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2015 MARCH

Jesus was transfigured
before them,
and his clothes became
dazzling white.

Mark 9:2-3

SECOND
SUNDAY
OF

Lent

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

March 1, 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 Deakyne

Sacristan: Ruth Ziznewski

Organist: Judy Hyer

Parish Trustees: Cindy Ventura and Dean Wright

Website:

www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:

732-938-5375

Religious Education:

732-938-6229

FAX phone:

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 28, 2015

4:30 PM **Rose DelPriore**

r/o Ella LaRocca

SUNDAY, March 1, 2015

8:00 AM **Sherlock Storey Sr.**

r/o Nigel & Jacqueline Storey

10:00 AM **Joseph Russo**

r/o Amato Family

11:30 AM **Robert A. Roe**

r/o Cerisano Family

Weekday Masses at the Chapel 1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

MONDAY, March 2, 2015

9:00 AM **Frank Moore** r/o Talcott Family

TUESDAY, March 3, 2015

9:00 AM **John Gunset** r/o Anne Hilker

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 2015

9:00 AM **Communion Service**

THURSDAY, March 5, 2015

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

FRIDAY, March 6, 2015

9:00 AM **Patricia Bicica** r/o Julie DeLuca

Tuesdays, First & Third - March 3

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Thursdays, First & Third - March 5

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Conference Room

Monday, March 9

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

Thursday, March 12

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

Saturday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

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.

ALL FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER @ 6:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7:00 P.M.

This free dinner, consisting of soup, bread, and salad will provide an opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter.

Dear Parishioners,

As a faith-filled people of God in our parish community we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent today. I'm delighted to share with you a true story that happened to a fellow priest of mine who was walking in the middle of a cold winter night in a not too nice neighborhood. A man hiding in the dark did not recognize him as a priest because the priest had his topcoat buttoned up to his chin. The man came out of the shadows with a gun and asked the priest to give him his wallet. When the priest opened up his coat to get it, the man with the gun saw his Roman collar and apologized. He said "I'm so sorry Father, I didn't know you were a priest. I can't take anything from you, you are a man of God, just proceed and go on your way." The priest was so relieved and immediately he reached into his coat pocket and pulled out a cigar. "Thank you, you are a good man. Here is a cigar for you." The robber replied and said "I appreciate that Father, but I simply cannot take it. I gave up smoking for Lent."

The point here is so obvious that whatever spiritual practice we choose to take in during the season of Lent, it is supposed to convert and change us; it has to make us better people. As we know changes come in many and different ways. Some are good, some are not. Some could be gradual, some could occur expeditiously. Notice that today's readings deal with the most profound change any human life will ever face and that is the finality of life in this world and the beginning of life hereafter. Did we recognize that the themes of death and life are part of each of today's readings?

Abraham's son Isaac came within seconds of having his life taken from him, but God spared his life. Isaac's life having been saved was like a resurrection for him. Abraham's relief that his son continued to be alive would have been enormous.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we as God's chosen ones, should find consolation and courage in these words when we pass through the valley of darkness, doubt, and mental suffering. Jesus' death and resurrection are an assurance of God's love.

In the Gospel, Jesus' transfiguration is not only a revelation of divine glory hidden in Jesus, but the transfiguration is closely tied to Jesus' death and resurrection. If we go to St. Mark's gospel and read the passage immediately preceding the account of the transfiguration, we will see that right before Jesus went up the mountain, Jesus warned his disciples that he would be put to death and would rise again. Immediately after the event, when coming down from the mountain, he tells Peter, James, and John, who were with him during the transfiguration, not to tell anyone what they had experienced until he had risen from the dead.

Our Lenten journey prepares us to celebrate again what Jesus has done for us in his death and resurrection. We are all invited, called to enter into new life with him now so that when our time comes we can enter fully into his glory.

As we continue to be with the Lord in this holy season, we seek transformation that would lead us to conversion. The Apostles' perspectives on their life and mission changed tremendously during their mountaintop experience. We pray that like them our life and sense of mission may invigorate us by our Lenten discipline and observance. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

2/18/15 Ash Wednesday	\$2,024.00
2/22/15 Weekly	\$5,958.00
Black & Native Americans	\$1,100.00
January Parish Pay	\$7,613.63
3/8/15 Weekly & St. Vincent de Paul	
Thank you so much for your generous contributions.	
<u>Some bills paid this week:</u>	
JCP & L	\$1,722.88
Snowplow, salt, apply icemelt	\$1,615.00

Food donations to the church are distributed to the needy by the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and by Joshua House. Thank you for your continued generosity.



through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed to the Church:

Kelsey Ann Terry

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

New Parishioners

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

Philip & Natalie Livoti
Michael Weseloski & Lori Pankowitz

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, Betty McCann, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Marjorie Seagriff, George Zieminski

We have prayer cards in the pews as we prepare for the upcoming World Meeting of Families in September as the Holy Father, Pope Francis comes to the United States. Everyone is asked to pray with us at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful during weekday and weekend Masses. Those prayer cards have to stay in our places of worship, the Chapel and the Church.

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.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

Ministry of Catholic Schools Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome approximately 17,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. In a faith-centered, child-sensitive environment, students are taught respect and to value individual differences in others. Our schools' Catholic identity integrates spirituality, collegiality, social justice and academic development as students proclaim the faith in all learning activities. Your gift can help to keep our Catholic faith growing in our schools.

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.

**World Meeting of Families March Theme:
Creating the Future**

Marriage is meant to be fertile and welcome new life. Children shape the future, just as they themselves are shaped in their families. Without children, there can be no future. Children reared with love and guidance are the foundation for a loving future. Wounded children portend a wounded future. Families are the bedrock for all larger communities. Families are domestic churches, places where parents help children discover that God loves them and has a plan for each child's life. This March, let us all offer a daily prayer for the children of our Parish, may they grow in God's love with the guidance of parents, family members, teachers, clergy, and our entire Parish Community.

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annulment Information Evenings annually. This season, the evening will be held on Wednesday, **March 6, 7:30 pm** at St. William the Abbot, 2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd, Howell; For info, call 609-406-7434 or e-mail rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Lent, a Time to Prepare - For Separated and Divorced - Offered by Healing Hearts

A Lenten reflection that can be a source of spiritual renewal; one that can help the separated or divorced person toward healing by seeing his or her suffering mirrored in Jesus' suffering. The evenings will offer an opportunity for stillness and quiet reflection; for integrating thoughts, feelings, and prayer in the struggle through transition and change. The sessions will be held **March 5, 12, 19, & 26**, from **7-9 PM** at St. Veronica's Church, ACTS Office located in the rectory basement, 4215 Route 9, Howell, NJ. Call 732-363-5698 or email stveronicakre4u@optonline.net.

Adoption Connections is a support group for all members of the adoption triad (birth parents, adoptive parents, adoptees) including pre-adoptive parents who are exploring the different pathways to adoption. Attendees can learn more about the adoption process, international vs. domestic, and closed vs. open vs. semi-open options. We also explore issues related to raising children such as answering adoption related questions in an age appropriate way. The group facilitators are adoptive parents. The group meets on the 2nd Friday evening of each month at 7:30pm at St. Benedict Church, 165 Bethany Rd, Holmdel, NJ 07733 in the Fr. Anderson Library (park behind the church). For more information contact Tricia and Dan at 917-6018866 or Tzichello@gmail.com.

St. Veronica School will be holding its 31st Annual Dinner & Gift Auction on **March 20th, 2015** at South Gate Manor, Freehold. Tickets are \$60 and are on sale now. Go to www.stveronicaschool.com.

Saint John Vianney High School's Second Annual Casino & Gift Auction will be held on **Friday, March 20th** at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club in Farmingdale. SJVHS will also be drawing its MEGA CASH Raffle that evening with three chances to win cash prizes. Please visit our website, www.sjvhs.com and under Announcements, click on Casino Night for more information including our early bird special & our online invitation! For Casino Night and/or MEGA CASH RAFFLE info. contact Pasquale@sjvhs.com or call [732] 739-0800 x121.

3 Phantom of The Opera tickets available for **Saturday, April 18th, 2015**, matinee. Bus leaves St. Catherine's parking lot at 10am; returns about 6pm. Cost is \$129 per person (includes theatre ticket, bus, & lunch at a NYC restaurant). Tickets can be sold separately if you don't need all 3. Any interest, please contact Maria at 732-306-9994.