



St. Catherine of Siena

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February 11, 2018
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pastor
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

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Rev. Alfred Burke

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Deacon Daniel Sakowski

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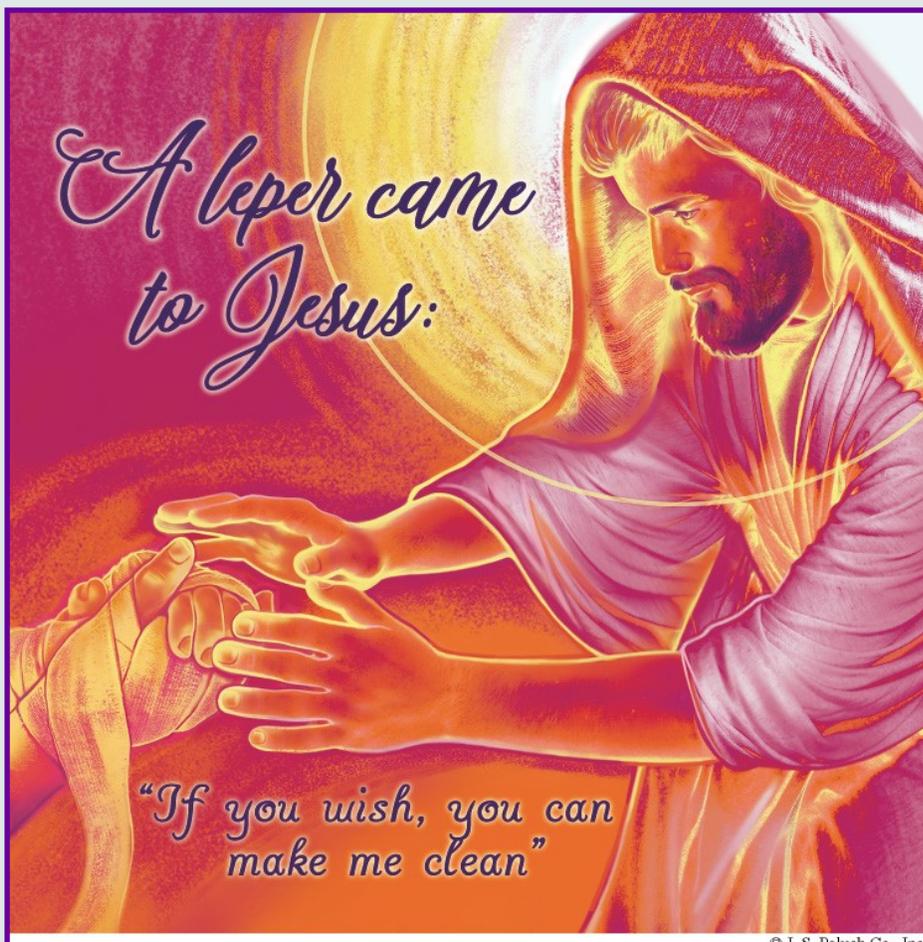
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Sacristan
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Alice Kovach

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Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31

First Reading — Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1
Gospel — Mark 1:40-45

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

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

Holy Day Masses:
9:00 AM & 7:00 PM Main Church

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

OUR PARISH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 10, 2018

4:30 PM Mary Jean Iorio
(Michele & Joe Stuart)

Sunday, February 11, 2018

8:00 AM Arlene Haire
(Crowl Family)

10:00 AM Anthony Pennetti & Family
(Libby Miller)

11:30 AM Mary Conigliaro
(Donna Lee)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, February 12, 2018

9:00 AM Dan Cherellia
(Debi & Frank Sardone)

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

9:00 AM Joseph R. Hennessy
Joseph Aulisi & Family

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ Main Church

9:00 AM Mary Conigliaro
Homebound Ministry

12:00 PM Philip Galle
Concetta Pondaco

7:00 PM All The People of the Parish

Thursday, February 15, 2018

9:00 AM George Hankel
(Pam & Leon Davison)

Friday, February 16, 2018

9:00 AM Rev. Michael J. Waites

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.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

MaryAnn Aulisi, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Ronald Hoagland, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Barbara Lipari, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Roseann Williams

Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, February 3/4, 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,629.00	160 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,503.00	126 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,101.00	127 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$936.00	148 people
Totals	\$5,169.00	561 families

Second Collection
Maintenance & Repairs **\$1,235.00**



**FOR IT IS IN GIVING
THAT WE RECEIVE.**
— St. Francis of Assisi

Next Weekend's Collection
Weekly First Collection & Black & Native Americans

2017 Tax Statement

If you use ENVELOPES and need a year end tax statement for 2017, 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. If you use online giving, you will be receiving instructions directly from them on how to print out your reports.

If you are in need of a letter for tax purposes for your 2017 donations to St. Vincent de Paul, please send an email to SVDPaid@gmail.com and request a copy of your donations. As always, thank you for your generous support of our ministry.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

This week believe it or not, the Church's calendar invites us to the Season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Please take a look at our Lenten Regulations provided to us from the Diocese on page 5 of this bulletin.

St. Francis prayer says, "it is in giving that we receive." If we truly examine it, almsgiving can be the most convenient and easiest of Lenten disciplines. Most of our appeals are opportunities to donate funds to the poor, homeless, less-fortunate, etc. We even sometimes have appeals for the missions overseas. There is no doubt that we are generously responding to those works of charity. Giving funds to help support others has been a part of Lent since the earliest days of Christianity and brings hope to others. However, as St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving" that is important. Exercising hope means we are relying on God's love for us, which calls us to truly love others. This might mean that we exercise our hope this Lent by giving our love in time as well as in treasure:

- Let us volunteer our time in the parish community during our Lenten activities, or help clean or decorate the church in preparation for Holy Week.
- At Mass, introduce yourself to one new person each week of Lent and show them God's love by sitting with them during the liturgy.
- Actively keep an eye out for someone each day who needs an extra helping hand in your family, in your neighborhood, at work and at school.

Keep a Lenten list. Write down names of those you encounter who need an extra dose of love and support. Pray for them and check in with them during Lent to show you care.

Lent gets its name from a word meaning "springtime," the time of the year when the hours of daylight are lengthening and the sun is bringing back its warmth and light. The Lenten season all of springtime, is a time of hope. We deepen our relationship with Jesus through our Lenten disciplines and look into crucifixion, death, and resurrection to overcome the darkness that can cause us to struggle. Our experience tells us that there are days we may not feel the love of God that is always present, we have to rely on hope to move us forward in our faith. Let us be hopeful to find renewal for this coming Easter season as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant and joyful resurrection.

Today at the 11:30 Mass, we are going to have the children's liturgy. That being said, we invite the family members, most especially parents of our young children, to joyfully join us and become an important part of the Sunday liturgy. Let us be the concrete example and role model for our kids as we continue to mold and shape them with our faith-filled attitude and lifestyle.

This Friday in Lent, we will start to have our simple soup suppers followed by the Stations of the Cross in the Church; events which lead us to continuously doing our traditional religious Lenten practices but also an opportunity to be together as one family of God. Let us give ample time for important Parish Lenten activities. We appreciate every ministry for their due diligence and active participation and taking the time and effort to cook and bring some simple food for everyone. Thank you so very much.

Next weekend is the kickoff for the Annual Catholic Appeal. We are going to show the video at all the Masses. Let us generously support the ministries of our Parish as well as the Diocese by participating through our prayers and contributions to this appeal. We appreciate your wholehearted efforts to reach our goal this year.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

OUR COMMUNITY



FRIDAY, February 16 at 6 pm – Parish Hall

Hosted by the Ministries of Buildings & Grounds, Finance Committee, and Money Counters.

All are welcome to share a bowl of delicious soup, bread, and salad, while enjoying the love and fellowship of our community of faith. It is a wonderful gift for all to gather over a "humble" meal, to chat with old friends and make new ones! Please join us as this is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter.

All are invited and encouraged to attend the **Stations of the Cross** being held in our Church at 7 pm led by Deacon Dan Sakowski.



February 14, 2018

Distribution of Ashes:

6:00 AM	Service
9:00 AM	Mass
NOON	Mass
4:45 PM	Children's Service (All Welcome)
7:00 PM	Mass



We are several months into implementation of the collaborative model amongst the 3 parishes in the Howell and Farmingdale area. While we have certainly taken several steps forward in the process, we need your help to keep moving forward. Our group is currently designated as Cohort 11, and we would like to get you involved by entering our **Name the Cohort Contest**.

We are asking parishioners registered at St. Catherine's, St. William, or St. Veronica's to come up with a name for our cohort. Your entry should take into account the 3 parishes in the cohort, the communities they serve (Howell, Farmingdale, Freehold, Jackson, etc.), and embody what it means to work collaboratively.

Entries are due by **March 4, 2018**, and can either be dropped off at any of the parish offices, or e-mailed to **faithinourfuture@sienachurch.org**.

Please include your proposed cohort name, as well as your name, address, phone number, and parish affiliation. The winner will be selected by the Core Implementation Team, and announced on Easter Sunday. In addition, the winning entry will receive a \$100 gift card! Thanks, and good luck to all!



Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how Scripture applies to your everyday life?

If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose at St. Catherine of Siena.

Tuesday at 10 AM—Parish Hall

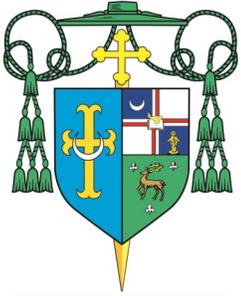
Opening Your Heart, our 22-week foundational Bible study is designed for women new to Walking with Purpose as well as those with more Bible study experience. Purchase the Opening Your Heart study guide at

<https://www.pwstore.com/collections/study-guides>

The 2018 evening program is now forming. For registration and program information, please e-mail **wwwp@sienachurch.org** or visit the parish website, sienachurch.org.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



MINISTRARE NON MINISTRARI

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 14th until Holy Thursday, March 29th** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below.

Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday, February 14th this year. Since Ash Wednesday is one of only two solemn penitential days, no dispensations will be granted.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Saturday this year.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE (no meat).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18th to Trinity Sunday, May 26-27th**. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. O'Connell, C.M." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet Sunday, February 25th at the 11:30 am Mass. All children in grades K-4 (ages 5 -10) are invited to participate. Young children are given the opportunity to listen to a children's version of Sunday's readings and Gospel stories at their own level of understanding and participate in activities that bring the readings to life. Each Sunday's Liturgy of the Word is enriched and modified to make it important and relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. To sign up for this month's sessions, please email clow@sienachurch.org.

February 11, 2018—6th Sunday Ordinary Time—Year B



Sharing the Gospel

A man came up to Jesus with sores all over his body. He wore a hood over his head and a robe with long sleeves to hide his sores. He said, "If you want to, you can heal me." Jesus touched him and said, "I do want to. Now your sores are gone." Jesus said, "Do not tell anyone about your healing." The man was too excited to keep a secret. He told everyone he met.

Prayer

Lord, please heal me when I am sick.

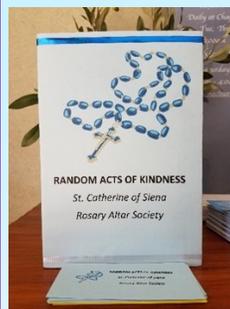
Mission for the Week

I will tell everyone about the good things God has done for me.

CHOIR NEWS



Cantors and Choir members are needed for **St. Catherine's Music Ministry**. If you would love to be part of our ministry of giving to the Glory of God through music please come and join us! We are planning for special liturgies and a possible concert series. Contact our Music Director, Alice, at akovach9@aol.com to sign up and begin a journey of learning and growing with your Parish. The choir meets on **Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Church.**



The Rosary Altar Society will continue the Random Acts of Kindness project until May when we will offer up all of these kind acts to Mary in conjunction with the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Look for the small box on the table in the narthex, write your random act of kindness on one of the little cards by the box, and drop the card into the box.



We invite all parishioners to join the Society as we **pray the Rosary on Sunday, February 18 and Sunday, March 18 at 11:00 am before the 11:30 am Mass at the Church.**

SAVE THE DATE



Sunday, February 25, 2018
After the 10:00 & 11:30 AM Mass

All are welcome to stop by our Parish Hall for Coffee, Tea and Sweet Treats provided by our Hospitality Committee.

If interested in volunteering, please email hospitality@sienachurch.org

Read the Gospel and Color



OUR COMMUNITY

Lenten opportunities from Sacred Heart Church in Bay Head, 751 Main Ave:

Bible Study on Mondays, day & evening sessions, 9-11:30 am or 6:30-9 pm. Starting Feb 12-March 19. ALL are welcome. \$15 to register, please specify day or evening session to DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or 732-899-1398.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays, 9 am in the Church, February 16 & 23, March 9, 16, & 23.

March 2 in lieu of Stations on First Friday we will have a special Holy Hour on the theme "Forgiveness" with musical talent Lorrie Tomlinson.

St. Veronica's Adoration Chapel

Be a blessing - Receive a blessing in 2018. Calling for new adorers, couples, friends, families, prayer groups, ministries to take an hour of adoration alone or to be shared. We can also pair you with a partner. Choose your hour, though sacrificial hours midnight and overnight, and weekend hours are most needed. What works for you is an hour you are most likely to keep. Join our faithful band of adorers who have been committed since 1997 to putting Eucharistic Adoration first in their week by planning it, which also blesses our entire community and world.

Most Needed Hours are: Sunday 7AM & 5PM, Monday at 1AM, Wednesday at Midnight, Saturday 6PM & 7PM. Contact drev514@aol.com or leave a message at 732-367-7750.

Vincent's Legacy, the SVDP Diocesan Council's furniture ministry project is hosting a fundraiser on **Saturday, March 24 at 7:30pm** at **St. Denis Church** in **Manasquan**.

Please join us for an evening of laughter with **Sister's Easter Catechism**. It is the latest of the sinfully funny Late Nite Catechism series.

Wine and goodies will be provided. Tickets can be purchased at

<https://sisters-easter-catechism.eventbrite.com>.

Laugh, drink and do good for \$35! Can't beat that!

The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor

Volunteer with "The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor." Deliver food to Mother Teresa's soup kitchens and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal's shelters as well as local charities in Monmouth County: Drive to NYC one Tuesday per month to deliver four stops, leave at 5:00 pm, return by 11:00 pm; passenger also needed. Backup drivers needed for delivery runs and supermarket pickups. Other opportunities available.

Email barnforthepeer@gmail.com.

Putting our faith into action is one of the greatest ways to spread the Gospel; Lent is the perfect time to show what that looks like!

St. Rose High School Presents: Beauty and the Beast, at the Jersey Shore Arts Center **March 1, 2, and 3 at 7pm**, with a matinee performance **March 3 at 1pm**. For information or to purchase tickets visit www.srhsnj.com or call 732-681-2858. Belmar, NJ.

St. Veronica School will be holding its annual **dinner and gift auction on March 2nd at 7:00 at the South Gate Manor in Freehold**. Tickets are on sale now. Ticket forms and information are available at www.stveronicaschool.com or call **732-299-2477**.

Have you suffered an abortion?

Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail

hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina:

877.586.4621 or e-mail

lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

4 Thursdays in Lent - FORGIVEN!

St. Paul says that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Sin—and the resulting guilt—is a universal experience.

Come and join us on

Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1 and 8 on Thursday mornings at 9:45am or Thursday evenings at 7:15pm for a walk through the Sacrament of Penance.

Light refreshments.

Please pre-register at 732-477-7059 ext. 214, so that we have enough food and supplies. **Church of the Visitation, 730 Lynnwood Avenue, Brick, NJ.**

Chris Stefanick - Reboot! Live! is a cross-generational event for ages 12 and older. We invite you to bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers - Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Reboot! Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched!

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 7:00-9:30 PM, Church of St. Leo the Great, 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, \$22 per seat, seats sell out quickly! Go to www.RealLifeCatholic.com for more information.