



# St. Catherine of Siena

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton**

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

**SECOND SUNDAY OF**

# Lent

From the cloud  
came a voice:  
"This is my beloved Son.  
Listen to him."

Mark 9:7



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**FEBRUARY  
25  
2018**

**First Reading**— Genesis 22:1-2  
**Second Reading**—Rom 8:31B-34  
**Gospel**— Mark 9:2-10

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM  
**Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:00 PM**

**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

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

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM to 12:45 PM

**PARISH STAFF:**  
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor  
Rev. Alfred Burke, Weekend Assistant  
Deacon Daniel Sakowski, Deacon  
Kyle Galante, Director of Religious Education  
Francine Gagliano, Sacristan  
Alice Kovach, Music Director  
Carol Morton, Parish Office Secretary  
Janice Deakyne, Religious Education Secretary  
Rob Mercado & June Hankel, Parish Trustees

**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 24, 2018 — 4:30 PM

Rose DelPriore Requested by Ellen LaRocca

Sunday, February 25, 2018

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

10 AM Mary Neiland Requested by Ann Albano

11:30 AM Anthony Napoli Requested by Randazzo Family

### Weekday Chapel Mass — 9 AM

Monday, February 26, 2018

John Sciarrino Requested by Jim & Marian Ferris

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Carmella Delibero Requested by Concetta Pondaco

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Natalie Dalleo Requested by Isabella Albano

Friday, March 2, 2018

Philip Pondaco Requested by Homebound Ministry



Pray for all our Parish Family & Friends, and Especially the Recently Departed:  
**Dr. Tom Liddy**

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 24 4:30 pm	Lector	Brian Brogno; Lois Hradil
	Extraordinary Ministers	G. King; K. Janiello
	Altar Servers	Sebastian Orteg; Julia Papasso
Sunday, February 25 8:00 am	Lector	Arlene San Antonio
	Extraordinary Ministers	E. Murphy; S. Martino
	Altar Servers	
10:00 am	Lector	Alena Brayshaw; Terry Liddy
	Extraordinary Ministers	Marian Ferris; Jack Warburton; Judy Warburton
	Altar Servers	Brian Beckerle, Mark Beckerle, Sean Beckerle
11:30 am	Lector	Terri Murray; Donna Whitesell
	Extraordinary Ministers	R. Gabbard; Anne Hilker; Gladys McTighe
	Altar Servers	Emma Rubinson

## Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

Today everyone is invited to meet and welcome new parishioners, chat with friends while having some coffee and snacks after the 10 and 11:30 AM Masses. Our Hospitality Ministry is more than happy to prepare some food and drink for camaraderie and fellowship to continue building up the parish community.

The Children's Liturgy Ministry which we started a few years ago is making a wonderful presence and progress at our Sunday Masses. Today, at the 11:30 AM Mass, once again we are having the little children come to the classroom and listen to the Word of God and our dedicated teachers are going to explain and share with them what the message is all about. We are calling on parents who have not brought their children yet to this solemn activity. The parish congregation will be glad to welcome you.

It is a rewarding experience having the Parish Office open and available to our Christian Community during Sundays from 9 AM to 12:45 PM. Our faithful and dedicated volunteers were able to enroll some new parishioners as well as attend to the needs of our people who wanted to purchase Mass cards over the past two Sundays. As we have announced before, starting March 1, we are going to have the Parish Office open on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 AM to 2 PM. Fridays we are closed. Please keep in mind that we are pleased to see Catholics who come to Church during the weekends and fulfill not only their Sunday obligation but to be with our Catholic family. If you know anyone who is a regular Church attendee but has not been registered in the parish, please remind them.

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent.

Last Sunday, we saw in the temptations of Jesus how our faith and convictions were always put to the test. Today, the Transfiguration of Jesus shows us the glory that awaits those who listen to God. Let us be mindful that, as with the First Sunday of Lent which always presents the story of the temptations of Jesus, the Second Sunday of Lent always relates the transfiguration story; "This is my beloved Son." We heard the gospel narrate that from a cloud came a voice. While the temptation of Jesus in the desert demonstrates the human condition of Jesus, the transfiguration story clarifies his divinity. As with the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan River, the voice of the Father affirms the sonship of Jesus. The Father presents Jesus as his Son, confirms his mission, and tells everybody: "Listen to Him."

For the disciples, the transfiguration of Jesus was an intense spiritual experience. They saw Jesus transfigured. They heard the voice of the Father. That experience had a profound impact on them and also signified a very important moment in their following of Jesus. Obviously, the disciples needed that experience.

Just like the disciples, we also need profound spiritual experiences. There is a need for us to feel God's presence in our lives. We need God's blessings and graces. We need God's forgiveness. In fact we are called to live out the experience of the disciples by listening to God in prayer, by contemplating and reflecting on the Word of God, by nourishing our life through the Eucharist. We need moments of transfiguration so that with renewed strength, we can come down from the mountain and go on through this valley of tears. Amen

May God bless us,

Father Angelito



## FROM THE DIOCESE

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

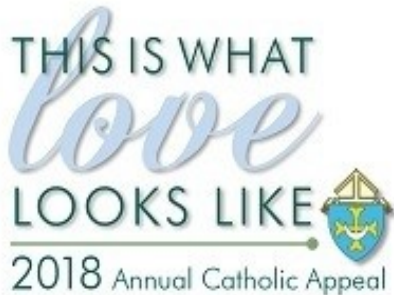
As we enter the Lenten Season, we offer a little refresher on what the Catholic Church in the United State requires of us as baptized Catholics:

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).

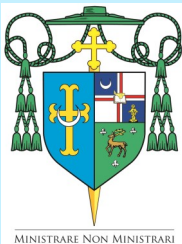
The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered serious.

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.



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### 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](mailto: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

Peter, James, and John saw Jesus with dazzling white light shining from all parts of his clothes. They saw Moses and Elijah talking with him. Jesus asked the apostles not to tell anyone yet. They wanted to tell very much. This secret was hard for them to keep. After Jesus was raised from the dead, they told everyone they knew. Jesus can make your soul dazzling white with forgiveness. It is not a secret. You can tell everyone.



### Prayer

Jesus, help me tell others about you.

### Mission for the Week

I will tell my family and friends about God's love and forgiveness.

### St. Catherine of Siena Music Ministry

needs Cantors and Choir members.

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](mailto: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.**

### Read the Gospel and Color

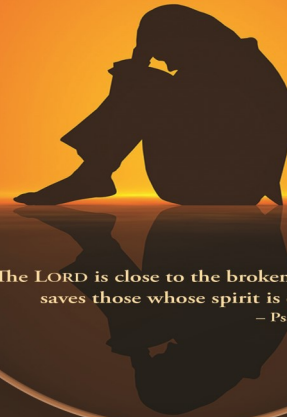


### Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Sunday, March 11 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](mailto:clow@sienachurch.org).

Pray for all those affected by the school shooting in Parkland



The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed.  
— Psalm 34:19

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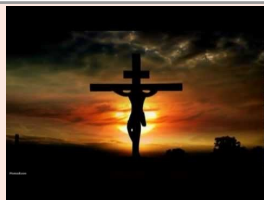
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## PARISH NEWS



### **LENTEN SERIES COMING TO ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

Come join your neighbors and friends in a dynamic faith formation program on  
**THE PASCHAL MYSTERY!**

This moving, beautifully filmed **FORMED** presentation is a 2 Part Series which will deepen your understanding of the central mystery of our faith,

**THE PASCHAL MYSTERY**, as we journey toward Holy Week and Easter!

See the richness of the Catholic faith in this state of the art movie as we all seek to better know and live our faith and grow deeper in communion with Jesus and His Church!

WHEN: **Tuesday, March 13 at 7 PM & Tuesday, March 20 at 7 PM**

WHAT: **Reflection; Discussion; Refreshments**

WHERE: **St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall**

For more information, please contact [welcome@sienachurch.org](mailto:welcome@sienachurch.org)



### **FRIDAY, March 2 at 6 pm – Parish Hall**

**Hosted by the Ministries of  
Giving Tree, Parish Pastoral Council, & Readers**

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 Jeff Utz.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

The following programs will be offered for Lent at the  
**Upper Room Diocesan Spiritual Center, Neptune, NJ**  
**Lenten Taize Prayer**

Come for a refreshing evening of communal contemplative prayer using the beautiful chants of the Taizé community. This Lenten evening of prayer will include... psalm singing, Scripture readings, silence, and prayer around the cross.

**Presenters: Faithful Love Music Group**

Date: Monday, March 5, 2018

Time: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Fee: Free Will Offering

### **Lenten Desert Day**

Come and be nourished body and soul! This Lenten retreat day offers a brief reflection on a Lenten topic, quiet time, Eucharistic Liturgy, and a light lunch. Take some time during this sacred season.

**Presenter: Maureen Christensen, RSM**

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Time: 9:30am-2:00pm

Fee: \$30~\$45 (sliding scale) light lunch includ-

### **Catholic Women of Zion Ministry Retreat Day Saturday, March 10, 2018 at**

St. William the Abbot R. C. Church,  
2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Road, Howell NJ  
The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, sharing, networking, a luncheon in the Parish Hall, and a speaker (Fr. Thomas Maher), finishing by 1:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Register online at [cwoz.org](http://cwoz.org) or call **732-363-0139 ext. 777** no later than **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name.

**Fr. Thomas Maher** was ordained on November 25, 1994 in Mexico City. In July, 2013 Fr. Tom became the Pastor of Saint William the Abbot Church in Howell, NJ. He spoke at CWOZ's 2014 and 2015 Women's Rally at one of the workshops and has spoken at several Day Retreats for CWOZ. Fr. Tom invites us to join him as he shares "Saint Faustina's Diary of Love."