



St. Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes
in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

John 3:16



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<p>First Reading — CHR 36:14-16</p> <p>Second Reading — EPH 2:4-10</p> <p>Gospel — JN 3:14-21</p>	<p>Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM</p> <p>Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Holy Day Masses: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM Main Church</p>	<p>Weekday Chapel Mass 9AM Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.</p> <p>Miraculous Medal Novena Mon., following 9:00 AM Mass</p> <p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1st Friday following 9 AM to 11 AM</p>
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<p>PARISH OFFICE: (732) 938-5375 Fax: (732) 938-3260</p> <p>EMAIL: frontoffice@sienachurch.org WEBSITE: www.sienachurch.org</p> <p>PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Thurs: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Sunday 9:00 AM to 12:45 PM</p>	<p>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 Janice Deakyne, Religious Education Secretary Rob Mercado & June Hankel, Parish Trustees</p>	<p>OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (732) 938-6229</p> <p>Office Hours Monday 9:00 AM to 7:15 PM</p> <p>Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 5:45 PM</p>
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Weekly Mass Intentions

Worship

Saturday, March 10, 2018 — 4:30 PM

Philip & Stella Olenitsky Requested by June Hankel

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8 :00 AM Arlene Haire Requested by Deakyne & Meyers Family

10:00 AM Jerry Palombo Requested by MaryAnne Frasier

11:30 AM Theresa Hobday Requested by Jane Glennon & Mike Lubniewski

Weekday Chapel Mass — 9 AM

Monday, March 12, 2018

Christopher Lamia Requested by Nash Family

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Donna FitzGerald Requested by Counting Team 2

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Martha "Aunt Marty" Moore Requested by Nash Family

Friday, March 16, 2018

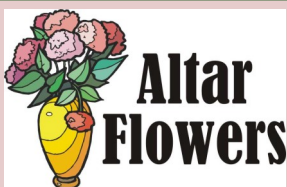
Theresa A. Byrnes Requested by Doyle Family

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

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



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.



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.

Homebound Ministry



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



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.

Liturgical Ministries

SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 10 4:30 pm	Lector	Brian Brogno, June Hankel
	Extraordinary Ministers	K. Janiello, G. King, J. Sciascia
	Altar Server	Julia Papasso
Sunday, March 11 8:00 am	Lector	Ken Hillers
	Extraordinary Ministers	Cheri Crowl, Stephanie Harakal, Maureen Hillers
	10:00 am	Lector
11:30 am	Extraordinary Ministers	Jack Warburton, Judy Warburton
	Altar Server	James Genovese, Joseph Silverman, Vincent Utz
	Lector	Thomas Prioli, Elena Slade
	Extraordinary Ministers	Nancy Martinez, Gladys McTighe
	Altar Server	Joseph Prioli, Alexandra Reyes, Emma Rubinson

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend the Missionaries of the Poor Lay Associates will be having their Food Drive Appeal for the M. O. P. Mission in Haiti. An important part of our Lenten devotion is to give alms to the less fortunate, the poor and the needy. Please listen to their talks at all the Masses as they make their appeal. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity and kindness to our brothers and sisters who are looking for help.

As we go on our Lenten Journey on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, our dedicated parishioners have put together a short Lenten Series using a FORMED Program on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 P.M. and on March 22 also at 7 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend as we are going to have exciting art movies as part of the presentation. Also there are some reflections, conversations and refreshments. Please be there as your presence would make a big difference to us.

We give a lot of credit to our ministry leaders as they step up and take the initiative of asking their members to bring some simple soup, salad and bread for the gathering in our Parish Hall prior to the Stations of the Cross, which is being held in the Church. I, as your Pastor, personally thank and appreciate the leadership of our laymen who are presiding at the Stations of the Cross. We are happy to see their enthusiasm and idealism as they pray and reflect with us that serve as a profound inspiration to our families and friends.

Today at the 11:30 A.M. Mass, once again we are having Children's Liturgy of the Word. As a friendly reminder to our parents and friends who have young children and have intention for their little kids to understand and learn God's Word and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, please bring them to Church.

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

It is interesting to see a cross or crucifix hang around the neck of countless people in our world who give no other outward sign of being religious. Many teachers of young children report that when they offer the youngsters a selection of holy cards and ask them to choose one, children would often times choose the picture of Jesus on the Cross.

Why do you think the cross and crucifix are so important, and so central? Because after two thousand years, has the cross, either bare or with the body of Jesus upon it, lost none of its fascination and power? The best answer is: the cross and crucifix are a depiction of how much God loves us, they are a revelation of how much he has loved us and desires a relationship with us.

So here is an interesting question. What is the shape of God's love? Maybe its shape is its shapelessness. For his love is beyond boundaries and we simply cannot wrap our hands around it. We cannot hold it in our hearts and hands. Rather, we must simply let ourselves be held by this boundless love that redeems us despite ourselves. I heard from a wonderful Theologian, "our faith is not about doing good, it is not even about being good; it is all about being loved." The day we grasp the truth of this is the day we will know God and know ourselves. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

ADMINISTRATION

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

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

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,346.00	156 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,528.00	111 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,687.00	172 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,565.00	249 people
Online Giving Feb 26—Mar 4	\$2,219.00	89 donors
Totals	\$8,345.00	688 people

Second Collection

Energy & Fuel Costs **\$1,491.00**



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

Next Weekend's Collection
Weekly First Collection & Diocesan Assessment

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION



In the Diocese of Trenton, those in consecrated life represent membership in a variety of male and female religious institutes. These men and women have dedicated their lives to proclaim the Word of God and serve His people. Currently we have 51 Brothers, 37 priests and 230 women religious ministering in the diocese. While not easily recognizable, nevertheless, they witness the face of God as they celebrate our liturgies and carry out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in fields of education, health care and social services throughout the diocese. Your gift promotes those called to serve.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9 am – 2 pm
Sunday 9 am – 12:45 pm

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. For further information, see our website under "Sacraments."*

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. 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.

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.

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.



As we approach the Resurrection of Our Lord from death, we call to mind all our beloved deceased. Our Church decorations are a memorial to those who have passed on to be remembered throughout the Easter season. If you wish an Easter Memorial, you may use the flower envelope included in the March offertory envelopes OR use the form below. Please print names clearly and note who the memorial is "requested by". Please place in collection basket or mail to 31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727. **RETURN BY 3/26/18**

IN MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

Amt. Enclosed \$ _____ (suggested donation \$10)

FROM THE DIOCESE

LENTEN REGULATIONS

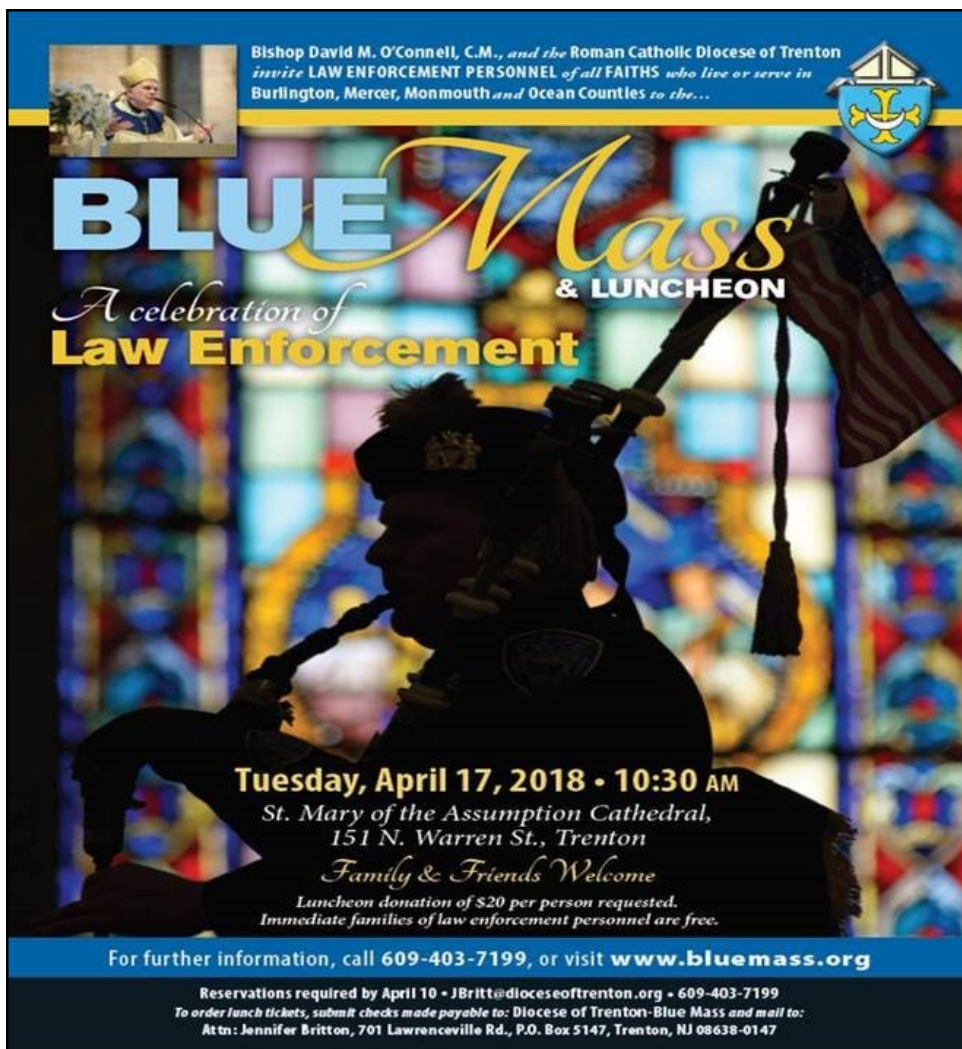
As we enter the Lenten Season, we offer a little refresher on what the Catholic Church in the United State requires of us as baptized Catholics:

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.



Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton invite **LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL** of all FAITHS who live or serve in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties to the...


BLUE Mass

A celebration of
Law Enforcement
& LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 • 10:30 AM
St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral,
151 N. Warren St., Trenton
Family & Friends Welcome
Luncheon donation of \$20 per person requested.
Immediate families of law enforcement personnel are free.

For further information, call 609-403-7199, or visit www.bluemass.org

Reservations required by April 10 • JBritt@dioceseoftrenton.org • 609-403-7199
To order lunch tickets, submit checks made payable to: Diocese of Trenton-Blue Mass and mail to:
Attn: Jennifer Britton, 701 Lawrenceville Rd., P.O. Box 5147, Trenton, NJ 08638-0147

THIS IS WHAT
Love
LOOKS LIKE 
2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

Please support the
2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your
generosity.

Children, Youth and Family



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

Bernard & Lynn Kruk

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping the blind man believe in you.

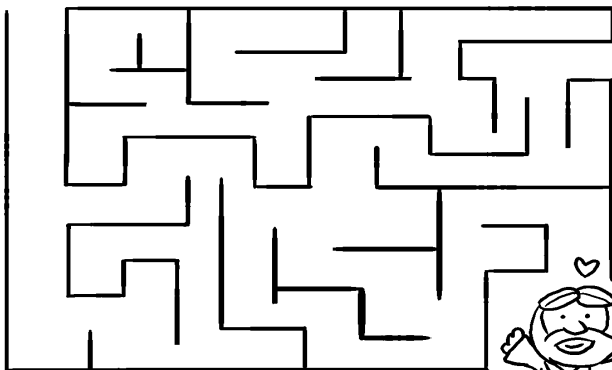
Mission for the Week

Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus.



Puzzle

Help me to find God!



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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, March 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.

Parish News

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

St. Catherine of Siena seeks to promote a **Social Concerns Commission** for all those in need within our parish, our community, our diocese, our country and world.

Our **purpose** is to encourage all members of the parish to live out our baptismal promise.

Our **goal** is pursued through prayer, discussion, acts of service, education and advocacy.

Please respond to this brief survey about social causes in which you would like to see our parish community get involved.

Follow the simple instructions and complete the brief survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7tx3rj2>. The survey link can also be found on our website, sienachurch.org, or stop by the parish office to receive a copy.



MISSIONARIES FOR THE POOR

On **March 17 and 18**, the Missionaries of the Poor are making their annual appeal to provide food for the residents at their apostolate in Cap-Haitien, Haiti. The M.O.P.

Brothers spread God's love among 150 men and women with various disabilities, 20 children with physical disabilities, 15 orphans, and 15 HIV positive adults. The M.O.P. Brothers are very grateful for the support and generosity of the St. Catherine of Siena Parish community and assure everyone of their prayers.

St. Catherine of Siena Youth Ministry

The Youth Group offers many opportunities for young people to have fun with Christian peers, grow in their faith, and participate in the parish community. Our next monthly meeting is :

March 18 at 12:30 pm

We are hosting a Q&A on our first international mission trip to Guatemala. All youth grades 9-12 & parents interested in learning more, please contact: sienachurchyouthministry@gmail.com

Sunday, March 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

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

FRIDAY, March 16 at 6 pm – Parish Hall



**Hosted by the Ministries of Hospitality Committee,
Knights of Columbus, Men's Prayer & Rosary Altar Society**

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 Scott Rubinson.



2019 Mass Book Opening—Parish Office
Sunday, April 8 from 9 am—12:45 pm and Wednesday, April 11 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm
To request a Mass Intention, one must be present and the cost is \$10 each.

COMMUNITY CORNER

St. Veronica's Adoration Chapel During Lent

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Consider trying to make a Lenten Holy Hour this year. Be still in His presence; it's a personal retreat from the world. *"I keep up the Holy Hour to grow more and more into His likeness. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain".* Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Hours Most Needed (others available)

Sunday 7AM, 5PM	Monday 1AM
Wednesday 12midnight	Thursday 2AM
Friday 7PM	Saturday 7PM

Contact Debbie drev514@aol.com for information or leave a message at [732-367-7750](tel:732-367-7750).

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.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God" Romans 8:14

St. Veronica's is hosting a series, 7 weekly Life in the Spirit Seminars beginning **April 10**. The talks and discussions will transform your life and fuel the fire for the Holy Spirit. Come experience renewal through God's Grace, Mercy and Love and ignite the Power of the Holy Spirit. For more information regarding this year's Seminar or to register, email LISS@stveronica.com or call Mary Jean at [732-364-2815](tel:732-364-2815).