

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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March 10, 2019



First Sunday
of

Jesus was led by the Spirit
into the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2

Lent

PARISH INFORMATION PASTOR

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

WEEKEND ASSISTANT

Rev. Alfred Burke

DEACON

Daniel Sakowski

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8 a.m. /10 a.m. /11:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

MAIN CHURCH

9 a.m. /7 p.m.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL

One West Main Street

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—9 a.m.

Tuesday—9 a.m.

Thursday—9 a.m.

Friday—9 a.m.

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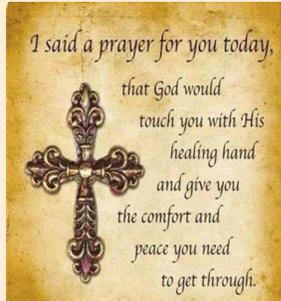
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WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER



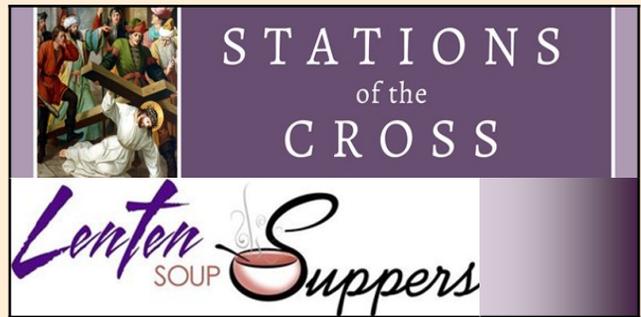
WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
March 10, 2019

March 6 WED	9:00 am	Marie Sardone Req. by son, Frank & Debi
	Noon	Adrienne Nitti Req. by Team 3 Money Counters
	7:00 pm	Adrienne Nitti Req. by Frank & Debi Sardone
March 7 THURS	9:00 am	Rev. Leon Buni
March 8 FRI	9:00 am	Megan Crilly The Dubil Family
March 9 SAT.	4:30 pm	Philip & Stella Olenitsky Req. by daughter, June Pietrina Mule Req. by Children & Grandchildren
March 10 SUN.	8:00 am	Cathy Taylor Attara Req. by the Sardone family Living Intention, Yolanda Spinelli Req. by Doreen Sabio
	10:00 am	Dominic Callari Req. by JoAnn Callari Mary Kelly Req. by MaryAnne Frasier
	11:30 am	Elijah Moore Sr. Req. by the Joyce Family Raymond King Req. by Terri Murray
March 11 MON.	9:00 am	Bishop John Mortimer Smith
March 12 TUES.	9:00 am	Dennis Fitzgerald Req. by Teresa Porter Gregorio Vergara Req. by Nestor & Nora Mercado
March 14 THURS.	9:00 am	Dennis Fitzgerald Req. by sister, Nancy & Family
March 15 FRI.	9:00 am	Frank Michael Roda Req. by Evan Zorn



Please Pray for the Sick and All Those Who Have Asked for Our Prayers

MaryAnn Aulisi	Lori Jones	David Piccolo
Peter Bennett	Janice Kehoe	Mary Rossiello
Colette Blair	Charles "Butch" Lavin	Barbara Sansevere
Mike Burke	Barbara Lipari	Lenore Sears
Robert Carlson Jr.	Lauren MacArthur	Nancy Soper
Joseph Cocuzza	Teresa Magyar	Wayne Sos
Nancy Drake	Margie McCullam	Yolanda Spinelli
Cyril Elias	McKenna Murray	Ilona Supczynski
Sharon Foster	Amber Painter	Melissa Tortorello
Marlene Gravatt	Esther Peraza	Richard VanVolkom
John Hart	Jeanette Picciani	Roseann Williams



Fridays, March 8 - April 12
 Join us each Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross service. These services will begin with a soup supper hosted by various groups from the parish ministries. Come for the prayer and stay for the fellowship!

6:00 PM Soup Parish Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross Church



April 19, 2019
3:00 PM Service
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

*The word is near you,
 in your mouth and in your heart.
 — Romans 10:8*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

We are glad to tell you that our Religious Education students in the second grade have their retreat as a vital part of their preparation for their First Communion. Please show our excitement to support them as they join us at the 10 AM Mass today. Our great example as parents, teachers, and parishioners are the living testament for them to inherit our faith and trust in God. Let us pray for these young boys and girls as they continuously develop and mature the gift of faith which were passed on to them.

The parish community of St. Catherine's is happy to welcome our RCIA candidates who are seeking their full communion in the Church. Today at the 11:30 AM Mass we are having our Rite of Election for them as we enroll their names. It would be a big help for them as we show our warm welcome and prayers as they continue to go in the process until the conclusion of the program.

First Sunday of Lent

Let me start this reflection with our responsorial psalm for this Sunday.

"Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble." (Psalm 91:15b).

Our shared experience is that we cry out to God in our need. As we can see in the first reading, Moses reminds the people that when their ancestors cried out to the Lord, God heard their cry and freed them. Be grateful, Moses tells them. In the 2nd reading, Paul proclaims how near the word is to the Romans, inviting them to cry out in their need to experience God's freeing, saving presence. In the Gospel, the Spirit leads Jesus into the desert for forty days, like the forty years recalled in the first reading, to be tempted by the devil. Jesus cries out in his need, quoting God's word to guide him and counter the devil's temptations.

As faithful Catholics, Lent is our forty-day experience to recall the beautiful story of God's saving love affair with us and grow in gratitude for mercy so near. God's word is near to us. We name the sin and darkness that tempt us to trust what is not God, when what we really need to do is invite God to be with us in our trouble and heal us. Feeding on the word of God and the liturgy can guide us to live the death and resurrection of Jesus more clearly.

Let us identify and name the ways that you have known God's love throughout your life. Full of trust and faith in yourself let us face whatever gets in the way of believing that God's Spirit dwells within you. Cry out to the Lord our God in honesty, faith, gratitude, and need. The Word is near you. May it help us grow more grateful for God's unconditional and merciful love and experience God's nearness this Lent.

God, our mercy, feed me with your word and sacrament this Lent. Help my worship of you deepen my trust that you are with me so that I see you in all creation and make your nearness known to all. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



Congratulations to our
RCIA Candidates

OUR DIOCESE



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 20, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 until Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019** --- 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:

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.**
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, March 9-10 to Trinity Sunday, June 15-16**. 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

ADMINISTRATION

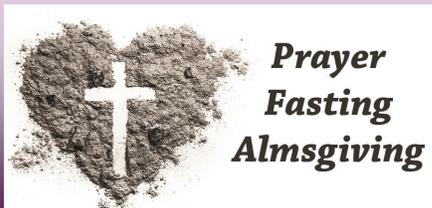
Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, March 2/3 2019

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,397.00	174 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,311.00	98 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,752.00	184 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,226.00	200 people
Totals	\$5,686.00	656 people
Online Giving Feb 25 — Mar 3	\$2,304.00	68 donors

Second Collection

Energy & Fuel	\$1,193.00
Candles	\$69.60



Next Week's Second Collection— Mar 16/17

Diocesan Assessment

EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Landscaping/Care of Grounds	\$1,840.00
Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	\$4,725.52
Telephone/Internet/Cable	\$903.94
Water	\$147.31
Gas	\$2,956.18
Waste	\$129.79
Printing	\$527.15
Office Supplies	\$1,568.57
TOTALS	\$12,798.46



“Never **REACH OUT**

your hand unless you are willing to

EXTEND an arm.”

Pope St. Paul VI



The Annual Catholic Appeal is integral to the mission and services of the Diocese of Trenton. Providing day to day assistance to those among us with the greatest needs, training for seminarians, for youth in our Catholic schools and religious education programs, the Annual Appeal ensures the funding necessary so that these programs may continue to serve thousands throughout our Diocese. As in the past, this year's efforts will create new opportunities and hopefully expand services for those living and working within the counties of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION! Evangelization

Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 40,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 600 adults in various stages of formation were brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese last year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.



We are always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. Thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family. Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards are available in the narthex. For more information on the Annual Catholic Appeal, please email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

SACRAMENT & FAITH FORMATION

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: To schedule an anointing, call the Pastor's Office at 732-938-5375 OPT. 7.

BAPTISM: We celebrate Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM or during the 11:30 AM Mass. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor letters, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is mandatory for parents. Classes are held in Classroom 10 on the **4th Sunday of the month**. To sign up, please fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

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

MATRIMONY: Couples planning a marriage must contact the Parish Office to begin marriage preparation at least one year before the anticipated wedding date.

RCIA: The process by which adults become Catholic and/or receive the Sacraments is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: The RCIA for children is a process that invites any child age 7 to 18, interested in the Catholic Faith, to discover what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. It is open to anyone seeking to get to know Jesus. Like the RCIA for adults, this process is accomplished in a comfortable, friendly and informal environment designed for children. Certain Rites are celebrated in the church throughout their journey in faith. Near the end of the process, the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist—are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. The RCIA for Children will be offered on the **1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the Month October thru May**. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY: In order to be a godparent/sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, according to Canon Law, a person must have received all their Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; if married, be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully (*showing attendance through the use of your Church Envelopes, the Welcome Envelopes located in the narthex, or via WeShare Online Giving*); be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months. Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out a form to be recommended for sponsorship. All requests will be seen by the Pastor and you will be notified when your form is ready.

OBTAIN A MASS CARD: We welcome all who would like to request their special intentions or deceased loved ones be prayed for at weekday or weekend Mass. Please call or stop by the Parish Office.

PRAYER LIST: Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added to our prayer list.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: We welcome all on Monday's after the 9 am Mass in our Chapel.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

St. Catherine of Siena Easter Baskets of Blessings Drive

The Social Concerns Commission reaches out to our community to lend support to those facing hardships. Together, reaching out to God's children, let us make a difference this Lenten season to give hope to others through a small token of our parish community's love for the children of our area.

We will be collecting:

Books	Easter Baskets	Play-Doh
Bows	Easter Candy	Sidewalk Chalk
Bubbles	Easter Eggs	Stickers
Coloring Books	Easter Grass	Stuffed Animals, Small
Crayons	Markers	Gift Cards
Clear Wrap	Toys/Games	Small Personal Care Items: toothbrushes, hairbrushes

Store Bought Baskets Gladly Accepted

Donations Welcomed Now through April 7th

Please bring all donated items to the collection bin located in the Church Narthex.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office or email

socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MINISTRY NEWS & COMMUNITY CORNER



As we approach the Resurrection of Our Lord from death, we call to mind all our beloved deceased. The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our Altar and Narthex are a special part of the celebration of Easter at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

You are invited to honor your loved ones this Easter by offering an Easter Flower Memorial. Your name, along with the names of those you honor, will be published in our Easter bulletin and the week after.

You may use the Easter Flower Memorial envelope included in the March offertory envelope mailing or you may use the form located in the Narthex and Parish Office.

Please place the Easter Flower Memorial envelope or form, along with donation, in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office no later than **Sunday, March 31**. Suggested donation begins at \$15. Please print clearly and fill in all information requested. Thank you for your generosity.



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

The Huitron Family

**Guadalupe, Joana
Jose, Luis, & Jesus**

With Warmth and Prayers,
We Welcome You into Our
Family of Faith.

St. Catherine of Siena Music Ministry
Presents



Jesus Remember Me

by Lani Smith
Palm Sunday Concert



St. Catherine of Siena
Church
April 14, 2019
3 pm
Refreshments to Follow



The Legion of Mary Auxiliary of
St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Pilgrim Statue Available

If you would like to open your home to our Blessed Mother, please contact Nancy Martinez at

732-616-3127 or email
legionofmary@sienachurch.org

We Welcome our Eighth Grade Religious Education Students, together with their families to their **Retreat on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5 pm.**

May God Bless them as they prepare to receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation.

NET RETREAT at St. Veronica Parish

What: A retreat day just for teens!

When: SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 from 9:30 am to 7 pm

Where: St. Veronica School and Church

Cost: \$15 The day includes: Presentation by the NET team, skits, music, 5 p.m. Mass, Confessions, small group discussions, all 3 meals, and lots of fun!

You must be registered in advance to attend this retreat. For registration forms, please call Sr. Ann Elizabeth, CR, at 732-364-4137 or email sr.ann@st.veronica.com.

