

St. Catharine's Church

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Rev. Msgr. Emmet R. Nevin, Pastor

Rev. Michael Kerrigan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Abraham Vallayil, CMI, Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr. John Jurasek, Deacon

Rev. Mr. John C. Kelleher, Deacon

Mass Schedule:

Sunday 5:00pm Saturday evening Vigil
8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am,
1:00pm and 4:30pm

Weekday 6:45am and 8:30am

Saturday 8:30am

First Fridays 6:45am and 8:30

Baptism

First and third Sundays of the month at 2:00pm.

Parents should call the rectory for an appointment and Baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45pm and by appointment.

Marriage

Couples should call the rectory a minimum of six months prior to their marriage date to receive necessary information and preparation.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the rectory anytime for this request.

Parish Registration

Every family living in our Parish is requested to register at the rectory and to use envelopes to contribute to the support of our Parish.

Parish Devotions

Miraculous Medal held after the 8:30 am Mass on Mondays.

Rosary following 8:30am Mass (Mon.-Fri.)

Scriptural Rosary following 8:30am Mass on Saturdays

Eucharistic Adoration

In our Chapel on First Fridays following the 8:30am Mass until **8pm** and on First Saturdays from 9am until **1:30pm** when a priest will conclude adoration with prayers and benediction.

Prayer Group meets every Thursday afternoon at 1 pm. in the Church.

Parish Religious Education Program

Mrs. Audrey Angelini, Coordinator
845-359-4014

St. Catharine's Early Childhood Program

Mrs. Barbara Feeney
845-359-4330

PARISH MINISTRY & SERVICE CONTACTS

Adoptive Families Group: Gail Rogo, 359-5671

Adult Religious Education: Anna Stellwag, 359-0769

Altar Servers: Deacon John Jurasek, 359-0542

Mary Anne Pagnani, 358-0739

Altar Society: Anna Stellwag, 359-0769

Bereavement Group: Sr. Catherine Tahaney, 359-4207

Bible Study: Sr. Dorothy Wieting, 359-5600 ext. 529

Birthright of Rockland: Call 623-9098

Bulletin: Lara Schutz, 359-4014 or email

Yanks10913@aol.com

Cancer Survivor Group: Susan Powers, 359-1095

Choirs: Dr. Rene Dalandan, 359-9015

CYO Basketball: Mary Anne Pagnani, 358-0739

CYO Basketball Website: www.ourcyo.org

Driving Seniors to Mass: John D'Andrea, 735-0110

Early Childhood Program: Barbara Feeney, 359-4330

Eucharistic Ministry at Mass: John Langan, 359-5648

Eucharistic Ministry to Homebound:

Edie Reimer, 359-4086

Good Samaritan Society: Tom Carley, 359-3019

Homebound Ministry: Ken Lee, 353-1915

Ladies Guild: Patricia McKenna, 398-1520;

Joann Battaglia, 359-8248; Ann Chabot, 359-7614

Lectors: Veronica Rogers, 624-1427

Liturgical Committee: Lisa Borruso, 398-7630

Parish Council: Tim Brown, 848-2091

Parish Nurse Program: Mickey DeTemple, 359-3129

Maureen Fallon, 398-3806

Parish Prayer Group: Aida Dalandan, 359-9015

Parish Office: Theresa McTernan, 359-0542

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Louise Langan, 359-5648

Religious Education: Audrey Angelini, 359-4014

Social Activities: Joe Onativia, 365-1151

Teen Association: Nilda Barrett, 365-6666

Ushers: Ken Lee, 353-1915

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the baptism of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he lavished on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs, in hope, of eternal life.”

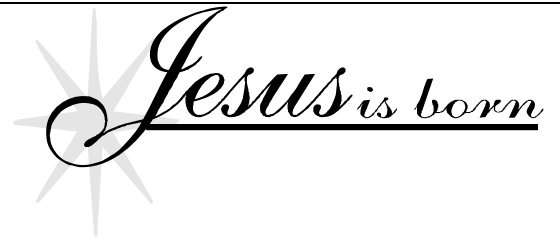
A Blessed Christmas to you, as you read this text of St. Paul to Titus. It can be considered a Christmas card, addressed to each one of us, personally, telling us the meaning of this day.

How many times today, as people open a gift, they will exclaim: ‘Just what I needed’ or ‘Just what I wanted.’ Is that not what our celebration of the birth of Jesus is all about? An extravagant, loving God in His wisdom became one with us, giving us a Savior. It was a gift He decided to give us because of His mercy and our need.

What can I do with this gift? It is to be received with loving hearts, and opened, admired and used well. Consider the number of persons with whom I can share this gift. My family, relatives and friends with whom I might share some part of this day.

Consider a quiet moment of escape, to ponder as did Mary what has transpired in our lives - a God who came to live with us and show us the way to the Father. Consider how our hopes have been fulfilled and our lives are transformed by God’s grace, His very life in us.

I ask myself today if I am able to recognize the kindness and love of God so that I may reflect it for others? What a wonderful Christmas card and greeting!



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First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God’s glory and forgiver of our sins.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus’ love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE – SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

This New Year, we’ll once again be looking for your BLOOD! Yes, that’s right, we’re out for your BLOOD!

Please join us in the school cafeteria **between 8AM & 1:30PM**. You need to be at least **17** years or older, have I.D. and not have donated blood in the previous 56 days. Please join Msgr. Nevin, your fellow parishioners, neighbors and our co-sponsors, the St. Dominic’s Knights of Columbus, in giving **the gift of life** for those who many be in need at this time of the year.

Supplies are low and you can really make a difference!

SAINT NICHOLAS

Saint Nicholas was an historic 4th century saint and Greek Bishop of Myrna in Lycia (Modern day Turkey). Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known a *Nikolaos the Wonderworker*. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him, and thus became the model for Santa Claus, whose modern name actually comes from the Dutch *Sinterklaas*. His reputation later evolved among the faithful, as was common for early Christian saints.

The historical Saint Nicholas is remembered and revered among Catholic and Orthodox Christians as well as various Anglican and Lutheran churches. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, children and students in various countries in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. His feast day is December 6th.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO ST. CATHARINE'S

Your special Christmas Gift to Saint Catharine's is a very important part of our annual parish income.

In light of the current economic times, we are very appreciative to all of our households who continue to do their best to sacrifice and financially support our parish as their means allow.

For those not currently on the envelope system, we invite you to please take home one of the special **Christmas Gift envelopes** from the ushers' tables located in the lobby.

TODAY, December 25th, the **first collection** will be for your regular weekly (Sunday) tithe envelope. The **second collection** will be for your Christmas Gift to our parish.

Thank you for your continued goodness and may the blessings of the Christ Child be with you and your loved ones throughout this holy season.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We have 10 tickets left for Bowzer's Oldies Show at Mohegan Sun on January 15th. There will be 10 groups performing. The cost is \$85. For further information, call Joe, 845-365-1151; 646-648-0823. All the trips are on the sheet in back of the church.

ST. CATHARINE'S PREP



Would like to wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year. Classes will resume January 8th

SNAPSHOT OF UPCOMING PARISH CALENDAR

- Sunday (1/1/12) Feast of Mary, Mother of God
- Friday (1/6) Eucharistic Adoration
- Saturday (1/7) Eucharistic Adoration
- Sunday (1/8) Feast of Epiphany (Little Christmas)
9:15 Family "3 Kings" Mass & Breakfast
Second Collection – Catholic University
Blood Drive 8 AM – 1:30 PM
- Monday (1/9) Baptism of the Lord – Official End of Christmas season
- Saturday (1/14) First Penance at 10:30 AM & 1PM
- Monday (1/16) M.L.K. Holiday - Parish office closed
- Wednesday (1/18) PRE K registration day 9-11 AM

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, December 26th – Staff holiday - Office closed.
For emergencies, please contact the regular parish telephone number 845-359-0542.

May peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!



Luke 1:31-33 *“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”*

EARLY CHILDHOOD - PRE-K OPEN HOUSE
Monday, January 9, 2012

Open house for 3, 4 & 5 year olds will be from 9-11 AM and 6:30-8PM. The snow date will be January 11th.

REGISTRATION DAY
Wednesday, January 25th

Our Pre-K registration will take place from 9-11 AM and 6:30 -8:00 PM in the cafeteria. The snow date will be Wednesday, February 1st.

For further information, please contact us at 845-359-4330 or email us at st.cprk@yahoo.com

PLEASE REMEMBER TO EXCHANGE A “BLESSED CHRISTMAS” OR A “MERRY CHRISTMAS” AND NOT “HAVE A NICE HOLIDAY” WITH ALL THOSE YOU MEET. IF WE DON'T, WHO WILL?





The **Tabernacle Candle** was donated by
Judith Scandiffio

In Memory of
Corsino and Reyes Families

CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Sixth Annual Communion Breakfast
Saturday, January 28, 2012
From 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Riverview Caterers in Hastings-on-Hudson
One Warburton Avenue, Hastings, NY 10706

Join teachers from around the Archdiocese of New York for Eucharist, sharing and breakfast. Bishop Dominick Lagonegro will celebrate the liturgy. A suggested donation of \$20.00 is requested to help defray the cost.

Contacts:

Helen Doon at 646-794-2822

Helen.Doon@archny.org

Sr. Zelide M. Ceccagno at 914-965-0490

CSWestchester@nyfaithformation.org

ALTAR / TABERNACLE FLOWERS

MEMORIAL REQUEST FORM

If you would like to participate, please fill out this form and return it in an envelope to the parish office.

PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE A 2ND CHOICE

Name _____ Phone _____

In Memory / Intention of _____

Sunday Date Requested ____ (1st choice) ____ (2nd choice)

Tabernacle Candle offering of \$15.00 is enclosed*

Tabernacle Flower offering of \$50.00 is enclosed

Altar Flower Offering of \$50.00 is enclosed

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Michael Flynn - Tiffany Bentley

NEW CHRISTMAS BANNERS

Our beautiful new Christmas Banners are dedicated to the memory of **TOM DEREMEIK** and **THOMAS TANTULLO**

+PARISH PRAYER CORNER+

+WE PRAY FOR THE LIVING+

Our parish family prays for God's continued blessings and healing graces upon all of our loved ones who have experienced serious health issues during the past month. In particular, we remember the following faithful who have been prayed for from our altar and are still in need of your prayers.

Walter Cahill, Thomas Kelly, Julia Cosentino, Helen O'Brien, Matthew Mencher, Lucy Decilla, Bill Hayes, Florence Iervolino, Agnes Smith, Edna Baccari, Jenny Paci and Rosa Spear

"Holy Mary Mother of God, Pray for us sinners..."

+WE PRAY FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED+

Our parish family has prayed for the repose of the souls of many of our faithful departed who were a part of our parish and or community in the past as well as present. *We remember all those who died and went home to the Lord recently.*

Teresa Leone, Bernie Adams, Joan Bauer, Germaine Boxa, Lesmond Kane, Nicholas Scandiffio and Lucy Dorman

"Lord, by Your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free, You are the Savior of the World."

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

Angels – Announced, to shepherds, the glad tidings of Jesus' birth

Candles – Represent the light Jesus brought to earth. Jesus is "Light from Light." He is the Light of the world

Crèche – Manger scene depicting Jesus' place of birth

Evergreen Tree – Like God, it is changeless, year-round, a sign that winter will give way to spring and new life

Gifts – The first Christmas gifts were from the wise men to Jesus. We celebrate this on Epiphany.

Holly – The leaves remain green throughout the year. Early Christians hung it on doors to symbolize a home in which Christ's birth was celebrated

Jesus figure – Jesus is the "reason for the season". Christians believe that he is the Son of God, the Word of God who became flesh and who dwelt among us

Joseph figure – He is the husband of Mary

Manger – A "cow's" residence where Jesus slept. It is a part of the crèche.

Mary - The Immaculate (sinless) Virgin mother of Jesus
Poinsettia – Flower that, because of its flame leaf, is sometimes called the "Christmas Star"

Saint Nicholas - A real person who was a kind bishop who brought presents to needy children in 4th century Asia Minor



PETITION OF THE WEEK

For a Blessed and Merry Christmas ... Let us pray

ALTAR DUTY

Joan Feroldi – Rita Dinan



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Saturday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

TITHING - GOD'S WAY OF SHARING

Last week's Collection \$11,656
Last Year's Collection \$11,904

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

6:45 No Scheduled Mass
8:30 Bob Orzo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:45 Brendan, Kathleen and Dymphia Keaney
8:30 Brennan, Henry and Heneghan Families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:45 Roy Scheulen
8:30 Margherita and Mario Rinaldi

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:45 Donald, Margaret and Patrick Smith
8:30 Patrick O'Connor

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30




6:45 Armond DuPont and Family
8:30 Sarah Goodwin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30 Ed Sczepanski



+LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 1ST, 2011+

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTORS</u> 	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u> 	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> 
5:00pm	V. Rogers	N. Russell, L. Feroldi, N. Waldron, L. Olson	P. Cuomo, C. Petry, K. Rogers
8:00am	J. Maher	N. Cicalo, M. Doolan	E. Kalappura, J. Kalappura, A. Maestri
9:15am	Family Mass	J. McElligott, T. Dural	F. Carroll, C. Cusack, F. Donovan
10:30am	V. Valentine	J. Langan, L. Langan, A. Stellwag, P. Finn	L. Citardi, K. Lennon, S. Quinn
11:45am	B. Neier	J. Lozada, P. Bakker, J. McCaffrey, V. Blaine	C. Neier, C. O'Kelly, J. O'Kelly
1:00pm	T. Smith	M. DeTemple, J. McLaughlin	M. Fraser, M. McDevitt, C. Pinto
4:30pm	K. Linehan	R. Mohr, L. Wochinger, F. Rumolo	E. Ahlf, W. Ahlf, G. Skywark