



St. Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

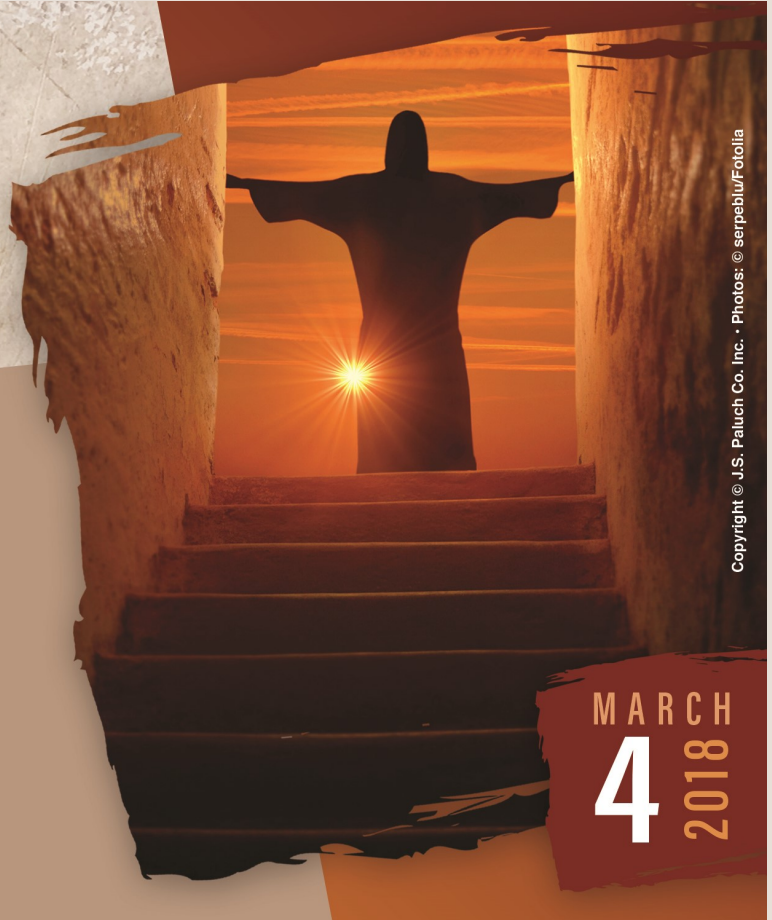
31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

Jesus said,
"Destroy this temple
and in three days
I will raise it up."

John 2:19



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MARCH
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2018

First Reading — Exodus 20:1-17
Second Reading — Cor 1:22- 25
Gospel — John 2:13 —25

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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Mon-Thurs: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
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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) 938-6629

Office Hours
Monday
9:00 AM to 7:15 PM
Wednesday:
9:00 AM to 5:45 PM

Weekly Mass Intentions

Worship

Saturday, March 3, 2018 — 4:30 PM

George Hankel Requested by Joan Kress

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8 :00 AM Sherlock Storey Requested by Storey Family

10:00 AM Don Dugan Requested by Lucy Dugan

11:30 AM Theresa Hobday Requested by Grace Pellechia

Weekday Chapel Mass — 9 AM

Monday, March 5, 2018

Patricia Bicla Requested by Julie DeLuca

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Marie Sardone Requested by Sardone Family

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Natalie Dalleo Requested by Isabella Albano

Friday, March 9, 2018

Tony Novembre Requested by St. Catherine of Siena Religious Education Program

Pray for all our Parish Family & Friends, and Especially the Recently Departed:



**Grace Lupo
Jeanice Moran
Samuel Morano
Deacon Michael Principato**

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	Teresa Magyar
Jean & Mike Burke	Margie McCullam
Joseph Cocuzza	Amber Painter
Nancy Drake	Esther Peraza
Bob Fort	Jeanette Picciani
Marlene Gravatt	David Piccolo
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.



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 3

4:30 pm

Lector

B. Brogno, F. Brogno

Extraordinary Ministers

K. DeMicco, M. O'Brien,

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am

Lector

R. Perry

Extraordinary Ministers

J. D'Amico, A. Dalton

10:00 am

Lector

C. Delmonico

Extraordinary Ministers

P. Davison, M. Ferris, C. Jamieson

11:30 am

Lector

T. Murray, D. Whitesell

Extraordinary Ministers

D. Alfano, R. Gabbard, J. Lanza

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

Our 4th and 5th Grade school students of the Religious Education Program are joining us at the 11:30 AM Sunday Liturgy today. We are happy to see and welcome all of them together with their parents and dedicated catechists and aides. It is always encouraging to experience the presence of young people in the Church as they praise, honor, respect and thank the Lord God through their active participation in the Mass. The season of Lent is a great opportunity for all of us to go to Confession. Our Religious Education students are going to have it on the following days: Monday, March 5, at 4:30 PM and 6 PM. Wednesday, March 7, at 4:30 PM. We invite our friends in Christ to take advantage of these schedules for Confession as they are open for us as a Parish Family. Confessions are going to be held in the Church and we have extra Priests to help us in hearing Confessions and giving Absolution. Please come.

Third Sunday of Lent.

Experts and psychologists tell us, in case we are in any doubt, the way we relate to others plays an important role and is part of our make-up. We speak openly of nations that have aggressive policies, businessmen who make aggressive deals, but how about us? We are reluctant to speak about our own aggressive behavior and attitudes. More so, sometimes we cover our own aggression in the language of politeness, but more often than not our real feelings leak through the strain of civility. Perhaps our reluctance to own our aggression is because we tend to associate aggression with the destructive variety like the thoughtless infliction of cruelty on others. But aggression can be a constructive act. The word aggression comes from the Latin root *aggredi*, which means "to go forward, to approach, to move against." Constructive aggression means taking the initiative to support what is important, it means working in a hostile environment against the power that devalues your beliefs.

In the story of today's Gospel, Jesus is openly aggressive. Words give way to actions, verbal opposition gives way to forceful defiance. Jesus moves into the arena of the chief priests to work against the power that devalues his beliefs. There is no politeness. If Jesus is worried about being arrested for disturbing the peace, no one could guess that from his behavior. His statements are clearly aggressive such as making a whip, driving the traders and cattle out of the Temple, knocking over tables of money. Where there was peace, he brings total disruption; where there was business as usual, he brings unusual hostility.

Jesus' disciples remember the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will devour me." Jesus is consumed by zeal, by a passion that shows itself in positive aggression. Jesus' command is clear: "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." After Jesus clears out the temple, the holy place is reclaimed for the worship of God. But soon enough, the Temple will be replaced by a new sanctuary where people can meet God in the person of the risen Jesus himself.

The image of Jesus in today's Gospel is like night and day different from the storybook portrait of Jesus, the meek and mild figure whose harmless looks indistinguishable from blankness. Jesus did use force in the Temple, for he was certainly aggressive. But he did not use force to secure a coup d'etat, he was not a nationalist leader. Nor did he use aggression to gain power for himself. His kingdom could not be established by violence.

Evidently Jesus' aggression was at the service of his Father's house, for the advancement of the kingdom of God. So if our own aggression could be employed for the advancement of God's kingdom, perhaps God's kingdom would be a more obvious domain in today's world. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

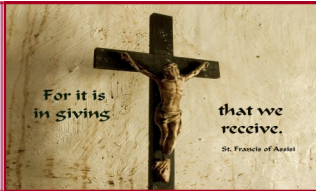
ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, February 24/25, 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,606.00	193 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,659.00	100 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,425.00	144 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,136.00	141 people
Online Giving Feb. 24/25	\$882.00	50 donors
Totals	\$6,708.00	578 people

Second Collection
 St. Vincent de Paul **\$2,940.00**



Next Weekend's Collection
 Weekly First Collection & Catholic Relief Services



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 SVPaid@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. For further information, see 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

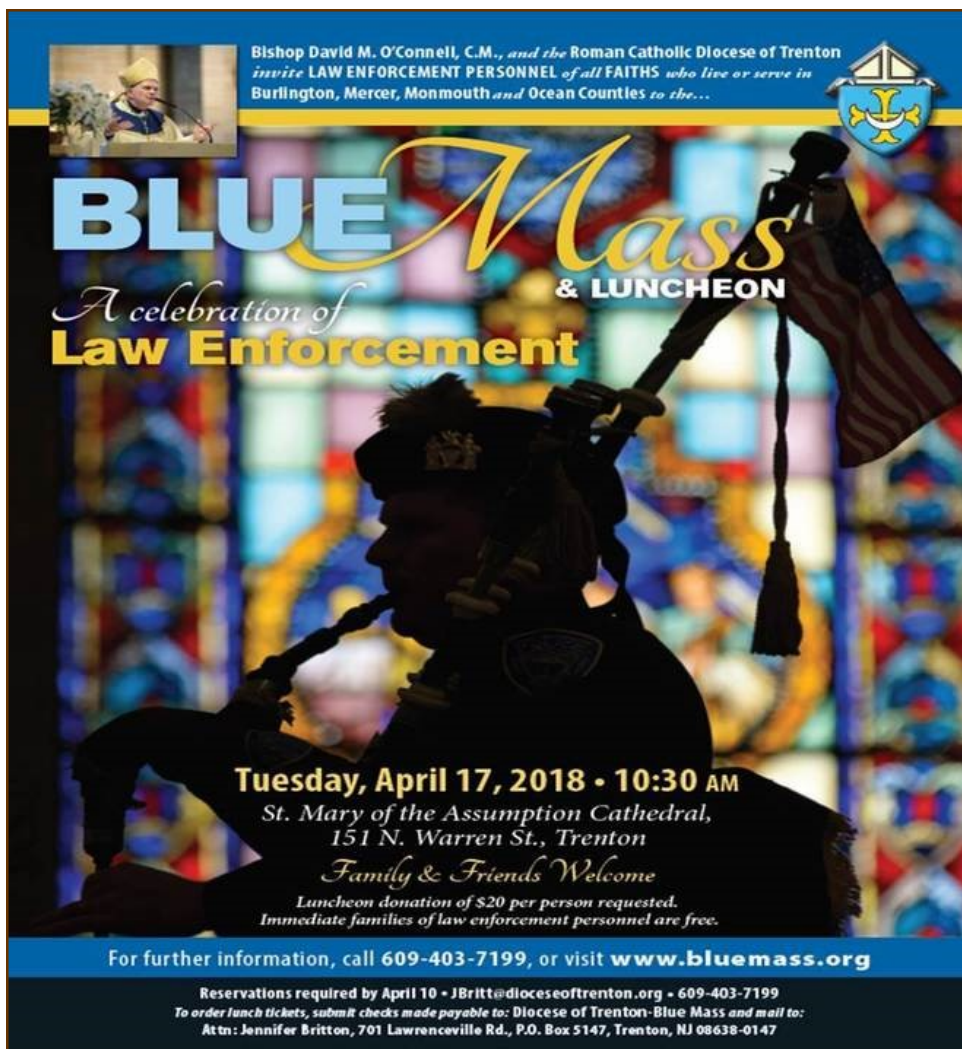
As we enter the Lenten Season, we offer a little refresher on what the Catholic Church in the United State requires of us as baptized Catholics:

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.



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
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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:

Ann Frankewicz

The Nix Family
Jonathan & Jill, Gavin, Tyler



Sharing the Gospel

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

Prayer

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.



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.

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.



MISSIONARIES FOR THE POOR

On **March 17 and 18**, the Missionaries of the Poor are making their annual appeal to provide food for their 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.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to sincerely thank the Rosary Altar Society along with all the parishioners that supported the "Soup-er Bowl" food drive. It was a huge success and will go a very long way in feeding the hungry.

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 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**.

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 9 at 6 pm – Parish Hall

**Hosted by the Ministries of
Eucharistic Ministers, Homebound, & Walking with Purpose**

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 Ernie D'Albero.

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).

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 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."