



St. Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Christ became obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this,
God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9



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MARCH
25
2018

First Reading — IS 50:4-7

Second Reading — PHIL 2:6-11

Gospel — MK 14:1-15:47

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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Thurs: 9:00 AM to 2:00 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
Janice Deakyne, Religious Education Secretary
Rob Mercado & June Hankel, Parish Trustees

**OFFICE OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

(732) 938-6229

Office Hours

Monday:
9:00 AM to 7:15 PM

Wednesday:
9:00 AM to 5:45 PM

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 24, 2018 — 4:30 PM

George Hankel / *Maryann Cullen & Family*

Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:00 AM Eugene Dunn / *Infante Family*

10:00 AM Olympia & Joseph DeMeo & Family /
Libby Miller

11:30 AM Phil Algozzini / *MaryAnne Frasier*

Weekday Chapel Mass — 9 AM

Monday, March 26, 2018

Betty McCann / Alice Kovach

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Betty McCann / *Barbara & Joe Lipari*

Thursday, March 29, 2018—7:30 PM Mass

Betty McCann / *John & Stephanie Harakal*

Liturgical Ministries

Liturgical Schedule: March 24 & 25

Altar Servers

4:30 PM J. Papasso, S. Schuld

10:00 AM B. Beckerle, M. Beckerle, S. Beckerle

11:30 AM A. Reyes, E. Rubinson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30 PM J. Hankel, S. Schuld, S. Scutto

8:00 AM S. Harakal, E. Murphy, R. Scheurer

10:00 AM C. Jamieson; A. Straut

11:30 AM D. Alfano, A. Hilker

Readers

4:30 PM F. Brogno, G. King

8:00 AM R. Perry

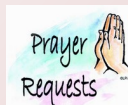
10:00 AM M. Ackerman

11:30 AM J. Lanza; D. Whitesell

WORSHIP

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	Lenore Sears
Lori Jones	Barbara Sansevere
Edward Kress	Nancy Soper
Barbara Lipari	Ilona Supczynski
Lauren MacArthur	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.



Homebound Ministry

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday, March 26

9 AM Daily Mass at Chapel
7:30 PM Chrism Mass at St. Robert of Bellarmine,
Freehold, NJ
Renewal of Priestly Vows, Blessing of Oils

Tuesday, March 27

9 AM Daily Mass at Chapel

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

9 AM Church is Open
3 PM Passion of the Lord,
Veneration of the Cross & Communion
7 PM Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31

9 AM Morning Prayers in Church Followed by
Blessing of Easter Foods
7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1

8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 AM Masses

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Hospitality Sunday, hence after the 10 and 11:30 Masses, everyone is expected to be at the Parish Hall for some fellowship, get-together, some refreshments and let us meet new parishioners in the community. As always, we cannot be thankful enough for our Hospitality Committee for we count on them as they do a great job in providing the necessary and important things to make our parish a more welcoming, warm and friendly place for everyone.

As a friendly reminder at the 11:30 Mass, we are having the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is a great opportunity for our young kids to be in the Mass and listening and hearing the Word of God as our faithful catechists are explaining at their level of understanding, God's Holy Word coming from the Sacred Scriptures. This is a wonderful time for our young children to be in the Mass at the early stage of their lives.

We must be mindful of our brothers and sisters throughout the world of their sufferings most especially the poor people of Haiti. Today the Missionaries of the poor are coming to the community to ask for monetary donations. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you so much.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

This Sunday is the beginning of the holiest week of the year. The liturgy starts with a happy Gospel, recounting Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and ending with the death of the One who was acclaimed a King a few days earlier.

The same crowd that was cheering him during the parade was jeering at him a few days later. They had been impressed by his sermons, fed with loaves and fishes; many had been cured and healed of their ailments. But as soon as the tide began to turn against Jesus, in no time, they did go with the tide. Their cries of "Hosanna" turned into shouts of a very different kind: "Crucify him!"

Here is an interesting question: Is Holy Week, then, only about violence and humiliation? No doubt, violence and humiliation form part of the scenery. However, we should look deeper; we should look beyond this violence and humiliation. Beyond it we discover that the events of Holy week are much more about love and humility.

That is why on Palm Sunday we read about the powerful hymn in St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. It sings of Jesus, who was God, dwelling in heavenly glory, but who freely plunged to the depths of human misery, joining himself to our frail nature. As if this act of humility were not enough, the hymn says that Jesus further humbled himself, accepting the status of a slave.

How do we share in Christ's glory? To share in Christ's glory, we must first walk on his road to glory. And that road is the road to Calvary, the road Jesus walked out of love for us sinners. Bloodied, exhausted, burdened with the heavy crossbeam, he walked that road, step by step. And these words, left unsaid, give sense to each painful step, "I do this for you, sinners, for I love you."

How do we respond to such a profound kind of love? Are we as unpredictable as the crowd, waving today joyfully our palms but going back tomorrow to our sinful lives?

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, March 17/18, 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,272.00	163 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,685.00	96 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,554.00	198 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,865.00	289 people
Online Giving Mar 12—Mar 18	\$1,217.00	53 donors
Totals	\$7,593.00	746 people

Second Collection
Diocesan Assessment \$1,415.00



Next Weekend's Collection
Easter Collection & Candles

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION



Evangelization—Pastoral Care

Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual, pastoral and sacramental care of God's suffering people by resourcing the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them. Those who offer pastoral care communicate God's love and compassion "person-to-person" by offering spiritual and sacramental support, including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest. We connect with healthcare institutions, medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and well-being of Catholic patients. Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel.



Due to Holy Week and Easter, the Parish offices will be closed on
Holy Thursday
(Thursday, March 29)
Good Friday, (Friday, March 30)
Easter Monday, (Monday, April 2)

The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

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.paritypay.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 continue.

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.



WELCOME to St. Catherine of Siena Parish Family



In order to serve you better and to be recognized as a practicing member of the parish, we ask that you please take a moment to register.

We invite you to stop by the parish office, Mon.-Thur. 9 am - 2 pm or Sunday, 9 am—12:45 pm., for registration, to learn about our various ministries and to receive offertory envelopes.

Young Adults who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or are employed full-time, are encouraged to register under their own name.

For address changes, including a change in Parish, please call the parish office at 732-938-5375. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our services.

FROM THE DIOCESE

LENTEN REGULATIONS

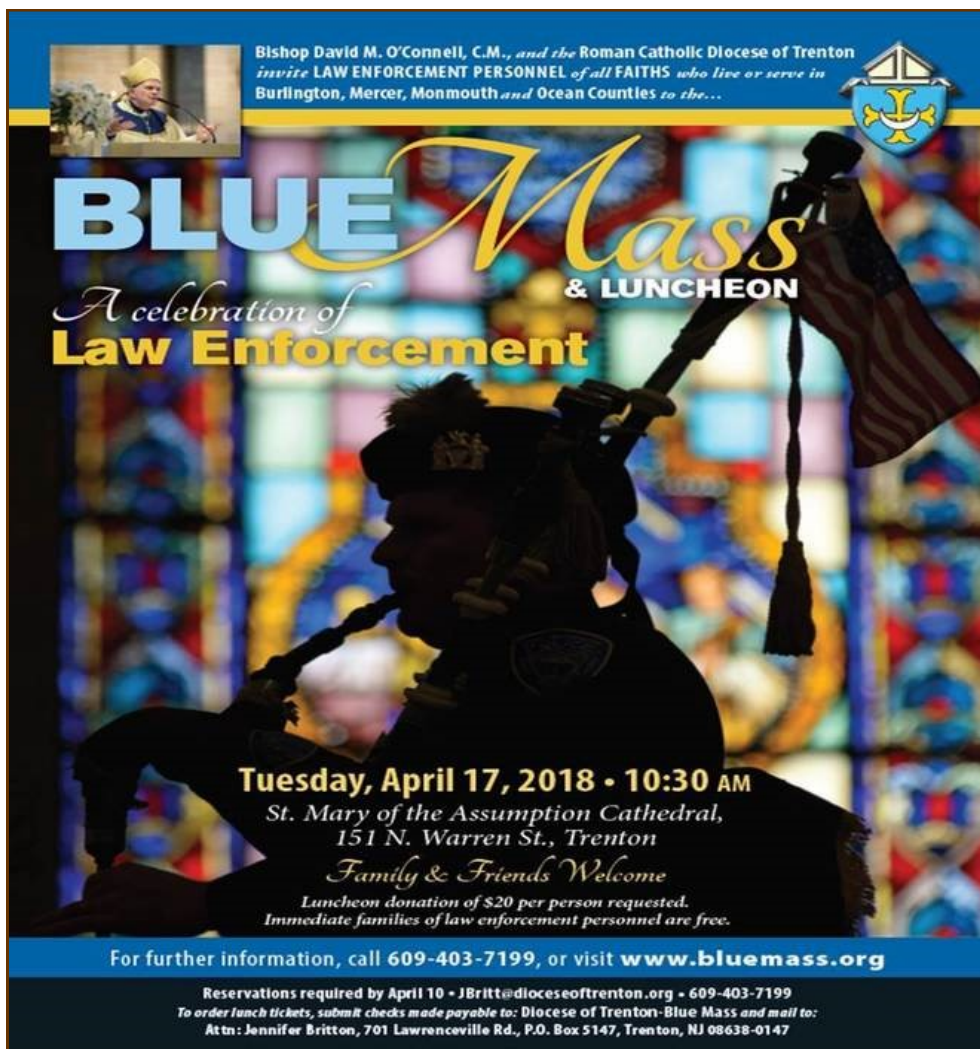
As we enter the Lenten Season, we offer a little refresher on what the Catholic Church in the United State requires of us as baptized Catholics:

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

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

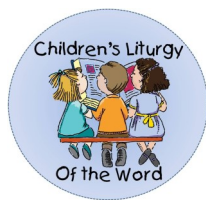
Reservations required by April 10 • JBritt@dioceseoftrenton.org • 609-403-7199
To order lunch tickets, submit checks made payable to: Diocese of Trenton-Blue Mass and mail to:
Attn: Jennifer Britton, 701 Lawrenceville Rd., P.O. Box 5147, Trenton, NJ 08638-0147

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY



Sunday, April 8 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.

Sharing the Gospel

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car, but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on the donkey, they knew he was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy he came.

Prayer

God, I am so happy you sent Jesus to be my king.

Read the Gospel and Color



COMING SOON



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, NJ
\$22 per seat, seats sell out quickly! Go to www.RealLifeCatholic.com for more information.

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 24th - 7-9 PM



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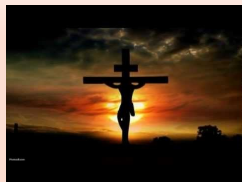
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They can be heard on area local stations:

WFJS 1260 AM
WFJS 89.3 FM
WSMJ 91.9 FM
WGYM 1580 AM

PARISH NEWS



LENTEN SERIES

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! For more information, please contact welcomed@seniachurch.org

WHEN: **Tuesday, March 27 at 7 PM**

WHAT: **Reflection; Discussion; Refreshments**

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

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, **seniachurch.org**, or stop by the parish office to receive a copy.



2019 Mass Book Opening

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.

*please
join us*

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7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
March 30, 2018

COMMUNITY CORNER

The New Day Bereavement Support Group
Ministry of Consolation

St. Mary Parish, One Phalanx Road, Colts Neck, NJ

Invites you....to participate in a nine week program for those who are grieving the death of loved ones and want to work through the tasks of grief in a structured way using New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing. The sessions include readings reflections, sharing and journaling.

Group meets 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel

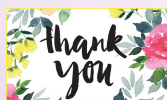
Starting Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Ending Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

For information and pre-registration: Marilyn Simone
at 732-462-8088

A sincere thank you to our parishioners and the following Ministries:

Building & Grounds, Finance Council, Money Counters, Legion of Mary, Safety Committee, Ushers, Giving Tree, Pastoral Council, Readers, Music Ministry, EM's, Homebound, Walking with Purpose, Hospitality, Knights of Columbus, Men's Prayer, Rosary Altar Society, Religious Education, St. Vincent de Paul, Altar Servers, and Youth Ministry



Your dedication and generous support of our parish Lenten Soup Suppers is most appreciated.



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

Chris & Melissa Carlucci

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**.