



St. Catherine of Siena

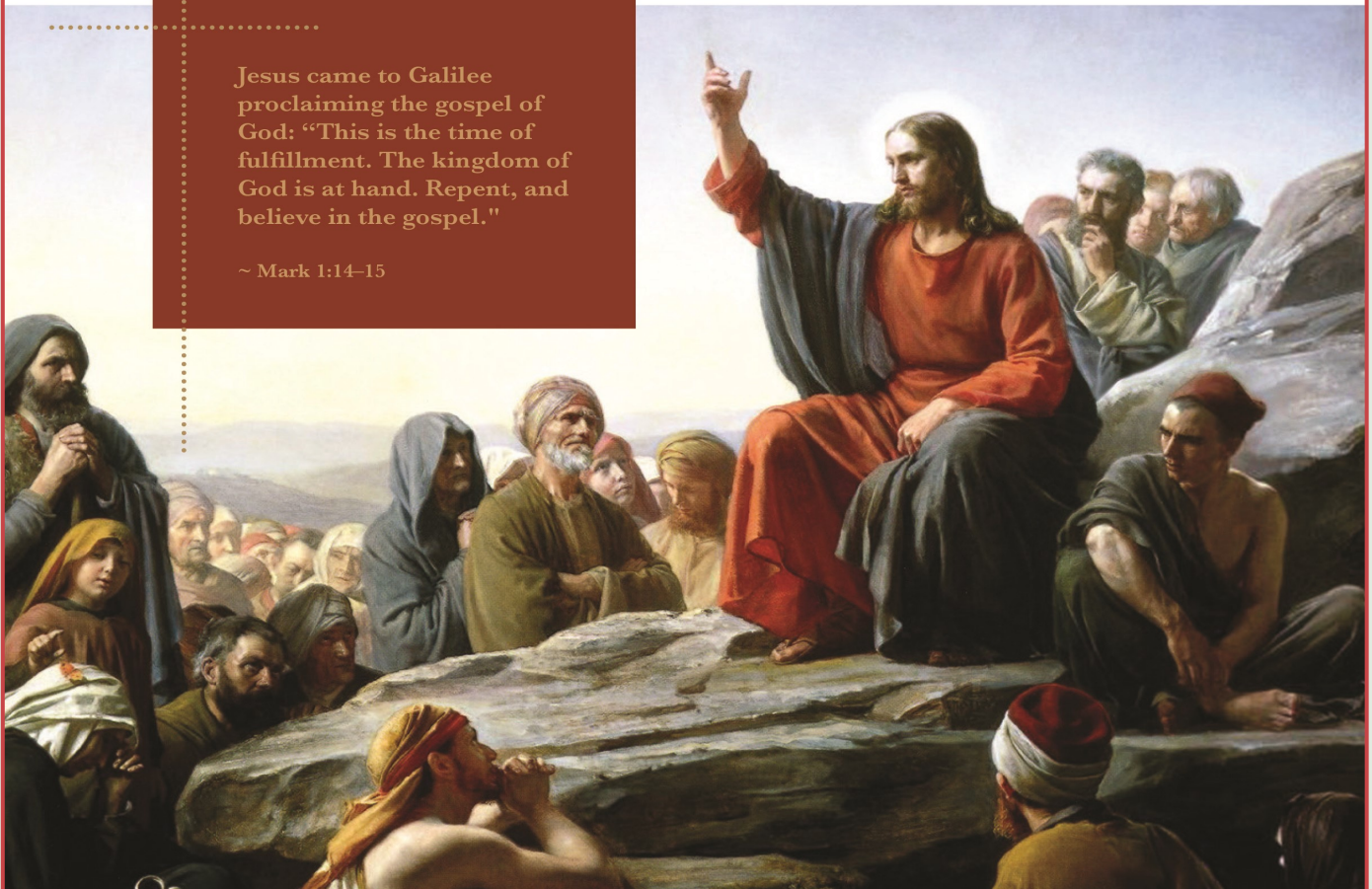
Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

February 18, 2018 — First Sunday of Lent

Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of
God: "This is the time of
fulfillment. The kingdom of
God is at hand. Repent, and
believe in the gospel."

~ Mark 1:14-15



First Reading— Genesis 9:8-5
Second Reading—1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel— Mark 1:12-15

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

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:00 PM

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

Weekday Chapel Mass: 9AM
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.,

Miraculous Medal Novena:
Mon., following 9:00 AM Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1st Friday following 9 AM to 11 AM

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Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
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PARISH STAFF:
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor
Rev. Alfred Burke, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Daniel Sakowski, Deacon
Kyle Galante, DRE
Francine Gagliano, Sacristan
Alice Kovach, Music Director
Carol Morton, Parish Office Secretary
Janice Deakyne, Religious Education Secretary

**OFFICE OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
(732) 938-6629

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Worship

Saturday, February 17, 2018 — 4:30 PM

Gus LaRocca Requested by Ellen LaRocca

Sunday, February 18, 2018

8 AM Fr. Justin Biase Requested by Frank & Debi Sardone

10 AM Theresa Della Rocca Requested by Philip & Kristin Natilli

11AM James Pellicano Requested by Luigi Cantatore

Weekday Chapel Mass— 9 AM

Monday, February 19, 2018

Frank Delibero Requested by Concetta Pondaco

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Rev. Michael Waites

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Johnny Yu & Vincete Lim Requested by Elvira

Friday, February 23, 2018

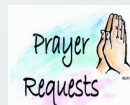
Louis Rivera Requested by Jim & Marian Ferris



Pray for all our Parish Family & Friends, and Especially the Recently Departed:
Kathleen Cottrell (Mother of Dan Cottrell)
May their Souls and the Souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Please pray for the sick and all those who have asked for our prayers:

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



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 at 732-938-5375.



Altar Flowers

Can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one or for any special intention (except during Lent & Advent).

Offering: \$50/basket.

Please contact the Office for orders.

Liturgical Ministries

SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 17	Lector	Greg King; June Hankel
4:30 pm	Extraordinary Ministers	Sara Schuld; Barbara Ust
	Altar Servers	Sebastian Orteg; Sarah Schuld
Sunday, February 18	Lector	Ken Hillers
8:00 am	Extraordinary Ministers	M. Hillers; R. Scheurer
	Altar Servers	
10:00 am	Lector	Joe Ventura
	Extraordinary Ministers	Carol Jamieson; Andrew Hoffman; Alice Straut
	Altar Servers	Maria Utz; Vincent Utz ; Joseph Silverman
11:30 am	Lector	Chris Magyarits; Elena Slade
	Extraordinary Ministers	D. Alfano; B. Imposimato; N. Martinez
	Altar Servers	Isabella Novera; Isabella Novera; Alexandra Reyes

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

Today at all the Masses we are going to have the 'kick-off' for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Instead of the homily, the congregation is invited to watch the video from Bishop O'Connell. Please pay attention to the short message of His Excellency as he makes his presence to us and gives us information about the appeal. As we know, the Annual Catholic Appeal is integral to the mission and services of the Diocese of Trenton. It provides day-to-day assistance to those among us with the greatest needs, such as training for seminarians and for youth in our Catholic schools and religious education programs; the ACA ensures the funding necessary so that these programs may continue to serve thousands throughout our Diocese. The Diocese has assigned to our parish a goal of forty-four thousand dollars for 2018. As a parish we have to be mindful that as part of the ACA, funds are returned to our parish for our needs, such as maintenance to the Church/Chapel, parish office complex, fees for the maintenance of our grounds, snow removal etc. We encourage our parishioners to make our gifts early. What is the advantage? Not only does it give us the opportunity to spread payments of our gift over the remaining months of the year, making our contributions affordable and convenient, but also decreases the cost of mailings sent from the Development Office. Let us participate and support the ACA through our generous monetary contributions and pray for the success of this wonderful endeavor. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Due to the growing need of parishioners to come to the Parish Office on Sundays from 9 AM to 12:45 PM, which we found out is truly productive and effective, we are also changing the times and days of office hours. Beginning on March 1, 2018 our office is open from 9 AM to 2 PM from Monday to Thursday. The Parish office will be closed on Fridays. Please be guided accordingly.

This Saturday, February 24 at 10 AM, our First Communicants of the Religious Education Program are going to have their First Penance. We encourage our parents and elders to show them an example of your commitment to Jesus by also going to Confession and receiving your penance and absolution. The parish has invited other Priests in close-by parishes to help us. Keep in mind that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's wonderful sacrament of healing, mercy and love.

It was only a few weeks ago when we put away all of those Christmas decorations and other stuff for the Holidays. It is unthinkable that we now enter the season of Lent. Our Gospel reading today presents Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert where he remained for many days. The desert is not a place where many people would like to go and stay. But, what good was it for Jesus to stay in the desert for forty days? As his disciples, why are we also being led by the Spirit into a kind of "desert"? First, it was in the desert that we are confronted with the truth of our poverty and nothingness, a privileged place that challenges us to live in humility and radical simplicity. The barren desert strips us of the things we attach ourselves to so obsessively and even violently. It is not easy to stay in the desert. Our inner struggles tempt us to go back to our life's securities and comfort.

Secondly, the desert helps us to acquire clarity and wisdom concerning the real value of things and profound meaning of life, where we can more clearly understand the true purpose of wealth, power, and God's gifts and talents, be grateful for what we have, and generously share it with others. Aware of our own poverty, we learn to respect, appreciate, and love all people no matter how different they are from us.

Thirdly, the desert invites us to hear the "beating of God's heart." In the desert's silence, we listen to God, are loved by Him, know His will and follow it with humility, courage and fidelity. It is when we have drawn our hearts so close to the Lord that we know it is the right time to begin and continue our mission.

Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

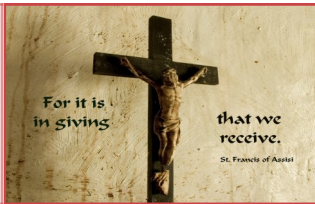
ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, February 10/11, 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,640.00	180 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$2,485.00	110 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,372.00	133 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$873.00	162 people
Feb. 4 Online Giving	\$1,697.00	54 donors
Totals	\$6,370.00	585 people

Second Collection
Central & Eastern Europe **\$1,127.00**



Next Weekend's Collection
Weekly First Collection & St. Vincent de Paul



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!

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.

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.



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.

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."

Electronic Giving ... www.parishpay.com/nonprofit/login.html?pc=cserg792. Contact 800-950-9952 M-F 7:00 am—7:00 pm

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE

LENTEN REGULATIONS

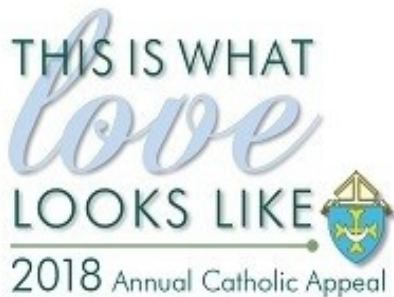
As we enter the Lenten Season, we offer a little refresher on what the Catholic Church in the United State requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. 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. St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Saturday this year.**
2. 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).

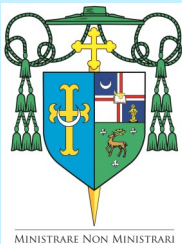
The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered serious.

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 17-18 to Trinity Sunday, May 26-27.** However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.



Please support the
2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your
generosity.



Annulment Information Presentation

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable mis-information. In order to dispel misconceptions and to provide accurate, reliable information, the Diocese of Trenton sponsors Annulment Information Presentations annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. **For more information, call 609-406-7411 or e-mail rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org.**

County

Burlington County (Spanish)
Mercer County (English)
Mercer County (Spanish)
Monmouth County (English)
Ocean County (English)
Monmouth County (Spanish)
Monmouth County (English)
Burlington County (English)

Date & Time

February 22 7:30-9:00 pm
February 27 7:30-9:00 pm
March 1 7:30-9:00 pm
March 1 7:30-9:00 pm
March 8 7:30-9:00 pm
March 8 7:30-9:00 pm
March 12 7:30-9:00 pm
March 22 7:30-9:00 pm

Parish Location

Jesus the Good Shepherd, Beverly
Our Lady of Sorrows/SA, Mercerville
Our Lady of the Angels, Trenton
St. Michael's, Long Branch*
St. Mary, Barnegat
Christ the King, Long Branch
St. Mary, Colt's Neck
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Maple Shade

*All are welcome and invited. No advance sign-up or registration is required. Refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY



Sharing the Gospel

Every day turn back to God. If your bedroom is messy, straighten it up. If you push your sister off her bike, help her get up and ride again. If you tear down your brother's blocks, help him build something new. If you disobey your parents, go and do the right thing right now. Ask God to help you stay close to him today. Then you will be close to him in heaven forever.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me remember to obey you every day.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, February 25 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.



St. Catherine of Siena Parish Warmly Welcomes the Following New Parishioners:

Craig & Jill Antoniello
Dan & Kim Brown
Ben & Debbie Cannizzaro
Nicole Chechko
Ross Cooper
Michael Fedele
Gina Palone
Patricia & Elizabeth Sanner

Forlenza Family
Andrea, Danielle, Vincent

Tuosto Family
James & Lauren, Benjamin, Ryan, Cole



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

Nicolas Joseph DeToro
Adelina Grace Cannarella

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



YOUNG ADULTS IN FAITH

Young Adults in Faith
Holy Hour

We invite you to join us in an evening of
Eucharistic Adoration
Music by Dan Ferrari

Thursday, February 22, 2018 • 7:30pm
St. William the Abbot
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd. Howell, NJ

PARISH NEWS



FRIDAY, February 23 at 6 pm – Parish Hall

**Hosted by the Ministries of
Legion of Mary, Safety Committee, & Ushers**

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.

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



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

The Parish Office and Religious Education Office will be closed on

Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of Presidents Day.

HOLIDAY OFFICE
 HOURS

Homebound Ministry

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

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

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**.

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.**