



St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday
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8:30 AM to 5:45 PM

Diocese of Trenton
Most Reverend
David M. O'Connell, C.M.
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Pastor
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Alfred Burke

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Deacon Daniel Sakowski

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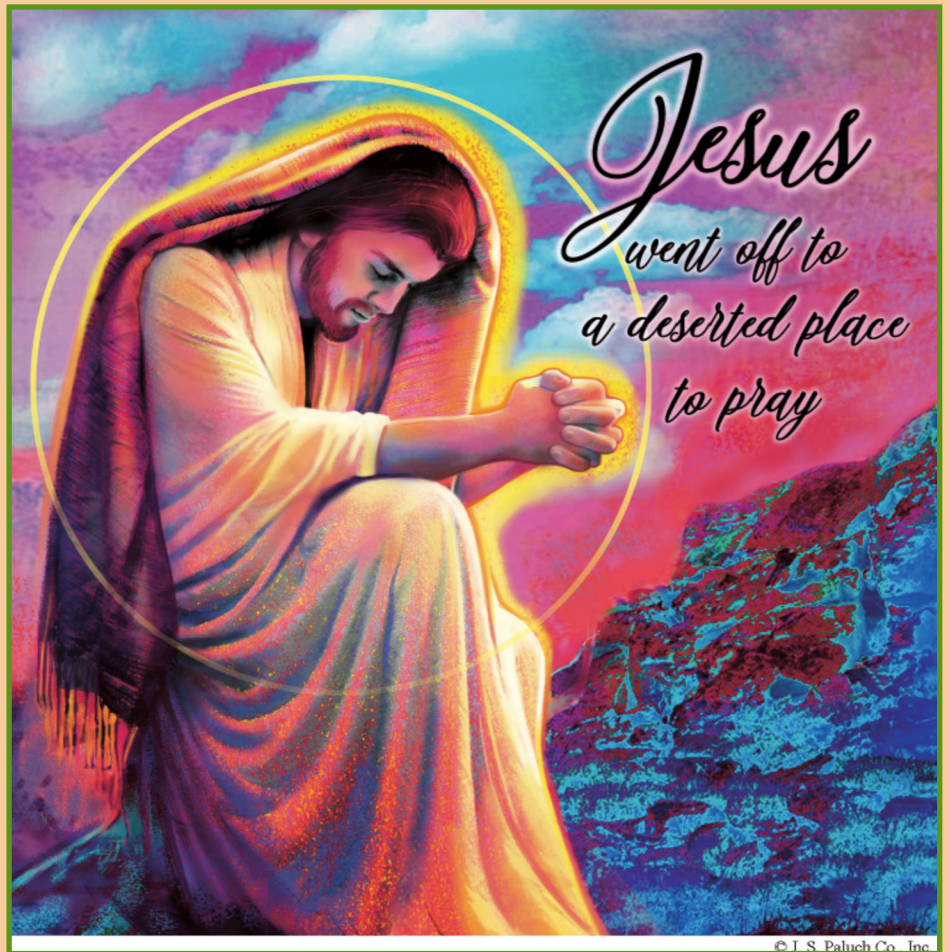
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Kyle Galante

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[The Lord] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name.
— Psalm 147:4

First Reading — Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel — Mark 1:29-39

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 3, 2018

4:30 PM Mary Jean Iorio
(Joan Prioli)

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:00 AM Earl Cline
(John & Stephanie Harakal)

10:00 AM Barbara Raczowska
(Phillip & Kristin Natilli)

11:30 AM Joe Pellicano
(Gabbard Family)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, February 5, 2018

9:00 AM Anthony Tullo
(Jim & Marian Ferris)

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

9:00 AM Rev. Michael J. Waites

Thursday, February 8, 2018

9:00 AM George Hankel
(Barbara & Joe Lipari)

Friday, February 9, 2018

9:00 AM "Living" Aidan Hughes
(Jim & Marian Ferris)

Sunday Collection

Week of: 1/21/18

Weekly First Collection \$5,958.00
Energy & Fuel \$1,420.00

Sunday Collection

Week of: 1/28/18

Weekly First Collection \$5,704.50
Church in Latin America \$1,245.00

Next Weekend's Collection

Week of: 2/11/18

Weekly First Collection & Central & Eastern Europe

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

Louis, Nicole & Penelope Capone
Joseph & Sonya Cerulli

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.



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

John J. D'Alessio (Father of Anne Marie Papasso)

James A. Gratton (Husband of Dorothy)

Peter Lamb (Husband of Mary Sue, Father of Christopher, Michael & Alexandra)

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

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, Kathleen Cottrell, 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

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.



What could be better than a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter day? Please help the Rosary Altar Society make our fifth annual "**Soup-er Bowl**" a success. We will be collecting cans of soup and non-perishable items (pasta, spaghetti sauce, PB & J, cereals, napkins, toilet paper, tissues, etc.) through February 4, 2018 Super Bowl Sunday. We will use these items to stock the St. Vincent de Paul "Emergency Food Closet" and any extra food will be taken to Joshua House. Please drop all contributions off in the narthex of the church. ***Please check the expiration dates*** Thank you and God Bless.

FOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING CREMATION, THE FUNERAL LITURGY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ... a pamphlet "The Church and Cremation" is now available from our pamphlet rack located in the Church narthex. This, as well as other religious materials, are provided for our parishioners and visitors, free of charge. Why not take a look for yourself today?

Dear Parishioners,

We are happy to render more services to the parish community as today the Parish Office is open from 9 AM to 12:45 PM. Make use of the precious time that we have, coming to Church on Sunday and if we have some business matters then we go to our dedicated volunteer in the office who would assist us. Please keep in mind that we start this wonderful thing of being available and present to our parishioners inasmuch as we want to be of help to everyone.

Today is the FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Job, in today's first reading, feels the misery of the world. He is pessimistic about life. For most people it is sheer drudgery. In his sickness he lies on his bed and feels a terrible restlessness as he waits for the morning and then frets till evening falls. Job refuses to believe that his suffering is a consequence of sin, he has no answer to satisfy himself. He shares the eternal question of the persecuted: "Why me?" As he shares the absence of an answer, he holds fast to his faith in God but loses all his reasons for hoping that things will ever change.

Job is never graced with an answer to the question of suffering, although his fortunes do change for the better. This man, who interrogated God and suffered a sorrow he did not deserve, is a symbol of all the innocents in history who wonder at their pain. We have all lived through some of the questions and some of the despair. And we still wonder: why suffering?

When we turn to the Gospel we see how the crowds who suffer like Job are drawn out of their despair by the healing touch of Jesus. Notice that when Jesus is confronted with concrete human suffering, he does not stay with the question "Why suffering?" but moves to heal the afflicted.

Here is a light in the gloom. Jesus has announced the kingdom and is now healing sick people and casting out devils from those who are possessed. This is actually the reason why he has come, that is, to preach the message of hope to a suffering world. As we can see in the Gospel those people have shared the same hope that Jesus will care for them. Their hope is not misplaced. Jesus attends to their plight and heals them. Most of Mark's Gospel is taken up with his miracles of healing because this is what a wounded world demands. But Jesus does not want to be seen just a miracle worker. As manifested, his healing goes deeper. He forgives sin and heals spiritual sickness.

Through the witness of Jesus we hold fast to the truth that God loves us in our weakness and fragility, in our sickness and suffering. We can see a reflection of God's care in the dedication and commitment of doctors, nurses, healers, hospital chaplains, and all the people who tend to the suffering of others. They are God's compassion in flesh, God's care in motion. The Lord works as well in the community through his presence among us, especially through the sacraments of healing. Today, as we come to the Eucharistic Liturgy, we are nourished with the bread of life in Holy Communion. But we are also healed by care in our homes through the compassion and care of our fellow Christians. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito



The Rosary Altar Society will hold its annual Valentine Bake Sale on February 10/11, 2018 after each mass in the parish hall. Come get your sweets to enjoy before giving them up for Lent (Ash Wednesday is February 14th this year.) Come over after mass, have a free cup of coffee and support this parish ministry.



ALL FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT

Lenten Soup Supper at 6 p.m. - Parish Hall
Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. - Church
All are welcome to this free dinner, consisting of soup, bread, and salad. Please join us as this is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter.

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE UPDATE

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 3/4/18, 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!

Thank you to all parishioners who so generously participated in the Giving Tree this Christmas. We collected and distributed almost 400 gifts for children, families, and seniors in our area who needed a little help to make their holidays more joyful this season. Our clients were very grateful for our participation again this year and we have received heartfelt thank you cards expressing their appreciation. In addition, thanks to the Giving Tree committee members, our eighth grade volunteers and their moms, the ushers, and the church staff. Whether you helped prepare the ornaments, packed up presents, carried gifts from the church to the hall, or assisted with the process and table moving, your help was invaluable.

Dear Rev. Fr. Angelito and the Parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Blessings and peace! On behalf of our mission here in Cap-Haitian, Haiti we sincerely express our thanksgiving and appreciation to you and your supportive parishioners in supporting our work with the homeless and the destitute. The much anticipated 40 foot container loaded with Food and Household Items for the operation of our ministry came when we were most in need of the requested items. While unloading we cannot help but be thankful to God - first for the fulfillment of His promise "seek my kingdom first and everything shall be added unto you" (cf. Mt. 633) and in making this promise a reality through the generosity of your supportive friends and parishioners. Like St. Paul, your commitment in remembering the poor (cf. Gal.2:10) is truly an expression of faith empowered by love in the service of the least of our brothers and sisters. As a token of appreciation, we promise to keep you and your parishioners in our prayers.
God Bless! Rev. Fr. Maximo Medina, M.O.P.
Superior, Cap-Haitian Mission



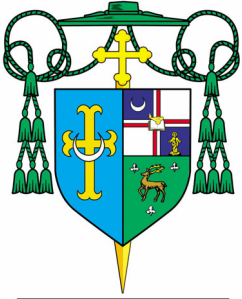
Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how Scripture applies to your everyday life?

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

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://wwpstore.com/collections/study-guides>.

Weekly group sessions began on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 in our Parish Hall at 10 a.m. The 2018 evening program is now forming. For registration and program information, please e-mail wwp@sienachurch.org or visit the parish website, sienachurch.org.

SMART PHONE USERS We now have a mobile App! Go to **SCOSNJ.Catholic.Cloud** right on your iPhone or Android to get it. It's free! You'll be able to get up-to-the-minute announcements, check out the Mass schedules, call the parish office with one push of a button and more. We'd like your feedback!



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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.

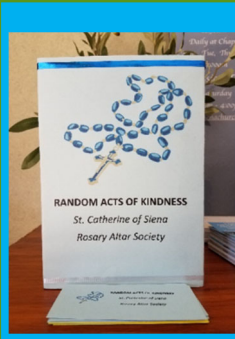
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet Sunday, February 11th 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.



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.



February 4, 2018–5th Sunday Ordinary Time–Year B



Sharing the Gospel

Simon Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her. He took hold of her hand and helped her up. The fever left her. She felt so good, she cooked them a nice meal to celebrate. Neighbors brought all their sick loved ones to be cured. When we pray today, Jesus still comes to those who are sick and heals them. He cures through doctors, nurses, medicines, and machines.

Prayer

Lord, heal my family and friends who are sick today.

Mission for the Week

I will make get well cards for three sick people in our church.



Please don't forget to pick up your 2018 offertory envelopes.

The Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Holy Family Church, 1139 East County Line Road, Lakewood NJ 08701. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 8:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 12:00 pm. Speakers Carol Bulcroft and Colleen Kelly-Rayner will share "Hugged by Mary." Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Register online at cwoz.org or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Leave your phone number and spell your last name.

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. Maybe we try to justify our sins and ignore the guilt. Maybe we can't see a way out. But that guilt isn't meant to be ignored or to consume us. Guilt is a wake-up call, and God wants to use it to draw us mercifully back to himself. Do you have questions such as? Why do I need to confess my sins to a priest or why am I ashamed or why am I always feeling so guilty? Are you a parent who has children receiving this sacrament and you would like to better understand it and help them? Or are you just planning on doing something different for Lent? 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.

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. 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.

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!

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.

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 barnfortheepoor@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. 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