

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9 am—2 pm • Sun 9 am—12:45 pm
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March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

*Every tree
is known by
its own fruit*

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.

March 6, 2019

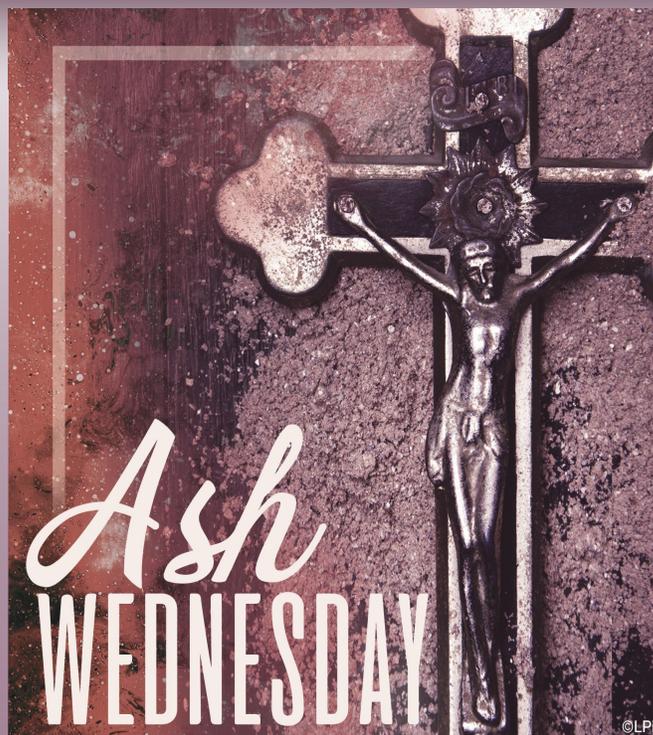
6 a.m. Service
Church

9 a.m. Mass
Church

NOON Mass
Church

4:45 p.m. Service
Church

7 p.m. Mass
Church



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WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
March 3, 2019

March 2 4:30 pm **George & Helen Steinecke**
SAT. Req. by sister, June

March 3 8:00 am **Sherlock Storey**
SUN. Req. by Nigel & Jacqueline Storey
Dr. Joseph Kyrillos
 Req. by The Giakas Family

10:00 am **Lorraine Crawford**
 Req. by John Sullivan
Patricia Bicica
 Req. by Julie DeLuca

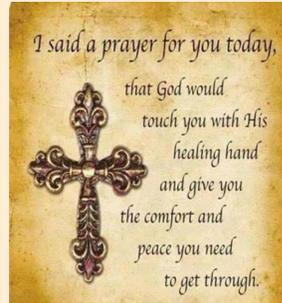
11:30 am **Carmen Cintron**
 Req. by The Devaux Family
Ron Snyder
 Req. by the Liempka Family

March 4 9:00 am **Chester Jameson**
MON. Req. by Betty & Luis Cartagena

March 5 9:00 am **Patricia Bicica**
TUES. Req. by Julie DeLuca
Matthew Peter DiLello
 Req. by Ralph Kuehmstedt & Bruce Harkay

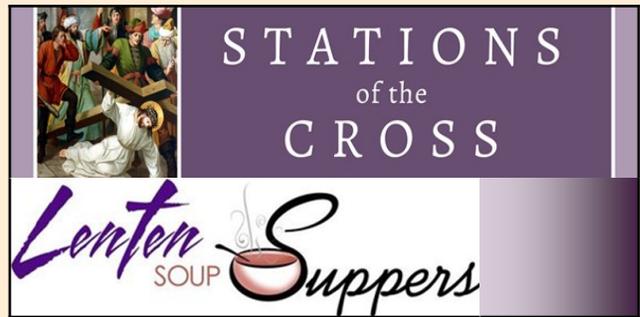
March 7 9:00 am **Reverend Leon Buni**
THURS.

March 8 9:00 am **Meghan Crilly**
FRI. **The Dubil Family**



**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
Mike Burke	Charles "Butch" Lavin	Barbara Sansevere
Robert Carlson Jr.	Barbara Lipari	Lenore Sears
Joseph Cocuzza	Lauren MacArthur	Nancy Soper
Nancy Drake	Teresa Magyar	Wayne Sos
Cyril Elias	Margie McCullam	Yolanda Spinelli
Sharon Foster	McKenna Murray	Ilona Supczynski
Marlene Gravatt	Amber Painter	Melissa Tortorello
John Hart	Esther Peraza	Richard VanVolkom
	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



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

Andrea DeTullio

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

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

We are happy to see the 3rd and 4th graders, together with their families, catechists, and friends as they join us at the celebration of the 11:30 AM Mass today. It is great to see our young people being with us to worship, listening to God's word, praying, singing and breaking bread with us as we become one family of God in Holy Communion. Let us motivate and inspire one another in the celebration of the Sunday liturgy.

March 6 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. It ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusively on Holy Thursday. Please see the Bulletin announcements for our schedule of Masses and Services. Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. "Repent and believe in the Gospel or remember that you are dust, and to dust, you will return." These are the words that we are going to hear when the ministers impose ashes on our foreheads. These ashes are from the palm trees which have been blessed on Palm Sunday.

As a family of God in our parish community, every Friday during Lent, at 6 PM, we have simple soup to share on in our Parish Hall sponsored by our dedicated ministries together with our Hospitality ministry. At 7 PM, we gather together in the Church as we pray the Stations of the Cross. Let us come, eat and pray together with joy and enthusiasm as sons and daughters of the Father.

Today is the Eighth Sunday of the Year

There is no doubt that we live in a secular world where talk of resurrection and eternal life means very little to many of our contemporaries; I realize that is challenging for us not to be influenced by this apathy. It is quite easy for us to rationalize that making a comfortable life for ourselves here and now is our primary goal, perhaps even our only concern.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the importance of what is happening in our hearts. What attracts us? What are our deepest desires? What is our top priority in life? Just as a tree can be judged only by its fruits, so can an individual's words, thoughts and deeds well up from his or her heart, and our worth is to be judged by what fills our hearts. Of course, the Lord wants us to love this world which he has made, wants us to make the most we can of our life here and now. However, if our hearts have room only for the things of this life so that any thought of eternal life has ceased to attract us, then we are living dangerously. On the other hand, the deepest desire of our hearts is that we should obtain that glorious destiny for which we are created, then we can be confident that we are going to hear these beautiful words of the Lord; "Well done, good and faithful servant... come and join in your master's happiness."

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

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, February 23/24 2019

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,214.00	115 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,409.00	90 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,756.00	137 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,318.00	148 people
Totals	\$5,697.00	490 people
Online Giving Feb 18 — Feb 24	\$1,284.00	64 donors

Second Collection

Catholic Churches in Eastern Europe	\$915.70
Candles	\$117.60
Poor Box	\$390.00



Next Week's Second Collection— Mar 9/10

Black & Native American



“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 ACA is used for the following purposes:



2019 Annual Catholic Appeal • Projected Distribution of Restricted Collected Funds

Walking with Those In Need

Catholic Social Services • Providing basic needs to the poor and marginalized

Mental Health Services • Parish-based counseling

Pastoral Care • Ministry to those who are grieving or dealing with loss; Prison ministry; Parish nursing; Respect Life Ministry

Supporting Parish and Family Life

Marriage Ministry • Preparing, sustaining couples through Pre-Cana; Engaged Encounter; Convalidation education; Bishop's Anniversary Blessings

Youth and Young Adult Ministry • Training ministers; Resourcing parish youth programs; Sponsoring diocesan events and experiences for youth to grow in faith, service and a sense of community

Parish Development • Supporting parish mission, leadership and administrative efforts

Priests, Deacons and Religious

Finding and Forming Priests • Vocations recruitment efforts; Seminary preparation and support; Ongoing formation and opportunities for spiritual growth

Retired Priests • Providing healthcare, housing and other needs for retired diocesan priests

Finding and Forming Deacons • Working with potential candidates; Preparation; Ongoing formation

Support of Religious Women and Men • Serving those in consecrated life; Annual Convocation

Communications and Evangelization

Evangelization Outreach • Inviting seekers to consider the Catholic Church; Providing opportunities for a deeper experience of the faith; Outreach to Hispanic Catholic community

Communications and Media • Keeping the community informed through the diocesan website; the digital and print resources of The Monitor, the diocesan

newspaper; and the use of social media and multimedia projects, such as videos and podcasts

Education, Catechesis and Lay Formation

Catholic School Administration • Working with Catholic schools to ensure academic excellence and a sense of Catholic identity through oversight, and ongoing formation of educators and leaders

Religious Education • Working with parish religious education programs to see that children receive a firm foundation in the faith

RCIA • Coordination of formation process for those who seek to enter the Church

Adult Faith Formation • Preparing lay men and women for ministry in the parish setting; Ongoing faith enrichment opportunities

Parish Needs

Returns to Parishes • 15% of the collected goal, and 50 % of any overage is returned for key parish needs



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



MARCH 6—APRIL 14, 2019

This spring, from March 6 – April 14 of 2019, our community will be uniting with over 815 other cities across America and 55 other countries for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history – the nationwide *40 Days for Life* campaign. People of faith are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion. Please join us in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results in more than 815 cities where it has been implemented. Since its inception in 2007, 15,256 babies have been saved from abortion, 186 abortion workers have quit, and 99 abortion facilities have closed. Some locations have reported as much as a 28% drop in local abortion numbers and hundreds of new people getting involved in local lifesaving ministry efforts. The *40 Days for Life* campaign is made up of three key components:

Prayer and Fasting: inviting people of faith throughout the Monmouth County area to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

Peaceful Vigil: standing for life in peaceful, prayerful vigil for 1 or 2 hours (or more) during the 40 day campaign outside the Shrewsbury abortion clinic at 69 E. Newman Springs Road.

Community Outreach: taking a positive, upbeat pro-life message throughout the Monmouth/Ocean County area through media efforts, church presentations, and public visibility.

If you wish to make a lifesaving impact in our community by participating in *40 Days for Life*, please contact Hu Mador at 732-367-2565 or at hmador@optonline.net.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MINISTRY NEWS & COMMUNITY CORNER



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
Presented by: Net Ministries*



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

**The DiBella Family
Frank, Francesca, & Veronica**

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

NET Ministries is an international Catholic youth ministry that is committed to challenging young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. The organization's acronym stands for National Evangelization Teams. The NET team members are young adults between the ages of 18 and 26 who engage teens in their faith through music, skits, games, small group discussions and large group presentations.

**THEME: One Church (The Catholic Church)
One universal home guaranteed by God. What if there was an institution we could trust when our reasoning fails us? What if there was an institution guaranteed by God himself to withstand every difficulty the world offers? There is. This theme explores the Catholic Church as the universal home for all people.**

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.



The **Hospitality Committee** has appreciated seeing so many parishioners and guests at their events this year. Thank you for joining fellow parishioners and guests on the Fourth Sunday each month to share in fellowship, food, and fun! Please consider joining the Hospitality team.

Much appreciation to all who lend a helping hand for this beautiful ministry.



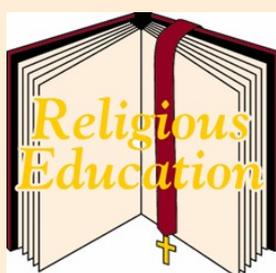
**The Legion of Mary Auxiliary of
St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Pilgrim Statue Available**

If you would like to open your home to our Blessed Mother, please contact Nancy Martinez at
732-919-1712 or email
legionofmary@sienachurch.org

ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson



We Welcome our Second Grade Religious Education Students, together with their families to our 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 10, 2019.

May God Bless them as they prepare to receive the
Sacrament of First Holy Communion.