

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

December 1, 2013

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.

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Prioli

Coordinator of Religious Education: Nancy Riddell

Director of Nursery School: Susan Connolly

Coordinator of Nursery School: Patricia Cranmer

Parish Office Secretary: Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary: Janice Deakyne

Sacristan: Ruth Ziznewski

Organist: Judy Hyer

Parish Trustees: Donna Lee and Dean Wright

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, November 30, 2013

4:30 PM Maureen Cox r/o Megill Family

Angel S. Anarcon r/o Anthony & Jane Morro

SUNDAY, December 1, 2013

8:00 AM Sharon Storey r/o Nigel & Jacqueline Storey

Jean Kessler r/o Ann Kessler

Florence Sherman r/o Ann Kessler

10:00 AM James Maher r/o Kelso Family

Alfonso Sammarco r/o Wife, Annette

Roy Gustausen r/o Family

11:30 AM Deborah Sisk r/o Morton Family

Ellen Mahoney r/o Rossmeissl Family

Parishioners



Contacts:

Website:

www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:

732-938-5375

Religious Education:

732-938-6229

Nursery School:

732-938-3454

FAX phone:

732-938-3260

Pastor's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 7

Deacon's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 5

Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

St. Vincent de Paul:

732-701-7837

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

Mass Intentions:

Monday, December 2, 2013

Maureen Cox r/o Barney & Peg DeBeneditto

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

"Living" Intention Maryann O'Neill r/o

Maryann Daley

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Thomas Apostolico r/o Lou & Marcia Ciccone

Friday, December 6, 2013

Maureen Cox r/o Barney & Peg DeBeneditto

After Mass until 11:00 A.M.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Solemn Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

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First Sunday of Advent

"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the start of the Liturgical Year in the Church's calendar. Advent is a time of joyful expectation. It has two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities and feasts of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is celebrated and remembered and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are to look forward to our Savior's Second Coming at the end of time. These are the two reasons why Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. Advent is an opportunity to ask ourselves; How do I prepare to recall in faith Christ's birth in Bethlehem, to welcome in love his daily arrival in my life, and to anticipate in hope his future coming in judgment? Even though not a season or time of self-denial, Advent invites us to evaluate and scrutinize our lives.

This Sunday's reading most particularly the second, suggests that maybe the very important thing is to wake up: "It is the hour now for you to stay awake from sleep". Several times we stumble into our sins; it is so easy for us to acquire patterns of bad behavior through non attentiveness and carelessness: it seems that it is always tempting to follow the easier path. Advent is the time in which we have to stir ourselves out of our spiritual lethargy and take the initiative as our first reading tells us: "to walk in the light of the Lord." And so the question: What opportunities does Advent present for me to walk in the light of the Lord? How are these sorts of activities different from the Hustle and bustle of the Christmas season?"

This week, Monday, December 2, at 4:30 P.M., and Wednesday, December 4, at 6 P.M., we are going to have confessions for our Religious Education (CCD) students in the Church. This is a great time for our young people of the parish to say: "COME LORD JESUS". This is the right moment to prepare for the Solemnity of the Birthday of the Lord Jesus. The parish has invited some priests in the area to help us hear confessions and give absolutions.

For the first time, the parish community is launching the Christmas Carol Festival on Thursday, December 5, at 7 P.M. in the parish hall. Everyone is cordially invited to be there for your presence is a great delight to the celebration. Christmas is in the air, hence we have to show it as we actively participate in singing, praising and fellowship. Please make every effort to be there.

May God bless us as we prepare joyfully for His Second Coming,

Father Angelito

Sacrificial Offertory

12/8/13 Weekly & Religious Retirement
12/9/13 Immaculate Conception

Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



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

Orion Pax Maximo

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

New Parishioners

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ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH
WARMLY WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING *NEW MEMBERS*:
Lou & Marcia Ciccone
Patricia & Robert Cook
Bill, Melissa, Lee, & Sarah Ingram
John & Anne Moon
Mark Oberschewen
Anthony & Joanne Passalacqua
Yesenia Rodriguez
Robert & Joan Serafin

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Richard Borgstrom, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, John Masterson, Esther Peraza

Monday, December 9

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

Thursday, December 12

7:30 PM Rosary Altar Society *Parish Hall*

Rosary, Meeting, & \$10 Grab Bag

Saturday, December 14

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

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class *Church*

Tuesdays, First & Third

7:00 PM RCIA *Conference Room*

Contact janecable@gmail.com

Tuesdays, thru December 17

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 Christmas Giving Tree gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 1st. Please help make Christmas brighter for those in need by returning your gifts on time. Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be evening prayers, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction during the 4 Sundays in Advent - December 1, December 8, December 15, and December 22 at 7:00 P.M. in the Chapel.



FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL

Thursday, December 5th, 2013 at 7 P.M.
 St. Catherine's Parish Hall
 - refreshments to follow -
 Enjoy a wonderful evening as we await the Birth of Christ



Rehearsals for our Children's Choir will be held on Mondays, from **5:40 - 6:10** in the church, Children of all ages are welcome to join us. We will be singing at the 6:00 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, please see Judy Hyer or call Lori Tomlinson at 908-814-8022.



**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS
 PLEASE RETURN REQUESTS
 NO LATER THAN
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

In order for it to be included in the Christmas Bulletin Any requests after 12/9 will NOT BE included until the following weekends Bulletin.

Anyone wishing to make a donation for Church Christmas flowers/decorations in memory of a loved one, or for any reason, please fill out the form below and drop it with your offering into the collection basket, or mail to the Parish Office (31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727) All active, registered parishioners also can use the Christmas flower envelope provided in their November/December mailing.

OFFERED

FOR: _____

REQUESTED

BY: _____

OFFERING: _____ (Suggested Offering: \$10)

Religious Education News

Many thanks to all who contributed to making our First Annual First Eucharist Workshop with children and parents a success! We spent a delightful morning together with prayer, banner making, baking unleavened bread, and a church "seek and find," along with fellowship together. Special thanks to the following for "going the extra mile" to create a truly special day for our Religious Education 2nd grade families:

Lynn Accisano, Danielle Aldaresi, Monica Barr, Janice Deakyne, Peggy Gaydos, Anna Gravatt, Nancy Mastrola

...and last but not least, our wonderful 8th grade and Youth Group helpers, who were spectacular!

They are: Angelina D'Angelo, Carlee Daniel, Gabi Dougherty, Justin Kroger, Cameron Mulhearn, Amy Musselman, Lynna Nguyen, Lauren Rossi

Thanks and God bless you!



Looking for a way to be more involved in the Parish but don't have a lot of extra time? Do you like to meet new and exciting people? Then do we have a **GREAT** opportunity for you!!!

St. Catherine's is starting a greeter ministry. We are looking for some friendly families, couples and singles to greet the faithful at each of our weekend masses and to be involved at the presentation of the gifts during the offertory.

Sign up for only a few masses a year, you're here anyway, might as well meet some new folks and be more involved in our wonderful Parish. Please consider this minimal time investment in a great new ministry.

1- Peter 5:4 "Greet one another with a kiss of love, peace to you all, who are in Christ Jesus"

If interested, please complete the information below and drop in the offertory basket at mass.

Name: _____

Mass Attended (circle one)

4:30 P.M. 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.

of people wishing to participate? _____

of masses/year you can participate? _____

Phone # to reach you: _____



SIMBANG GABI



The **FILIPINO * AMERICAN** Catholic Community of Monmouth County invites you to a Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Tradition of nine day masses, in preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SCHEDULE OF MASS

All Masses will start at **7:30 PM** (preceded by a Holy Rosary @7:00PM)



- Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013.....St. James Church
Red Bank, NJ
- Friday, Dec. 13, 2013.....Holy Family Church
Union Beach, NJ
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013St. Ann Church
Keansburg, NJ
- Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013.....St. Dorothea Church
Eatontown, NJ
- Monday, Dec. 16, 2013.....St. Rose of Lima
Freehold, NJ
- Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013.....St. Catherine Church
Farmingdale, NJ
- Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013....St. Veronica Church
Howell, NJ
- Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013.....St. Leo the Great Church
Lincroft, NJ
- Friday, Dec. 20, 2013.....Holy Innocent Church
Neptune, NJ

On the 9th night – December 20, 2013, there will be a Rosary at 6:30PM before the Mass at 7:00 PM.

Fellowship, food & fun!! Will follow at the Holy Innocents Social Hall

Reception will be catered but it is so much encouraged to bring your favorite Food and Desserts.