

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

February 8, 2015

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

Weekday Masses @ Chapel, 9:00 A.M. :

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday, following 9:00 A.M. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday, following 9:00 A.M. Mass to 11 A.M.

Holy Day Masses: As announced in bulletin

Confessions: Saturday - 3:30 to 4:00 P.M.

Baptism Classes: 3rd Wed. of each month

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Rev. Alfred Burke, Weekend Assistant

Deacon Joseph Prioli

Deacon Daniel Sakowski

Director of Religious Education: Kyle Galante

Parish Office Secretary: Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary: Janice Deakayne

Sacristan: Ruth Ziznewski

Organist: Judy Hyer

Parish Trustees: Cindy Ventura and Dean Wright



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 7, 2015

4:30 PM **Richard Hartel** r/o June & George Hankel

SUNDAY, February 8, 2015

8:00 AM **Russel Amato** r/o Carol Nebesnak

10:00 AM **Maureen Cox** r/o Husband, Vinnie

David Sullivan r/o Fiore Family

Dominick DeCaro r/o Jim & Marian Ferris

11:30 AM **“Living” Saadiya & Ryan Boutote** r/o Mom

Weekday Masses at St. Catherine’s Chapel, 9:00 AM 1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

Mass Intentions:

Monday, February 9, 2015

Anna & Frank Dresch r/o Granddaughter, Suzanne

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Anthony Pennetti & Family r/o Libby

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Daniel Cherellia r/o Daughter, Debi & Family

Friday, February 13, 2015

Parishioners



Contacts:

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www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:

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Religious Education:

732-938-6229

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732-938-3260

Pastor’s Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 7

Deacon Joe:

732-938-5375 ext. 9

Deacon Dan:

732-938-5375 ext. 3

Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

St. Vincent de Paul:

732-938-3454



of all our Parish family and friends, and especially the recently departed:

Jacques Ferland (Father of Sylvie Neal)

Frances Urso (Mother of Frank)

Kathleen Wasko (Sister of Barbara Anzano)

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

SICK RELATIVES AND

FRIENDS: Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Mike Lubniewski, Lauren MacArthur, Betty McCann, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Marjorie Seagriff, George Ziemienski



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.

- Psalm 147:4

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome the sixth graders of our Religious Education class together with their parents and teachers as they are with us to give thanks to the Lord God and encounter Him in this Sunday Liturgy. The whole congregation at the 11:30 am Mass is so pleased to see them praying and praising the Lord. The parish is grateful for the time and dedication of our volunteer teachers and aides providing our young people with the faith-formation they need to develop as they mature.

Oftentimes, we hear that parents in general will do anything for the sake of their children. Coming from a bigger family and being born overseas, I experienced the reality and the truth of what we hear from our folks. Literally speaking, great parents would do anything possible they can for their loving children. In fact, they may even prove that they have extraordinary abilities when it comes to protecting their children. A story was told about a child pinned under a car. The father, without giving it a second thought, bends down and manages to lift the car just enough for the child to slip out. It is easy to say that this could have been impossible, but it happened somehow, somewhere.

It has been proven down through the ages, since the beginning of time, God has cared for and provided for us, his loving children. Perhaps, we may not see or believe this, especially when we look at the 1st reading where Job's misfortune seems to fit our life. Whether Job was a real person or not, no one can say for sure, but the Book of Job definitely expresses a feeling we have felt sometimes, that life is not fair. Nevertheless, the paradox of faith is that when God seems to be far more distant from us, he is, in fact, as close to us as he has always been.

Coincidentally of course, many of us have a hard time making the connection between the Sunday Liturgy and living the Gospel in our day-to-day lives. Experience tells us that we can get buried at times with our own battles, challenges and stresses, that we become much like Job. We have the tendency to wallow in self-pity, doubts and self-reproach, rather than picking ourselves up, and allowing God into the most deep and frightening corner of our lives. Just figure it out. Jesus, on learning that Peter's mother-in-law was sick, said, "Leave me alone and don't bother me with your petty problems, that is not the reason why I came here today." Obviously, Jesus set the model for us. An excellent example to imitate. We have to be ready at all times to minister to all kinds of people, whenever a window of opportunity comes.

How about when Mother Teresa of Calcutta did a remarkable service when she revealed, through her writings, meditations and reflections, that there were many times she had serious doubts about the love of God. Her point is, God does not ask us to be superhuman beings. He calls us to be human beings with mercy, care, compassion and love for each other. Jesus is the best model of love. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

2/1/15 Weekly	\$6,649.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,368.00

2/15/15 Weekly & Diocesan Assessment

My dear parishioners:

I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern I have received from all over our Diocese, including your parish. I have received over 10,000 cards, letters, emails, video messages, gifts and countless prayers during my hospitalization and ongoing recovery. I could not begin to respond to each one personally, as much as I wish I could. Your pastor has allowed me to offer my heartfelt thanks in your parish bulletin. I am most grateful to you for your loving concern. The future looks good and I hope to be back in public by Palm Sunday. My thankful prayers are with you. God bless you.

Bishop O'Connell

The Rosary Altar Society will be holding its Valentine's Day Bake Sale on Saturday, February 14th and Sunday, February 15th. Please consider donating a home baked or store-bought item. Include a list of any ingredients that might be an allergen (i.e. milk, nuts, wheat, etc.) Drop all baked goods off at the Parish Hall before the mass you attend that weekend. Complimentary coffee and tea will be served after all Sunday masses, so please stop by.

CONFIRMATION PREP TEAM NOW FORMING.

We need **you!** Bring your faith and your faith experience. No more than 3 hours per month. Come share with us! Email RCIA@sienachurch.org

Monday, February 9

7:30 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul *Parish Hall*

Thursday, February 12

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society *Church & Parish Hall*

Saturday, February 14

9 AM Men's Prayer Group *Chapel* Call 732-477-7567

Tuesdays, First & Third - February 17

7:00 PM RCIA *Conference Room*

Wednesday, February 18

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class *Church*

Thursdays, First & Third - February 19

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation *Conference Room*

Tuesdays, thru March 24

7-8:30 PM Christian Yoga *Chapel* Call 732-938-3139

Thursdays

10 AM Legion of Mary *Conference Room*

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

2014 Tax Statement

If you use ENVELOPES and need a year end tax statement for 2014, 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.

Parish Pay 2014 Tax Statement

If you use Parish Pay, you will receive your Annual Giving Statement for the 2014 calendar year via email. You can also access your report online by logging into your account, navigating to the "Reports" tab, then select the "Annual Statements" icon, and download the report as a PDF.

We have prayer cards in the pews as we prepare for the upcoming World Meeting of Families when the Holy Father, Pope Francis comes to the United States in September. Everyone is asked to pray with us at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful during weekday and weekend Masses. The prayer cards have to stay in the Church and the Chapel, but can be downloaded from the website.

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.

World Meeting of Families February Theme: Two Become One

We are not made to be alone. Human beings need and complete each other. Friendship and community satisfy that longing with bonds of common interest and love. Marriage is a uniquely intimate form of friendship that calls a man and a woman to love each other in the manner of God's covenant. Marriage is a Sacrament and married love is fruitful and offered without reservation. This love is in the image of Jesus's faithfulness to the church. In the month of February, continue to pray for strong marriages, be it your own, a family member, or friend or for the married couples within our Parish Community. Remember the World Meeting of Families call: "Love is our Mission the Family Fully Alive." For more information, please visit the official web site at www.worldmeeting2015.org or go to our Parish web site: www.sienachurch.org for a direct link to World Meeting of Families.

New Parishioners

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH
WARMLY WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING *NEW MEMBERS*:

**Cathy, Caitlin, Jeffrey Lewis and
Raeleigh & Avery Hannah
Wanderson & Deanna Silva**

Adult Confirmation Classes & Celebration

Adult Catholics who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a preparation program. Our preparation program schedule is the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please email RCIA@sienachurch.org for more info. "By the sacrament of Confirmation [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." -CCC, no. 1285.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION—CHAPTER I
Retreat Day. The day consists of Mass, prayer, music, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. *"Do Not Forget the Works of the Lord!"*
Saturday, February 21, 2015 9 am-1 pm
Mass- 8:30 am St. William the Abbott
2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Road, Howell NJ
\$20.00 includes lunch-Reservations are necessary.
Call 732-363-0139 x 777 or visit www.cwoz.org

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Vocational discernment groups meet to assist young men who are discerning the possibility that God may be calling them to a life of priestly ministry. These groups are designed to explore a priestly vocation with other like-minded men through prayer and sharing vocation stories and experiences. The group meetings aren't meant to convince anyone that the priesthood is their vocation. They are designed to assist you in discovering if the priesthood is your true vocation and build your relationship with Christ along the way.

If you are a faithful, single, Roman Catholic man, between the ages of 18 and 40, and are asking yourself whether God is calling you to be a priest, you are cordially invited to attend this month's discernment meeting on February 22nd, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Saint James Parish, 115 E. Delaware Avenue, Pennington, New Jersey. Join Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Walsh, as he shares his experiences of the priesthood, followed by prayer and conclude with conversation and a meal. Please register with Diocese of Trenton Vocation Office at vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or by calling (609) 406-7449. Join us at this exciting time as you discover and respond to His invitation!

SINGLE OR COUPLED YOUNG ADULTS

If you're single or coupled, aged 20-30 and looking for like minded people to share your faith and fellowship in a safe environment, join us. Saturday **February 21st, 7pm** at Sacred Heart Church Hall. Located opposite the church in the parking lot. Serving light refreshments. 751 Main Street, Bay Head NJ located on RT#35. Contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or (732) 899-1398

The following programs will be offered at the Upper Room Diocesan Spiritual Center, Neptune, NJ for the month of FEBRUARY.

Centering Prayer

Join us as Fr. Keating invites us into greater depth and transformation in Christ. The day will include presentation, discussion and Centering Prayer.

Tuesday, February 17 10:00am-2:00pm \$35
(A light lunch and materials are included)

ASH WEDNESDAY: Making Time for Those Burnt Out Areas of Our Lives

Doesn't life hand us enough penances without our creating or embracing more? Can't such religiosity make us morbid, joyless? What does a really good Lent look like? What is it supposed to accomplish? A lot to think and talk about.

February 18 9:30am-2:00pm \$50
(Liturgy and lunch included)

Knitting and Prayer

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills, prayer and compassion and be rewarded with the satisfaction of creating a prayer shawl. Little or no experience required.

Wednesday, February 25 1:30-3:30pm
Free will offering.

Cycling Through the Scriptures

We have grown used to the three-year cycle of Sunday readings, and a two-year cycle for the weekdays. Tonight we will look at the cycle of readings and the underlying theological motif that leads us through a liturgical year.

Wednesday, February 25 7:00-9:00pm \$25

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. This retreat offers a supportive, non-judgmental and confidential environment where women and men can begin to experience the process of healing.

Friday, Feb. 27-Sunday, March 1, 2015
7pm arrival on Friday....4pm departure on Sunday
Fee: \$130

For registration and/or further information, please contact: Judy @ 732-536-6871 or email: judywarren543@msn.com

OFFERINGS FROM STELLA MARIS RETREAT CENTER

981 OCEAN AVE., LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740

LENTEN PRAYER AND FAITH-SHARING GROUP

Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self

February 19 – March 26, 2015

Six consecutive Thursdays

9:30–11:30am Fee:\$60 (includes book & refreshments)

Using Joyce Rupp's book *Open the Door, A Journey to the True Self*, we will explore her "rich image of the door as an invitation to growth and awareness. Readers will discover that there is seemingly no end to the insights that the image of the door can yield and that opening the door of the heart reveals the vast treasure of who we are and how the sacred is present within us."

Guided by facilitators, the Thursday weekly sessions are conducted in a small group format with time allotted both for group sharing and quiet prayer on the beautiful grounds of Stella Maris. Participants are encouraged to spend time daily in prayer and reflection, reading the book, attending the weekly gathering, journaling and sharing the fruits of their prayer experience with others. Give yourself a gift this Lent! Join us! Visit www.stellamarisretreatcenter.com for full program description. **To register or for more information call 732-229-0602 or E-mail: retreats@stellamarisretreatcenter.com**

Act Now to Stop Assisted Suicide S382, a bill authorizing doctor prescribed suicide, was released by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on December 15, 2014 and could be voted on by the full Senate at any time. An identical bill, A2270 was passed by the General Assembly on November 13, 2014. S382, the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act, has great potential for serious abuses. For example, the bill does not allow for human error, which so often occurs. In predicting patients' lifespans, a 6-month prognosis for a terminal illness is often wildly inaccurate. Also, S382 does not require a patient to consult a psychiatrist, palliative care, or hospice expert before receiving and administering the prescription to commit suicide. Under S382 no physician is required to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription and there is no requirement to notify family members. We should support compassionate care, especially improved hospice and palliative care. We should not assist people to commit suicide. Please contact your Senator and ask them to vote "No" on S382 - the Aid in dying for the Terminally Ill Act. This is very easy to do by email at <https://voterveice.net/NJCC/Campaigns>. Or find your Senator and contact information for telephone calls at 800-792-8630.