



St. Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33



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MARCH
18
2018

First Reading — JER 31:31-34

Second Reading — HEB 5:7-9

Gospel — JN 12:20-33

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Holy Day Masses:

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM Main Church

Weekday Chapel Mass 9AM

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mon., following 9:00 AM Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday following 9 AM to 11 AM

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Thurs: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM to 12:45 PM

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Rev. Alfred Burke, Weekend Assistant

Deacon Daniel Sakowski, Deacon

Kyle Galante, Director of Religious Education

Francine Gagliano, Sacristan

Alice Kovach, Music Director

Janice Deakyne, Religious Education Secretary

Rob Mercado & June Hankel, Parish Trustees

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(732) 938-6229

Office Hours

Monday

9:00 AM to 7:15 PM

Wednesday:

9:00 AM to 5:45 PM

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17, 2018 — 4:30 PM

Mary Jean Iorio Requested by
Michele & Joe Stuart

Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:00 AM Fr. Justin Biase Requested by
Phil & Darlene Sardone

10:00 AM Danny Anderson Requested by
MaryAnn Frasier

11:30 AM Theresa Hobday Requested by
Tony & Annette Ruggiero

Weekday Chapel Mass — 9 AM

Monday, March 19, 2018

Philip Pondaco, Sr. Requested by
Concetta Pondaco

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Mary M. Christensen Requested by Ust Family

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Margaret Kelly Requested by
Kirse & Hoffman Family

Friday, March 23, 2018

Robert Hoffman Requested by
Michael Henderson

Liturgical Ministries

Liturgical Schedule: March 17 & 18

Altar Servers

4:30 PM S. Schuld

10:00 AM J. Silverman, M. Utz, V. Utz

11:30 AM C. Prioli, J. Priolli, N. Prioli

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30 PM R. Garcia, J. Pekar

8:00 AM H. Cyrus, Dr. S. Martino

10:00 AM P. Davison, M. Ferris, A. Hoffman

11:30 AM B. Imposimato, D. Lee, T. Murray

Readers

4:30 PM B. Brogno, F. Brogno

8:00 AM A. SanAntonio

10:00 AM A. Brayshaw

11:30 AM D. Dipierri, P. Lavin

WORSHIP

Please pray for the sick and all those who
have asked for our prayers:

MaryAnn Aulisi Teresa Magyar

Jean & Mike Burke Margie McCullam

Joseph Cocuzza Amber Painter

Nancy Drake Esther Peraza

Bob Fort Jeanette Picciani

Richard Giordano David Piccolo

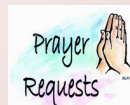
Marlene Gravatt Lenore Sears

Lori Jones Barbara Sansevere

Edward Kress Nancy Soper

Barbara Lipari Ilona Supczynski

Lauren MacArthur Roseann Williams



A list of prayers for those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Office at 732-938-5375.



Homebound Ministry

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



Monday, March 26

9:00 AM Daily Mass at Chapel
7:30 PM Chrism Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold, NJ
Renewal of Priestly Vows, Blessing of Oils

Tuesday, March 27

9:00 AM Daily Mass at Chapel

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

9:00 AM Church is Open
3:00 PM Passion of the Lord,
Veneration of the Cross & Communion
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31

9:00 AM Morning Prayers in Church Followed by
Blessing of Easter Foods
7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1

8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 AM Masses

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Our First Communicants in the Religious Education Program are going to have their Retreat beginning at 9 A.M. in the Parish Hall. We continue to remind our dear parents who have started the faith journey of their children to be with them as they listen, participate and are actively involved in this religious activity. On behalf of the parish community, we acknowledge and recognize our faithful catechists and aides being led by our Religious Education Director and Secretary of the Program. Thank you so very much for making this a success for building up his Kingdom.

The Missionaries of the Poor are speaking at all Masses this weekend. Please be generous with our monetary contributions to the most needy and less fortunate people of Haiti. We thank you so much for your extravagant generosity. May God bless you generous givers.

This Tuesday, March 20 at 7 P.M. is the continuation of our Lenten Series in the Parish Hall. Please keep in mind that coming and attending this series is a good way to be with the Lord as we practice our Lenten devotions.

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Our life begins in loss. In the act of our birth we were pushed out from the warm womb of our mother, then dragged helpless into the big world of watching adults. As we are disconnected from our mothers, we screamed and protested as we were held upside down in the hands of a stranger who slapped us. Some welcome, huh! Our new separateness was frightening. Even though we were returned to our mother, we inhabited a place that was different from hers. To gain a place in the new world, we first had to lose our place in the old one. The act of birth is inseparable from the pain of letting go. Evidently, that was our first education.

When we think of loss we usually have in mind the loss of some loved one in death. But the experience of loss plays a bigger part in our lives than we might think; we lose not only by someone's death, but by leaving and being left, by letting go and moving on, by relinquishing our false dreams. Throughout our lives we have to face a whole series of necessary losses, people and relationships and attachments we have to give up if we are to grow. Our gradual development is marked by renunciation, for it is only through losses that we learn to change and adapt and make new gains. As they say, no pain, no gain.

As we grow older we have to let go of our youthful good health, our perfect vision, our waistlines, our earnestness to save the world, our unreal expectations of others, our naïve belief in the progress and development of the earth. The time comes when we have to let go of life itself, and that final act can be as painful a leave-taking as the act of birth. But in the midst of this litany of loss there can be new growth and new life. As Jesus said in today's Gospel:

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

March 19 — Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

Joseph, an upright man. What does it mean to be an upright man? When Joseph found out that Mary was with child, he did not just close his eyes but acknowledged that he had to somehow divorce her according to the Law but wanted to protect Mary, so he was planning to do it as quietly as possible. His first character trait that is shown is Truth, Authenticity. One has to face the truth no matter how unpalatable it is. But Joseph was compassionate about it. An UPRIGHT person does not want to destroy another person. Then when he was told that the child is not of any human father but was conceived by the Holy Spirit, he then assumed the responsibility of taking care of the child of His mother Mary. In all his actions and attitude, he showed us what UPRIGHTNESS is all about.

May God Bless us,

Father Angelito

ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, March 10/11, 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,848.00	159 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$2,141.00	111 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,641.00	174 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$888.00	164 people
Online Giving Mar 5—Mar 11	\$3,271.00	84 donors
Totals	\$9,789.00	608 people

Second Collection
Catholic Relief Services \$1,276.00



Next Weekend's Collection
Weekly First Collection & Maintenance & Repairs

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION



Catholic Social Services

Diocesan Parish Counseling Services:

Parishioners have access to short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. The program was developed by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling and support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services.

Parish Emergency Assistance Program (PEAP):

Emergency financial assistance to individuals through the parish and coordinated by Catholic Charities.

Diocesan Social Service Workshops: Information and resources to parishes and Catholic service agencies are available to enhance Diocesan Catholic Social Service.

Home Health Nursing Program: Free, in-home nursing and home health services are available to seniors in Greater Trenton through Mt. Carmel Guild.

Emergency Assistance: People in Mercer County are able to receive food through Mt. Carmel Guild. Over 30,000 received food through this program last year.

Your gift gives them a place to turn to in their need.

2017 Tax Statement

If you use **ENVELOPES** and need a year end tax statement for 2017, 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. If you use online giving, you will be receiving instructions directly from them on how to print out your reports.

If you are in need of a letter for tax purposes for your 2017 donations to St. Vincent de Paul, please send an email to SVPPaid@gmail.com and request a copy of your donations. As always, thank you for your generous support of our ministry.

Electronic Giving ... www.parishpay.com/nonprofit/login.html?pc=cserg792. Contact 800-950-9952 M-F 7:00 am —7:00 pm

Remember Us in Your Will ... A simple charitable bequest can provide very meaningful support for St. Catherine of Siena Church. An up-to-date will can protect your loved ones and your dreams; let you, not the state, determine how your assets will be distributed; help you leave a legacy through charitable gifts; help you minimize estate taxes; and assure those charities you value will continue.

Bulletin Submissions ... Because of the deadline assigned to us by the bulletin company, all information **must be submitted to the Parish Office 2 weeks in advance.** Articles given later will be included in the bulletin for the following week.



As we approach the Resurrection of Our Lord from death, we call to mind all our beloved deceased. Our Church decorations are a memorial to those who have

passed on to be remembered throughout the Easter season. If you wish an Easter Memorial, you may use the flower envelope included in the March offertory envelopes OR use the form below. Please print names clearly and note who the memorial is "requested by". Please place in collection basket or mail to 31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727. RETURN BY 3/26/18

IN MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

Amt. Enclosed \$ _____ (suggested donation \$10)

FROM THE DIOCESE

LENTEN REGULATIONS

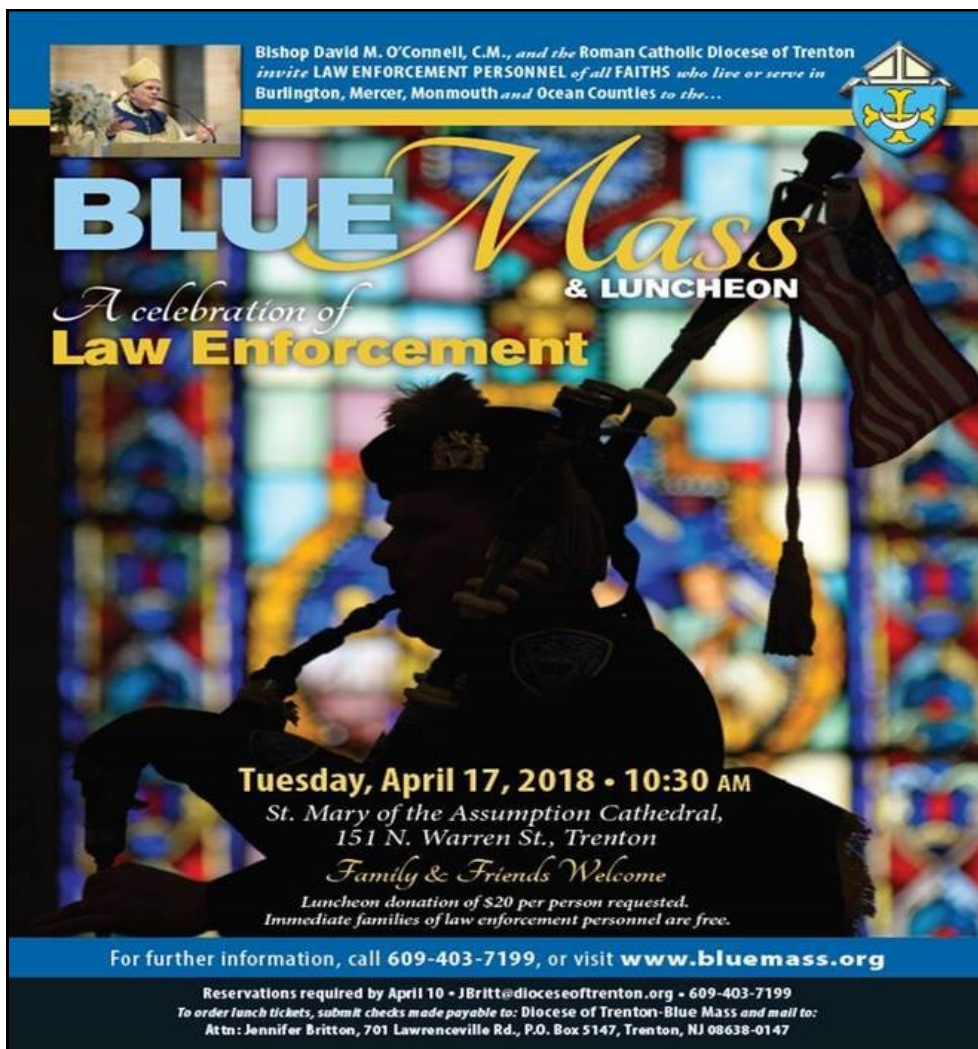
As we enter the Lenten Season, we offer a little refresher on what the Catholic Church in the United State requires of us as baptized Catholics:

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. *St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Saturday this year.***
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, February 17-18 to Trinity Sunday, May 26-27**. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.




Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton
invite **LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL** of all FAITHS who live or serve in
Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties to the...

BLUE Mass
A celebration of
Law Enforcement
& LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 10:30 AM
St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral,
151 N. Warren St., Trenton
Family & Friends Welcome
Luncheon donation of \$20 per person requested.
Immediate families of law enforcement personnel are free.

For further information, call 609-403-7199, or visit www.bluemass.org

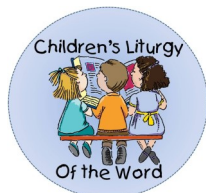
Reservations required by April 10 • JBritt@dioceseoftrenton.org • 609-403-7199
To order lunch tickets, submit checks made payable to: Diocese of Trenton-Blue Mass and mail to:
Attn: Jennifer Britton, 701 Lawrenceville Rd., P.O. Box 5147, Trenton, NJ 08638-0147

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY



Sunday, March 25 at the 11:30 am Mass.

All children in grades K-4 (ages 5 -10) are invited to participate. Young children are given the opportunity to listen to a children's version of Sunday's readings and Gospel stories at their own level of understanding and participate in activities that bring the readings to life. Each Sunday's Liturgy of the Word is enriched and modified to make it important and relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. To sign up for this month's sessions, please email clow@sienachurch.org.

Sharing the Gospel

Instead of telling people he was the Savior, Jesus showed them. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus sent a message loud and clear. Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for. He was filled with God's love and power, and many people believed in him.

Prayer

Thank you for showing me that you are my Savior, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

Read the Gospel and Color



COMING SOON



Chris Stefanick - Reboot! Live! is a cross-generational event for ages 12 and older. We invite you to bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers - Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Reboot! Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched!

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 7:00-9:30 PM, Church of St. Leo the Great, 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, NJ
\$22 per seat, seats sell out quickly! Go to www.RealLifeCatholic.com for more information.

PARISH NEWS



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

Christopher & Samantha Keegan

St. Catherine of Siena Music Ministry needs Cantors and Choir members.

If you would love to be part of our ministry of giving to the Glory of God through music, please come and join us! We are planning for special liturgies and a possible concert series.



Contact our Music Director, Alice, at akovach9@aol.com to sign up and begin a journey of learning and growing with your Parish.

The choir meets on **Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Church.**

Sunday, March 25, 2018
After the 10:00 & 11:30 AM Mass

All are welcome to stop by our Parish Hall for Coffee, Tea and Sweet Treats provided by our Hospitality Committee.

If interested in volunteering, please email hospitality@sienachurch.org



PARISH NEWS



LENTEN SERIES

Come join your neighbors and friends in a dynamic faith formation program on **THE PASCHAL MYSTERY!**

This moving, beautifully filmed **FORMED** presentation is a 2-Part Series which will deepen your understanding of the central mystery of our faith, **THE PASCHAL MYSTERY**, as we journey toward Holy Week and Easter!

See the richness of the Catholic faith in this state of the art movie as we all seek to better know and live our faith and grow deeper in communion with Jesus and His Church!

WHEN: Tuesday, March 20 at 7 PM

WHAT: Reflection; Discussion; Refreshments

WHERE: St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall

For more information, please contact welcome@sienachurch.org

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

St. Catherine of Siena seeks to promote a **Social Concerns Commission** for all those in need within our parish, our community, our diocese, our country and world.

Our **purpose** is to encourage all members of the parish to live out our baptismal promise.

Our **goal** is pursued through prayer, discussion, acts of service, education and advocacy.

Please respond to this brief survey about social causes in which you would like to see our parish community get involved. Follow the simple instructions and complete the brief survey here:
<https://tinyurl.com/y7tx3rj2> .

The survey link can also be found on our website, sienachurch.org, or stop by the parish office to receive a copy.



FRIDAY, March 23 at 6 pm – Parish Hall

**Hosted by the Ministries of Hospitality Committee,
Religious Education, St. Vincent de Paul, and Youth Ministry**

All are welcome to share a bowl of delicious soup, bread, and salad, while enjoying the love and fellowship of our community of faith. It is a wonderful gift for all to gather over a "humble" meal, to chat with old friends and make new ones! Please join us as this is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter.

All are invited and encouraged to attend the **Stations of the Cross** being held in our Church at 7 pm led by Alfredo Cortes.



2019 Mass Book Opening

Sunday, April 8 from 9 am—12:45 pm and Wednesday, April 11 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm
To request a Mass Intention, one must be present and the cost is \$10 each.

COMMUNITY CORNER

No Greater Love

A vibrant musical drama celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It will be performed at **St. Justin the Martyr Church, 975 Fischer Blvd. Toms River, on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 4:00pm.**

The Xavier Company is a unique group of Christian performing artists in residence at NYC's Saint Francis Xavier Church. Don't miss this captivating performance of **No Greater Love** that brings to life the timeless and sacred story of the Passion of Jesus Christ. There is NO admission fee, but there will be a freewill offering after the performance followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

For further info contact the parish office at [732-270-3980](tel:732-270-3980).

Life in the Spirit Seminar

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God" Romans 8:14

St. Veronica's is hosting a series, 7 weekly Life in the Spirit Seminars beginning **April 10**. The talks and discussions will transform your life and fuel the fire for the Holy Spirit. Come experience renewal through God's Grace, Mercy and Love and ignite the Power of the Holy Spirit.

For more information regarding this year's Seminar or to register, email LISS@stveronica.com or call Mary Jean at [732-364-2815](tel:732-364-2815).