



## St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Altar Society Newsletter Fall 2012

**Welcome Back!** - At the first meeting of St. Catherine of Siena's Rosary Altar Society, held on September 20<sup>th</sup>, the calendar of events was reviewed and adopted for the coming year. The calendar is attached to the end of this newsletter. Please remember that this calendar is somewhat flexible and there may be some changes in it as the year progresses. Check the Church bulletin and/or website ([sienachurch.org](http://sienachurch.org)) frequently for updates.

**This year** the meetings will begin at 7:15 pm with recitation of the Rosary in the Church, followed by the meeting in the Parish Hall.

**October is Rosary Month** and members of the Rosary Altar Society are encouraged to recite the Rosary following the 9:00 am daily Mass in the Chapel (Monday – Friday, no Mass on Wednesdays).

**At the meeting on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** we'll start the ornaments for this year's Giving Tree and discuss the Halloween Bake Sale and the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Maria DeMeno will collect your payment of \$128 if you are going to the play *Once* on Broadway on March 16, 2013.

**The Halloween Bake Sale** will be held after all of the Masses on the weekend of October 27/28. Please bring your baked goods to the Parish Hall on your way into Mass that weekend and don't forget to help sell the baked goods after Mass.

**Food Collections for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets** start the weekend of the 27/28 also. You can help by donating foodstuffs appropriate for Thanksgiving dinner such as a small turkey (12 – 15 lbs.), instant potatoes, stuffing mix, canned or packaged gravy, canned sweet potatoes, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, cake mixes (or muffin or brownie mixes), canned fruit, hot chocolate mix, cans of coffee, tea bags and juice. If you prefer, you can donate a gift card that can be used to purchase a turkey. You can also help by bringing donations over to the Parish Hall after Mass.

### **The Covered Dish Supper & Parish**

**Gathering** on Sunday, November 4 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm is an opportunity to meet parishioners you may not know and to joyfully participate in the community of the St. Catherine of Siena family. We hope to see you there. Don't forget to sign up after Mass to bring an appetizer, a main dish, a salad or a dessert and indicate how many people (your family and friends) will attend. If you don't cook, there is a need for things like bread, butter, ice, and beverages. There's also set up and clean up.

**In November** we will assemble the Thanksgiving Food Baskets and set up the Giving Tree. We hope you can join us for any or all of these fall events.

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## St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Altar Society – 2012-2013 Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Scheduled Event</b>	<b>Special Notes</b>
September 15 & 16	Sign up Weekend	After all Masses this weekend
September 20	<b>Regular meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review committee chairs</li> <li>- Request help with altar</li> <li>- Refreshments for meetings</li> <li>- Review annual calendar</li> <li>- Discuss N.Y.C. bus trip</li> </ul>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Church/Parish Hall
October is Rosary Month	<b>Rosary to be recited following the 9:00 am Mass at the Chapel</b>	After every Mass, but especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays
October 18	<b>Regular meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee Chair reports</li> <li>- Work on Giving Tree ornaments</li> <li>- Discuss Thanksgiving Food Drive (Gift cards will be accepted to purchase turkeys)</li> </ul>	<b>7:15 pm</b> Church/Parish Hall
October 27/28	Halloween Bake Sale  First Thanksgiving Food Collection	After all Masses  Volunteers bring food to Parish Hall after 11:30 Mass
November 3/4	Second Thanksgiving Food Collection	Volunteers bring food to Parish Hall after 11:30 Mass
November 10/11	Final Thanksgiving Food Collection	Volunteers bring food to Parish Hall after 11:30 Mass
November 15	<b>Working Meeting (Parish Hall)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assemble Food Baskets</li> <li>- Set up Giving Tree</li> </ul>	<b>7:15 pm</b> Church/Parish Hall
November 17/18	Parishioners take Giving Tree Ornaments from tree	After each Mass
November 24/25	First weekend to return Giving Tree gifts	Parish Hall – Volunteers sort donations after each Mass
December 1/2	Final weekend to return Giving Tree gifts	Parish Hall – Volunteers sort donations after each Mass
December 13	<b>Working Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sorting of Giving Tree gifts for distribution</li> <li>- Christmas party</li> </ul>	<b>7:15 pm</b> Church/Parish Hall Bring \$10 grab bag gift for Christmas party

January 17	<b>Regular meeting</b> - Committee Chair reports - Discuss "Souper-Bowl" soup drive - Discuss Valentine's Day Bake Sale	<b>7:15 pm</b> Church/Parish Hall Soup will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul's Emergency Food Closet
January 26/27	First soup collection	Volunteers bring soup to Parish Hall after each Mass
February 2/3	Second soup collection	Volunteers bring soup to Parish Hall after each Mass
February 9/10	<b>Valentine Bake Sale</b>	After all Masses this weekend
February 21	<b>Regular Meeting</b> - Speaker – To be determined	<b>7:15 pm</b> Church/Parish Hall
March 16	<b>New York City Bus Trip Lunch/Show</b>	"Once" and "Mathilda"
March 21	<b>Regular meeting</b> - Committee Chair reports - Discuss Mother's Day Baby Shower <b>**Get notice into bulletin for the weekend of April 13/14 and make announcement at all Masses</b>	<b>7:15 pm</b> Church/Parish Hall
April 18	<b>Regular meeting</b> - Committee Chair reports - Nominations for 2013 – 2014 Officers and Committee Chairs - Discuss Year End Party - Set up playpen in Church foyer	<b>7:15 pm</b> Church/Parish Hall
April 20/21	Collections for Baby Shower	Church Foyer
April 27/28	Collections for Baby Shower	Church Foyer
May 4/5	Collections for Baby Shower	Church Foyer
May 9	<b>Working Meeting</b> - May Crowning of Blessed Mother - Recite Rosary - Sort baby gifts	<b>7:15 pm</b> Church/Parish Hall
May 11/12	Mother's Day	Rosary to donate altar flowers and one intention at each Mass
Wednesday, June 5	Year end party	Loretta Payette's House (Rain or shine... hope for shine!)
June 15/16	Father's Day	Rosary to donate altar flowers and one intention at each Mass