register go to stcatharine.net/religious-education/.

Feast of the Annunciation HEALING MASS

Many people are not aware that the anointing of the sick is NOT just for those about to die. This powerful Sacrament benefits most of us for various ailments such as those suffering from grief, addiction, mental illness, anxiety, disease, and upcoming surgery, taking care of someone aging or sick, a child with special needs, a difficult pregnancy, etc. We all need some form of healing whether that is physical, emotional or spiritual and although every mass is a healing mass, the anointing of the sick is powerful. Don't believe me? Come and check it out for yourself. Please join us on Saturday, March 25th at 8:30 am and bring a friend. Refreshments will follow in the hall at Sacred Heart Church, 752 Main Ave Bay Head. Contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or call 732-899-1398.

20th ANNUAL FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT to be held at Kateri Center, 160 Conover Road, Marlboro, Friday March 31, 8:00 pm. Get cracking for the most Egg-citing Egg Hunt! Join us after dark – bring a flashlight and a basket – and search the field for over 2000 REAL, colored eggs. Find the prize eggs and win! This is a fun and exciting event for children and adults. Tickets are available for \$10 at www.katericenter.org.

St. Veronica School will be holding its 33rd annual dinner and gift auction on March 31 at 7:00 pm at South Gate Manor in Freehold. Tickets are \$60 and are on sale now. Ticket forms and information are available by visiting www.stveronicaschool.com or call 732-299-2477.

Trenton Catholic Academy to Honor Bishop David M. O'Connell, at their "Celebrate Iron Mikes Gala" on April 22, 2017, 6:00 PM, at Cedar Gardens, Hamilton. Ticket and sponsorship information is available at trentoncatholic.org or call (609) 586-3705 ext. 135 or email tdestribats@trentoncatholic.org.

The New Day Bereavement Support Group held by The Parish of Saint Mary Ministry of Consolation, One Phalanx Road, Colts Neck invites you to participate in a nine week program for those who are grieving the death of loved ones and want to work through the tasks of grief in a structured way using the New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing. The sessions include readings, reflection, sharing and journaling. The program will meet at 7 pm in the Spiritual Center's Chapel. Starts Tuesday, April 18, ends Tuesday, June 14. For information call 732-462-8088.

Join Msgr. Sam Sirianni, Fr. Daniel Peirano & Fr. Anthony Sirianni, on a trip to the Holy Land November 12-20, 2017 For complete details please join us for a meeting on March 27, at 7:00pm St. Robert Bellarmine 61 Georgia Road, Freehold NJ or contact Graycar Travel 800-214-6723.

Important Parish Information

Parish Registration ... WELCOME to the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family. In order to serve you better, we ask that you please take a few moments to register, to be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish. To register and receive offertory envelopes for your tax deductible donations or to inquire about our various ministries please call 732-938-5375 or email us at frontoffice@sienachurch.org. For address or other changes, including a change in Parish, please call the Parish Office. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our services. Thank you and God Bless.

Young Adults ... who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or who are employed full-time, should register with the Parish under their own name.

Weddings ... Please call the Parish Office *one year in advance of desired wedding date, BEFORE completing any other arrangements (reception hall, etc.)*.

Baptisms ... The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 2nd Sundays at 12:30 P.M. or can be celebrated during Sunday Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor letters, donation, and attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is mandatory for parents. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend. Classes are held in the Church at 7:00 P.M. on the last Wednesday of each month. To sign up you must fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend or email deacondan@sienachurch.org.

Recommendation for Sponsorship ... In order to be a godparent/sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all their Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; if married, be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully (*showing attendance through the use of your church envelopes or the welcome envelopes located in the narthex*); be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months. Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out a form to be recommended for sponsorship. All requests will be seen by the Pastor and you will be notified when your form is ready.

St Catherine's Online! ... www.sienachurch.org. Check out our website for all the latest Parish info, including Parish Policies, Church Bulletin, Religious Education Calendars, Closings and Delays, Minister Schedules, and more.

Altar Flowers can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one or for any special intention (except during Lent & Advent). Offering: \$50/basket. To arrange for Altar Flowers, please call the Office @ 732-938-5375.

Prayers for the Sick... A list of prayers for those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Office @ 732-938-5375.

Parishioners with Celiac Sprue.. An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. *Please notify the Celebrant or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.* Look on our website under "Sacraments."

Bulletin Submissions... Because of the deadline assigned to us by the bulletin company, all information **must be submitted to the Parish Office 2 weeks in advance**. Articles given later will be included in the bulletin for the following week.

Electronic Giving... www.parishpay.com or call 866-PARISH-1

Remember Us in Your Will... A simple charitable bequest can provide very meaningful support for St. Catherine of Siena Church. An up-to-date will can protect your loved ones and your dreams; let you, not the state, determine how your assets will be distributed; help you leave a legacy through charitable gifts; help you minimize estate taxes; and assure those charities you value will continue.

St. Vincent de Paul Society has a website, donatetosvdp.org. There is a link to make donations directly to SVDP using PayPal. A link for Amazon Smile makes your Amazon.com purchases a donation. For use of church envelopes, please make checks out to *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*.

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent is a wonderful season in the life of the parish community. Aside from our regular Masses on the weekends and weekdays, we have to take note of some added activities like the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM on Fridays. This para-liturgical celebration is being handled by Deacon Dan and our faithful and dedicated lay leaders of the parish as they lead the prayers. At 6 PM, again on Fridays, we have the simple soup dinner, sponsored by our different parish ministries as we break bread together in the parish hall. What a great opportunity for fellowship, camaraderie and gathering of our faithful parishioners in the community. Let us take note of these events in the parish. Join us and prepare for the holiest days of the year.

Today as we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about Jesus whose importance outweighs everyone who ever lived. St. Matthew tells us today of Jesus' transfiguration. The event is four times recorded in the New Testament. In the story of Jesus' transfiguration, Peter, James and John have the experience of seeing Jesus as being truly amazing, for they contemplate him for who he really is. On the mountain, Jesus shines as the true source of light that he is, and the Father affirms his delight in him and the trust he has placed in him. Naturally recognizing that they are in the presence of God, the disciples are frightened and they fall on their faces, but they want to stay in that presence. "Lord," Peter says, "it is wonderful for us to be here." The disciples' amazing experience of seeing the true face of Jesus led them to the conclusion that he is fully human and fully divine.

There is no doubt that the Father's showing of Jesus, who he really is, in the transfiguration is an encouragement for his disciples, and no less for Jesus himself, for what is lying ahead of them. The revealing of Jesus as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets, as seen through the appearance of Moses and Elijah, and the confirmation of who he is as the beloved Son, puts fresh heart into his followers. Hence it spurs on at a time when the cross will soon loom large. What happened on the mountain will be an inspiration for countless generations to come.

We are called to reflect on today's Gospel at this point in Lent as an encouragement for us to see who we really are as sons and daughters, as God's amazing children. The manifestation of God's glory in Jesus is a gift to us to help us to see something that very often we find it hard to accept and acknowledge, that in Christ we are all beloved children of the Father. After all, with all honesty with ourselves, only a few people see the real "us." Maybe we wear different masks for different places, at work, at home, in Church, etc. There is no doubt that many of us are not too pleased with criticism and rejection. We want to be in control, to be respected, to be loved; to have approval and affirmation. However, when we venture deep inside ourselves, we catch a glimpse of the people we truly are. Then we start to see ourselves as God sees us. Once we remove the mask and reveal the real "us", change happens. Once we take off our masks, others are bound to do the same, so that our genuineness built a connection from one individual to another person.

Let us always be reminded: "You're amazing just the way you are." Jesus, transfigured and hearing how he is the Father's Beloved Son, spoke of those same words to our minds and hearts today and every single day. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

