

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

December 15, 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, December 14, 2013

4:30 PM Stacey Ford r/o Polera Family

Eddie DalleValle r/o Loretta & Sal Sama

Michael Krystosiak r/o Kurzenberger Family

### SUNDAY, December 15, 2013

8:00 AM Maureen Cox r/o Ann Kessler

Margie Gulfin r/o Husband, Tony

Parishioners

10:00 AM Don Dugan r/o Lucy & Family

John Dorocki r/o Callari Family

Madeline DeMicco r/o Robert Aiso

11:30 AM Frank & Josephine Cocuzza r/o Joseph &

Marianne Cocuzza

Edwin Murphy r/o St. Catherine's

Homebound Ministry

Martin Prioli r/o Ruth Ziznewski



## Contacts:

### Website:

[www.sienachurch.org](http://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 16, 2013

Rev. G. William Evans

### Tuesday, December 17, 2013

"Living" Intention Maryann O'Neill r/o

Maryann Daley

### Thursday, December 19, 2013

Lawrence Stall r/o Mary Burke

### Friday, December 20, 2013

Frank Sardone r/o Son, Frank, Debi & Frankie



## Third Sunday of Advent

Those whom the LORD has ransomed  
will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish community is happy to host one day of a novena-mass (Simbang-gabi) for Christmas. Several years ago, I had the opportunity to introduce this Filipino Tradition in Monmouth County with the full support and cooperation of other Pastors, Priests, Brother Clergy, and Filipinos who reside in the area. This is now a diocesan-wide tradition, meaning each county has the novena-mass. The celebration will start at 7:00 P.M. by praying and reciting the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by the celebration of the Mass in Filipino-English languages. Everyone in the community is cordially invited. The date is Tuesday, December 17, and the venue is in our Church. Please don't forget that we will have some fellowship and refreshments after the Mass. I hope to see you there.

If we are observant in our Advent Liturgies, we will notice that there are four candles in the advent wreath and one of them is distinct because it is not purple but rose. The reason is this Sunday we call it Gaudete Sunday which means a time for rejoicing because Christ is near. His birth is closer to us than when Advent first has begun. We feel also the nearness of His second coming as we have meditated and reflected throughout this sacred season upon the end of time and Jesus' return in glory as our King. On this rose-colored Sunday of Advent, we pray that more and more people might look at their lives and the world around them through rose-colored lens of faith, enabling them to see the glory of God all around us.

I am glad to share with you some of the things that keep us from having joy: Feeling sorry for oneself. Constantly putting other people down to make ourselves look smarter or better. Putting ourselves down all the time. Because we are human, we all make mistakes or do wrong and there are healthy ways of dealing with guilt or shame, but constantly beating ourselves up is not one of them. Holding on to anger and resentment. It only eats up inside and does not produce joy. We have to forgive. Thinking that having more things is going to make us happy. It satisfies us only momentarily. And then there's fear and worry.

The second reading from the Letter of James advises patience until the coming of the Lord. The newly-baptized Christians of the 1st century were anxiously anticipating Jesus' return as a king. James uses the image of a farmer, patiently tilling the soil to explain the need for a faith that actively awaits and pursues the coming of the kingdom of God. The farmer must do his part, but God must be relied upon to do the rest.

How many times in this brief passage is the word "patient" used? The English word patient comes from the Latin word for suffering. By chance, have you seen a future father so anxious to have his child being delivered from the expected mother's womb? The wait is extremely painful, isn't it? That is the kind of active patience we should have while awaiting the arrival of Christ, hastening his coming by the prayers and the good that we do. For it is also the case that we experience JOY even as we await the arrival of the one we love.

The Child Jesus is the greatest gift of Christmas. It is his arrival as a baby and as a king that we await with Advent hope. As we patiently wait for him, we pray that the Lord might take away our blindness, helping us to see the world through the rose-colored lenses of faith. Amen  
May God bless us all,  
Father Angelito

### **Sacrificial Offertory**

<b>12/8/13 Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,920.00</b>
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	<b>\$1,718.00</b>
<b>12/9/13 Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>\$ 401.00</b>
<b>12/22/13 Weekly &amp; Diocesan Assessment</b>	

**Thank you so much for your generous contributions.**

### **New Parishioners**

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

**Nadia & Philip Gaito**  
**Glenn, Erica & Glenn Saldarini**  
**Victoria & Jacob Sanchez**



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend are offered for:

**Don Dugan**

r/o Lucy & Children

(On the occasion of his 10th death anniversary)



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

**John Flannery** (Husband of Mary)

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

### **SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:**

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

### **Tuesdays, thru December 17**

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

### **Wednesday, December 18**

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

### **Thursday, January 9**

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

### **Saturday, January 11**

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

### **Monday, January 13**

7 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

### **Tuesdays, First & Third**

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Contact [janecable@gmail.com](mailto:janecable@gmail.com)

### **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.

**Christmas Breakfast With Santa.** Please come join us in the parish hall on **Sunday, December 15** after the 10 o'clock and 11:30 Masses. The Knights of Columbus would like to invite the entire parish to this complimentary breakfast. Please bring the children as Santa Claus will be available for pictures. All donations will go to the Philippines relief fund.

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



 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.

**"Legion of Mary Pilgrim Statue"** will be available to visit homes in our Parish Community beginning the week of December 15, 2013. Anyone interested, please call Nancy at 732-616-3127 or email her at pheathers7@yahoo.com to make arrangements..

**CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL HUGE SUCCESS**  
 Thanks to everyone who attended our First Annual Christmas Carol Festival! It was a joyous night of caroling, sharing Christmas memories and bringing to mind the journey of Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem on Christmas night!  
 Thanks to Fr. Angelito, Dan Sakowski, Judy Hyer, Bill Ditto, Terry Kelly, and Lori, Ernie, Rich, Nancy, Cochise, and Venus. A special thanks to Nick, and Catherine Prioli (Mary and Joseph) and all who baked and brought desserts!  
 Thank you and Merry Christmas to all !



Give your heart to Jesus!  
 St. Veronica Healing Mass,  
 4215 Rt. 9, Howell, NJ  
 December 17, 2013-

praise at 7:30 P.M. - Mass at 8 P.M.  
 Celebrant: Fr. Vic - Individual Prayers after Mass  
 Maranatha Prayer Group meets at St. Veronica's Church at 7:45 pm every Tuesday except the third Tuesday. All are Welcome. Any questions call Mary Jean @732-364-2815

**St. Vincent de Paul News**

Thank you for your most generous food donations during the Thanksgiving season. Because of your compassion for the needy of our parish we were able to provide 12 families with Thanksgiving Baskets that were overflowing. We would like to share this card from a recipient of a basket with you.

To All the People who donate food , their time, energy and hearts, please know you made it possible for my son and I to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner. It is so greatly appreciated. May God bless you and your families during the holidays and the year to come.

Love, A St. Vincent de Paul Client



**Welcome!**

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SJV Super Bowl XLVIII Raffle Tickets.**

Packaged valued over \$7200.00. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each or 12 for \$100.00. For tickets and information please contact Julie at 732-739-0800 ext. 121 or pasquale@sjvhs.com. Drawing is on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30 pm

# 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, 2013 .....St. 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 9<sup>th</sup> night – December 20, 2013, there will be a Rosary at 6:30 PM 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.

### PLEASE BE GENEROUS TO YOUR PARISH AT CHRISTMAS

St. Catherine's Parish continues to need your financial support. Your extra generosity to our 2013 Christmas Offering would certainly be a most welcome reflection of your support and sincere appreciation.



**Christmas Vigil**  
**Tuesday, December 24**  
 4 P.M.  
 6 P.M. (Children's Mass)  
 12 Midnight

**Christmas Day**  
**Wednesday, December 25**  
 8 A.M - 10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.



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**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** We will close at NOON on Friday, December 20, and we will be CLOSED from Tuesday, December 24 - Friday, December 27, AND on January 1. We will be open on Monday, December 23 & 30, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M and on Tuesday, December 31 from 9 A.M to 12 Noon. Normal office hours resume on Thursday, January 2.

**NURSERY SCHOOL:** Closed Friday, December 20 at 12:30 through Wednesday January 1, 2014. Normal Schedule resumes on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** No Classes the Week of December 23 AND the Week of December 30. Normal Schedule resumes on Monday, January 6, 2014.