

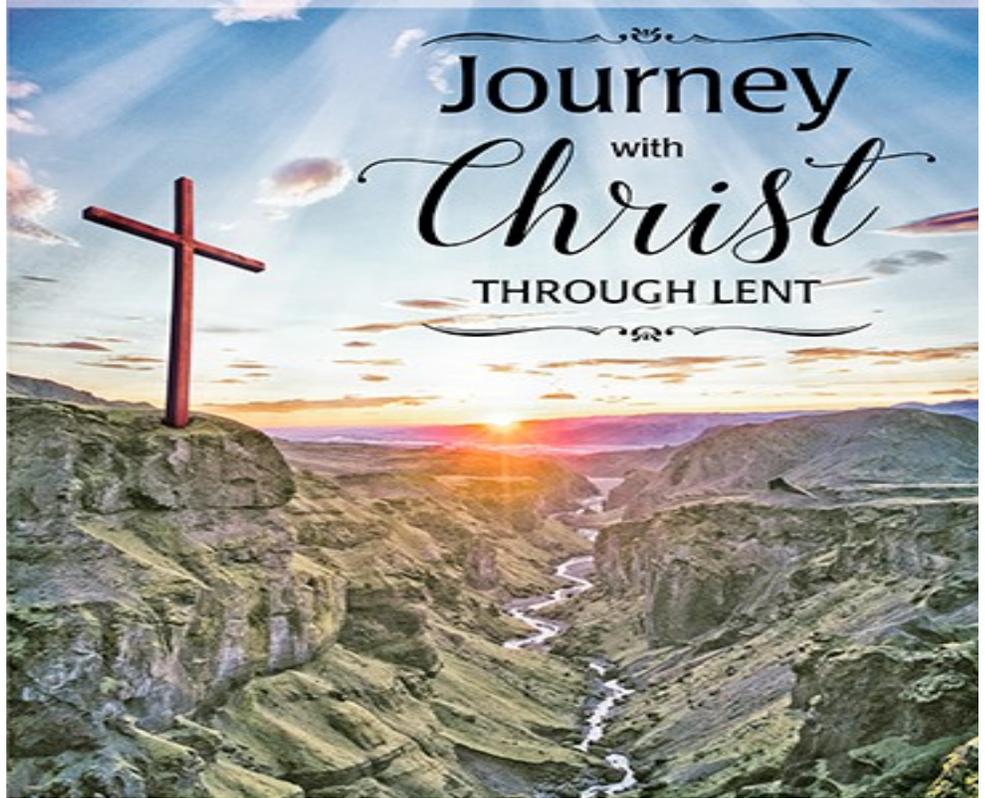
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



**Second Sunday
of Lent**
March 8, 2020

days **40** nights



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday/Sunday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road
9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday—9:00 a.m.

Tuesday—9:00 a.m.

Thursday—9:00 a.m.

Friday—9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

**First Friday of the Month immediately
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass**

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

**Monday immediately following the
9:00 a.m. Mass**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Many years ago, the Pope came to the United States. As he was being driven from the airport, he was admiring the limo in which he was riding. He was so impressed with what a nice car, that he eventually he asked the driver whether he could drive it. How could the driver say NO to the Pope, so he traded places with the Pope. The Pope was having such fun driving, that before he knew it, he was seriously exceeding the speed limit, weaving in and out of the traffic and cutting off other drivers. A police officer spotted him and pulled him over. As the officer walked toward the car, he noticed the man in the back seat, but was shocked when he saw who was driving. He walked back to his squad car and called up the police chief. "I don't know what to do. I just flagged down a very important person." The chief said, "Well, give him a ticket." The officer said, "You don't understand. He is really important." The chief said, "Well, who is it, a Senator, the Governor, the President?" The officer said, "I have no idea who he is, but whoever he is, he's got the Pope as his chauffeur."

Today we hear about Jesus, whose importance far outweighs anyone who ever lived. St. Matthew tells us today of Jesus' Transfiguration. The event is recorded four times in the New Testament. In all three of the Gospels, the Transfiguration is preceded by Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus had asked the disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" He then asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The son of the living God."

After this wonderful profession of faith by Peter, Jesus began to teach the Apostles that he would suffer, be put to death, and on the third day, be raised. That is when Peter got in trouble with Jesus. He told Jesus none of that would happen to him. No one at that time, no teacher or any writing connected the two, for the Messiah was supposed to be a mighty leader who would victoriously conquer all the enemies of the Jewish people and establish forever a kingdom of peace and justice under God's rule.

Truth, compassion, and kindness feature strongly in the life of Jesus, and so does climbing mountains. Last week we heard how the devil took him up a very high mountain to tempt him. And in the Gospel today, Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a mountain, not any old mountain, but a high one. High mountains are dangerous, and people die on them; climbers need stamina, determination, and strength. Was Jesus making a point here? Yes, that life is about challenges and sufferings, and that a life of ease is no life at all. Should life be combined with compassion and caring for people? Yes, in its own way, caring can involve hardships, and in the long term, maybe difficult. St. Paul urges us to bear hardships for the sake of the Gospel, but he adds, "relying on the power of God." God, our father, asks us to reach out for his help.

In the first reading, the Lord told Abraham to leave his homeland and his family, and travel into the unknown. It was to be a life involving great hardships, sacrifices, and sufferings. How could he be sure that it was the voice of God and not the imaginings of his mind? He acted in faith. But the most challenging part is always summoning the courage and trust to get on and do it, "relying on the power of God." The Apostles had a similar call, and told Jesus, "We have left everything and followed you." It is the same struggle that many Christians encounter as they seek their vocation in life.

It is rewarding for the three apostles after climbing up the high mountain with a vision that is unimaginable to most people. Together they had glimpsed at the glory of heaven and were told not to describe it to anyone else until after Jesus had risen from the dead. They saw Jesus in his heavenly glory, the glory he had before the beginning of the world. What a remarkable experience for them as they saw the great prophets, Moses and Elijah, whose words they knew very well from Sacred Scriptures.

The Transfiguration event, which was experienced by the three disciples, show that Jesus appears as his father's special envoy bringing salvation to all people. Lent is the season for God to demonstrate the depth of his favor to us. This is God's eternal plan, which came into reality today with Jesus' appearance. During this second week of Lent, faithful believers can see and reflect that Abraham, Sarah, and Jesus were all called to serve others. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

SATURDAY · MARCH 7

4:30 PM

Living Intention

Kathy Graham • Loving Family
Philip & Stella Olenitsky • Daughter, June

SUNDAY · MARCH 8

8:00 AM

Dominic Callari • Wife, JoAnn

10:00 AM

Norma Quinto • Ruth & John Taberna

11:30 AM

Sally Carlson • Cathy & Mike Sabo

MONDAY · MARCH 9

9:00 AM

Marion Millington

TUESDAY · MARCH 10

9:00 AM

Edward Ulrich • Neal & Lorraine Pronek

THURSDAY · MARCH 12

9:00 AM

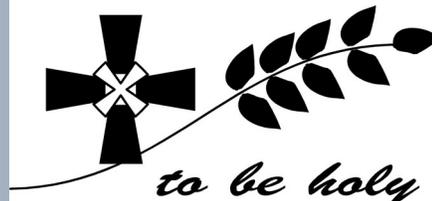
Esther Peraza • Loving Daughter, Gina

FRIDAY · MARCH 13

9:00 AM

Dennis Fitzgerald • Teresa Porter
Nicholas LJ Felicione • Loving Family

Called...



First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

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

MaryAnn Aulisi Peter Bennett Victoria Bott Frank Bracco Mike Burke William Clemens
Glenn Conigliaro MaryAnn Cullen Keith Dice Nancy Drake Bob Ebhar Cyril Elias
Wayne Fanciullo Sharon Foster Cheri Gargiulo Marlene Gravatt Norma Jean Hall John Hart
Lori Jones Ann Johnston John Keegan Eugene Kerek Jeanine Kerek Laurie Krasowski
Charlie "Butch" Lavin Barbara Lipari William Lloyd Adrienne Lomangino Lauren MacArthur
Teresa Magyar Margie McCullam Linda Moore McKenna Murray Irene Nuccio Amber Painter
Jeanette Picciani David Piccolo Mary Rossiello Barbara Sansevere Linda Schrader
Nancy Soper Ilona Supczynski Melissa Tortorello Lauren Tuosto Phyllis Weissblum.

Diocese issues advisory on coronavirus concerns

With federal health officials issuing recent warnings about the potential spread of the coronavirus in the United States, and news coming in from around the globe about extreme measures to stem the spread, the Diocese of Trenton has issued the following instructions:

The Diocese has always advised the faithful that sickness is a valid reason not to attend Mass or other Church gatherings where large groups assemble.

- At Mass, no member of the faithful is obliged:
- (1) to shake hands at the sign of peace;
 - (2) to receive the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice;
 - (3) to receive the Body of Christ on the tongue unless that is his/her preference.

With the concerns about the coronavirus, the faithful are encouraged to take all the same precautions they would follow regarding the flu. Use normal good judgment. If you are sick or have flu-like symptoms, stay home. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is broadcast on several television channels, and the sick can make a "spiritual communion" until they return to good health.

For more information about the coronavirus threat, go to TrentonMonitor.com/coronavirus.



IMPORTANT

Due to concerns about the flu season and coronavirus warning, we will continue to temporarily cease offering the Precious Blood, along with the Greetings of Peace, at Mass.

This has been our practice for several years and is only a temporary measure to prevent the spread of illness.

Once the season is past, we will continue offering the Precious Blood and the Greetings of Peace.

Thank you for your understanding.



Lenten Reconciliation

"Be Reconciled to God and One Another"

Come and take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation on the following dates:

Every Saturday in Lent at 3:30 pm

Monday, March 23rd at

4:30 pm & 6:15 pm

Tuesday, March 24th at 4:30 pm

Please visit our website, www.sienachurch.org to read the Lenten Regulations issued by Bishop O'Connell.



Join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, beginning February 28th, at 7 pm in the Church.

Prayerfully follow in the footsteps of Christ from the moment He was condemned to death, to His passion and death on the cross.

SACRAMENTS



"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:13



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

John Flanders

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

Holy Baptism

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome to the Church:

Landon Robert LaRocca
Sofia Turriciano

We ask God's blessings on these children and their family every day of their lives!



"You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever."

- Isaiah 43:1-1

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 certificates, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is required. Classes are held in Classroom 10 on the **4th Sunday of the month**. To sign up for the class, please fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend. **Baptism Arrangements must be made in advance by contacting 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.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES: In order to obtain a sponsor certificate at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, the following is required: **Registration in the parish for at least 6 months prior to the request; received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation; if married, married in the Catholic Church; be at least 16 years of age; attending Mass faithfully participating in the life of the Church, receiving the Eucharist and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.** All requests are approved by the Pastor. Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your registration status.

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 or removed to our prayer list.

LOW GLUTEN HOST: An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL or Memorial Mass
Please contact the Parish Office arrangements.

ALL ARE INVITED

CELEBRATE THE MIRACLE OF **EASTER**

on
Thursday, March 26th

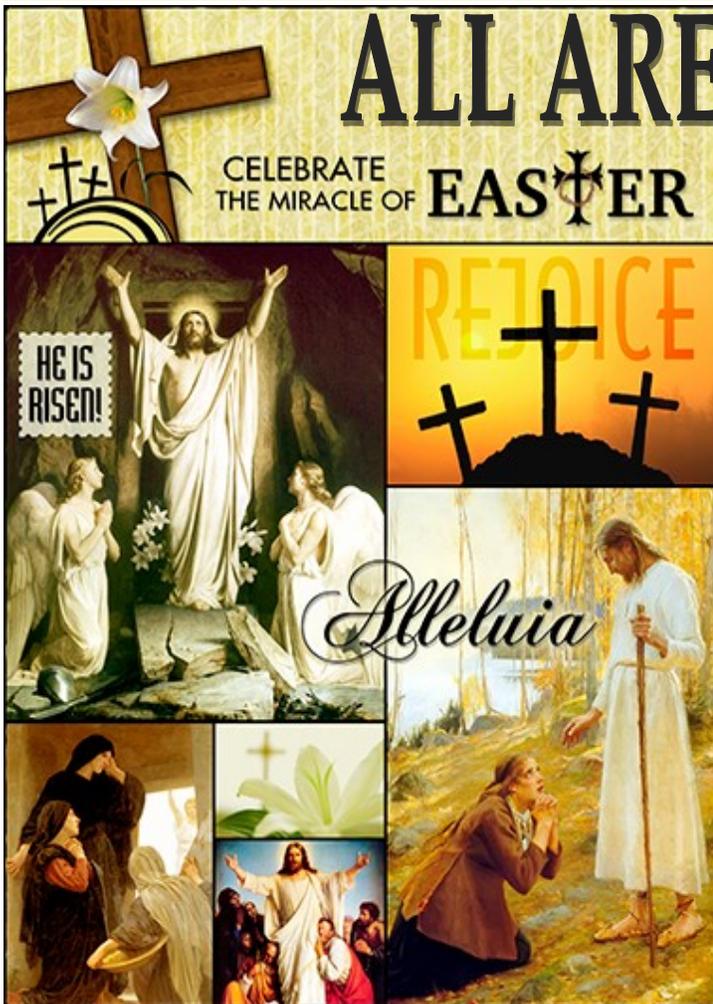
7 pm Parish Hall

HOLY WEEK? WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?
WHAT IS TRIDUUM?
WHY ARE THESE DAYS SO IMPORTANT?

Come and explore the sights, symbols,
and rituals that we celebrate during
Holy Week.

Learn a little Church History.
Ask questions. Take some time to open
yourself to the wonder and awe of the
Mass on Holy Thursday, the solemn
Good Friday service and the beauty of the
Great Easter Vigil.

Mark your calendar, bring your family and
friends to enjoy an informal evening with
Kay Hetherington that just might change
your Easter celebration.



The Good Samaritan Ministry is an outreach ministry of the parish that discerns ways to help individuals and families who are facing temporary, emergency hardships. We extend Christ's compassionate concern to the poor and all people of our local community with spiritual, financial and food assistance.

With Gratitude

The Good Samaritan Ministry thanks all who generously donated to our parish Ash Wednesday collection. Thanks to your generosity, the ministry has received **\$3,239.00**. It is this monetary support that provides the fuel that drives the yearly work of this ministry and allows us to fulfill the mission of the Church.

We receive numerous calls, daily, from the people of the parish and the surrounding communities in need of financial assistance. Your generosity help fulfill the needs towards temporary rental and utility assistance.

Thank you for your kindness and caring commitment.



A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome

If you are new to the area and have questions regarding Parish Registration, please contact the Parish Office. In order to be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered and show your presence and support with attendance at Mass and also through the regular use of offertory envelopes.

Young Adults who are still living at home with their parents, who are in college, and/or are employed full-time, are encouraged to register under their own name. This is important when one is asked to be a godparent. Take a moment & confirm your registration status with us.

For address and phone number changes, including a change in parish, please call the Parish Office .

Forgot your Offering Envelope?

We have "Welcome" envelopes in our Narthex available to anyone who does not have an envelope or forgot their envelope at home.

If you currently do not participate in our envelope system & would like to start using them, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Submissions

MARCH
22 bulletin

Materials Due
March 9

MARCH
29 bulletin

Materials Due
March 16

EMAIL: frontoffice@sienachurch.org

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



The Brach Family

Brian, Colleen,
Caroline & Emily

The Manzi Family

Kevin, Elizabeth, Sofia

Laura Marchetti

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

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL



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

To submit names, please use your Easter Flower Envelope or pick-up a form in the Narthex or Parish Office. All information must be received no later than

Monday, March 23rd

Donations begin at \$15. Please make check payable to St. Catherine of Siena Church. Note Flower Memorial in the Memo.

Please **PRINT** all names.

Altar Flowers

We invite our parishioners to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or perhaps to mark a special occasion. You will help us provide beauty for the Lord's worship and pay a visible tribute to a special person or celebrate a special event. Please call the Parish Office for more information or to place an order.

STEWARDS CORNER



ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020



*"God gives where he finds empty hands."
- St. Augustine*



PARISH UPDATE

Our Parish Results after TWO and half Weeks from the Kick-off of the Annual Catholic Appeal are incredible!

As of March 4, 2020:

Parish Goal is \$38,000

Raised: **\$27,390**

Collected: \$19,010

72% Percent of Goal Achieved!

Your gift helps to amplify the call to serve.

Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office.

Please do your part to help us reach our goal!

HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACA HELPS

Priests, Deacons, & Religious

- Finding & Forming Priests, Retired Priests Care

- Support of Religious Women & Men

Community Outreach

- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

- Catholic Social Services • Pastoral Care Outreach to the Poor & Vulnerable

Teaching the Faith

- Religious Education, Catholic Schools, *RCIA, *Tuition Assistance, *Evangelization & Communication

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

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Feb 29/March 1, 2020

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,538.00	153 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,266.00	112 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,212.00	130 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,254.00	200 people
Totals	\$5,270.00	595 people
Online Giving Feb 24—Mar 1	\$2,801.00	86 donors

Grand Total \$8,071.00

Second Collection

ASH WEDNESDAY - 710 People

ASH WEDNESDAY Collection Total	\$3,239.00
Black and Native American	\$1,218.00

Upcoming Second Collection

Diocesan Assessment

March 15

March 22

Catholic Relief Services

Our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). **Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad.** Please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH MINISTRIES IN ACTION

Lenten Soup Suppers 2020

Please join us as we gather together for a delicious soup dinner hosted by the Ministries of the Parish.

Fridays at 6 pm • Parish Hall



- March 6**
Rosary Altar Society
Legion of Mary
Reader Ministry
- March 13**
Money Counters
Building & Grounds
Music Ministry
- March 20**
Eucharistic Ministers of
Holy Communion
Chapel Readers & Homebound
Ministry
- March 27**
Knights of Columbus Council
Hospitality & Usher Ministry
- April 3**
Altar Servers
RCIA Team
Religious Education Program

Knight's of Columbus - Council #15703
First Annual
"Swing to Serve - Virtual Golf Outing"



The Knight's of Columbus Council #15703 is hosting a fun virtual golf outing at the Golf Cave in Eatontown, NJ. "Dust off" those clubs and get ready to warm up those "swings" for the Spring/Summer Season. Proceeds from the event go directly to many great local and State Catholic Charities.

Birthright **Joshua House** **Pride in Priest Dinner**
Bring an Active NJ Soldier Home
St. Catherine's Food Pantry **Catholic Charities**

When: March 26, 2020

Where: Golf Cave - 34 Industrial Way E
Eatontown, NJ 07724

Time: 6PM to 10PM **Cost:** \$100/person

Included in the Cost: Golf in Multiple "Caves"
Buffet Dinner, Refreshments (BYOB) Prizes for
Cave Contest Winners

Contact: Grand Knight - Bill Ingram to Register
c: 908.907.7341e: camano70@optonline.net

Social Concerns Commission Easter Baskets of Blessings

DONATIONS WELCOMED NOW THROUGH MARCH 22

Our Social Concerns Commission extends out into our community to lend support to all who are 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.

Please return donations to the Narthex no later than

March 22, 2020.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Items Collected:

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|----------------|---------------------|
| BOOKS | EASTER GRASS |
| BUBBLES | MARKERS |
| COLORING BOOKS | TOYS/GAMES |
| CRAYONS | PLAYDOH |
| EASTER BASKETS | SIDEWALK CHALK |
| EASTER CANDY | STICKERS |
| EASTER EGGS | STUFFED ANIMALS |
| | PERSONAL CARE ITEMS |

STORE BOUGHT BASKETS ACCEPTED

BASKET ASSEMBLY DAY 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 28, 2020

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT
732-938-5375 FOR MORE INFO



SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.--St. Louise de Marillac

AROUND OUR DIOCESE



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ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal 2020

The Annual Catholic Appeal IN ACTION How Your Contribution Helps the Diocese Help Others

Catechetical Ministry

The annual Catechetical Formation day was held on Saturday, February 21, 2020. Catechists from various ministries attend each year knowing how important it is for them to have ongoing formation of the faith. Dr. Edward Sri was the speaker for the formation day, he is a theologian, author, and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Dr. Sri offered a free evening on Friday, February 21, 2020 and provided the participants an opportunity to look at their personal preparations for Lent and how to journey with Jesus and Mary. On Saturday, he focused on Discipleship, how to live a *Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age*, by focusing on the challenges for Parents, families and parish leaders. Bishop O'Connell reminded the catechists in his homily, "Your role as catechists has never been more important. Together, you and I must find the paths that lead young people toward Christ and the Church, not away."



Monitor coverage <https://trentonmonitor.com/Content/News/LOCAL-COVERAGE/Article/Formation-day-offers-catechists-chance-to-be-spiritually-renewed/4/22/22633>

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THE MONITOR NEWS UPDATE

Five parishes to keep doors open for 24 Hours for the Lord

Five parishes in the Diocese will welcome all who wish to participate in 24 Hours for the Lord, a Lenten devotion planned in churches around the world March 20 and 21. The local parishes will open their doors for 24 hours, during which time visitors can pray before the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic Adoration, seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation, join in healing services or spend time in prayer.

Twenty-four Hours for the Lord began in 2018 when Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., asked parishes to join with Catholics throughout the world in the initiative that was established by Pope Francis. Father Jeffrey Kegley, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Middletown, explained, "In participating in 24 Hours for the Lord, a person will encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ as their sins are forgiven. After Confession, people again have another opportunity to encounter Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Both Confession and Adoration provide an amazing opportunity for healing of souls."

Along with St. Mary Parish, the other parishes hosting 24 Hours for the Lord are Nativity, Fair Haven; Mary, Mother of the Church, Bordentown; Holy Cross, Rumson, and St. Michael, West End. For times and other information, go to TrentonMonitor.com and search for [24 Hours for the Lord](#).

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