

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 emailYanks10913@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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lessons of patience and the words of encouragement in the Scriptures. May God, the source of all patience and encouragement, enable you to live in perfect harmony with one another according to the spirit of Christ Jesus...”

“Reform your lives.”

The message of Paul and the unbridled enthusiasm of our children as Christmas approaches should go together. Patience and encouragement are two virtues which should mark our second week of advent. Both are the lessons we offer our children.

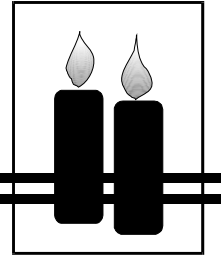
Consider the generations waiting for a Savior. They looked and longed. Gifted with leaders guiding them through centuries something, was lacking. No one filled the needs of the people. Perhaps as their hope increased, they found encouragement and patience, for they realized they had more in common which united rather than separated them. This was finalized in the coming of Jesus.

In our richly diverse society, we strive for that harmony of understanding and respect, patience and encouragement, to foster once again, the meaning of Emmanuel, God with us. The preacher in the desert said it in three words. Reform your lives. Think for a moment: Is it REform or reFORM your lives. As we begin this second week of advent, do both.

Go to the scriptures, read Isaiah, reflect on Luke. Allow the scriptures to be your teacher for these few weeks. What better source for our hope, patience and encouragement in a world of despair, hectic rushing and commercialism and discouragement.



Prepare the way
of the Lord



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “stoop and untie his sandal straps.” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

ADJUSTING TO
THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

We realize that, for some, changes, even small ones, may not be easy to adjust to. Believe me, your priests know this first hand as most of our liturgical changes relate to the celebrant’s parts of the Mass. Please try your best to adjust to the new changes by using the materials provided at your seats. Whenever you enter your pew, make sure you have secured a copy of the laminated **pew card** and have it with you throughout the Mass. You may also wish to follow the Mass, including the celebrant’s parts, as outlined in the printed **Missal** which should be found on the shelf directly in front of your seat.

In time, we believe that we will all adjust and the new changes will seem more and more natural to us and flow from our lips without the need for printed cards or books.

Thanks for your understanding and patience and may God bless us during our Advent journey.

For further information - www.usccb.org/omanmissal

**DOMINICAN COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT
WITH FR. ALPHONSE & THE ST. PETER'S
BY THE SEA ORCHESTRA**

This afternoon, **December 4th** starting at 3:00 PM
Students \$15.00 – Seniors \$20.00
General Admission \$25.00 - Pre-Concert Buffet \$15.00
**For Information or Tickets (845-848-7604) OR
Caitlin.coffey@de.edu**

This is like bringing Lincoln Center to Orangetown. Don't miss it!

FAMILY MASS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir is still looking for more members! We had a great turnout for our November Family Mass but **WE NEED YOU!** Our next mass will be December 11th. We'd love to see more kids involved at our 9:15 Family mass as choir members and readers. Come be a part of "the little choir that could." Questions? Contact Maureen Aitchison (359-3027); Lisa Borruso (398-7630).

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13TH – 7 PM

Ladies – you are invited to join us in the Parish House Community Room for our annual Christmas Party. In addition to our usual fare, Larai's Cheese Shop will be coming for a special Wine & Cheese Presentation and a mozzarella-making demonstration. As in the past, each attendee is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. Baby gifts (clothes or diapers) will be donated to Birthright.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR THIS WEEKEND

THIS Sunday, 10 AM – 3 PM, St. Catharine's will be having a vendors and crafters sale **OVER IN OUR SCHOOL CAFETERIA**. Come on out and get a head start on Christmas by checking out the many varied and interesting gift items available from some of our local vendors, many of whom are your friends and neighbors. Flyers are available in the lobby of the church.

**PARISH FAMILY NIGHT OUT
PASTA DINNER**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT &
PAGEANT & PARISH TREE LIGHTING**
Sunday, December 11th

Pasta Dinner (\$5) in cafeteria 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Christmas Concert & Pageant in church at 6:30 PM
Pasta Dinner Reservations – Nilda Barrett (Teen Association) 845-365-6666

ST. CATHARINE'S PREP



December 9th – Dress Rehearsal for Pageant 4:30-6:30

SHARE YOUR LOVE AT CHRISTMAS



**THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF
SAINT CATHARINE'S INVITES YOU TO
BRIGHTEN CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY BY GIVING
SOMETHING TO SOMEONE IN GREATER NEED.**
Please make your choice from this list. Get something new and bring it **UNWRAPPED** to the Baptismal Font in the back of the church **NEXT** weekend, **December 10th and 11th**. Please **TAG** your gift with one name from the following list of three.

ST. DOMINIC'S HOME – BLAUVELT

Under the auspices of St. Dominic's Home are many programs serving children, teenagers, adults and families right here in our own neighborhood. The individuals they serve are developmentally disabled and have multiple handicaps. They are in need of scarves, gloves, hats, grooming items, e.g. combs, brushes, etc.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF ROCKLAND

This is a local community organization dedicated to helping the people of our Rockland area who are in need of assistance in a wide variety of ways. At this time of the year, they are seeking help for their Adopt a Family program where Christmas gifts are needed for distribution to men, women, boys and girls who lack the means to purchase Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Without our support, for many, there will be little or nothing under the tree this Christmas.

THORPE RESIDENCE IN THE BRONX

Thorpe offers transitional housing for homeless women and children, where people can live in peace while getting their lives back together. A second residence seeks to serve those with special needs. There is a need for children's books, especially coloring books and crayons, videotapes, DVDs, educational toys, women's underwear and socks and pampers.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING AT CHRISTMAS!

**+THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE+
CONCEPTION
A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Dec. 7th 5:30 PM Vigil Mass
Thursday, Dec. 8th – 6:45 & 8:30 AM
and 12:10 & 7:30 PM

Our scripture readings for the day focus on how, chosen by God, Mary reverses the sin of Eve and because of her obedience, God's salvation is made known to all the nations.



The **Tabernacle Candle** was donated by
Therese O'Dowd

In Memory of
Jerry O'Dowd

CATHOLIC TELEVISION CHANNELS

Cablevision currently carries TWO Catholic channels with 24-hr. coverage. Verizon also offers both channels.

EWTN – Channel 135 (or 285 Verizon) offers varied programming with Masses at 8 AM, 12 Noon and 7 PM
TELECARE - Channel 137 (or 296 Verizon) also offers varied programming and Masses, including a 6:30 PM Mass which is a repeat of the 8 AM Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This Mass sometimes features Archbishop Dolan as the celebrant.

**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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us on **December 17th** from 10 AM – Noon in St. Catharine's cafeteria for a pancake breakfast with Santa, who will explain the "true meaning" of Christmas. \$5 per person/\$15 per family of 4 (\$5 each additional person). Space is limited. Call 845-359-4014 for more information

FOOD GIFT CERTIFICATES

At this time of the year, we all receive many requests to give to many worthy causes. At times, the number of these requests can be almost overwhelming. However, so are the many needs of so many families around us. For those of you **whose financial means allow**, we invite you to consider donating something special this Christmas.

Shoprite, A&P, Pathmark, etc. Gift Cards (\$50.00 or \$100.00) will be collected next weekend. The cards will then be distributed to some of our local parishioners and neighbors who are in need at this time of the year. Food Gift Cards may be dropped right into the collection basket when it is passed around or else dropped into the Good Samaritan Box in the lobby of the church.

+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, Bernie Adams 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.*

David Velez, Dawn Finn, John Duffy, Helen Krienik, Thomas Deremeik, Alexander Zigmont, Nancy Crane, Matthew Bradley and Teresa Leone

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

**NEXT WEEK - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE (REJOICE) SUNDAY**

Next week, we will light our ROSE (third) candle on the Advent Wreath and our priests will wear the ROSE colored vestments signifying that we are coming ever closer to celebrating the birth of Christ and anticipate His second coming. Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday is a sort of *milestone* about midway through a season which is, otherwise, draped in violet, is penitential in character and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. Throughout Advent, in both the Divine Office and the Mass, continual reference is made to our Lord's second coming, and this is emphasized on the Third or Gaudete Sunday by additional signs of gladness. The rose candle and flowers and rose vestments, therefore, help the faithful, throughout the whole world, to set a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and second coming when we all will greet Him, when He comes again in His glory, at the end of time.

ST. CATHARINE'S SPECIAL EVENT

A special preview presentation of "Full of Grace: The Second Greatest Story Never Told" will be held Monday morning, December 12th at 10 AM in the lower Parish House. Come preview this memorable and faith-inspiring presentation. By retreat director and evangelist Tony Bellizzi. Preview on Youtube: full of grace trailer.mov. Call PREP office 845-359-4014 to make reservation.



PETITION OF THE WEEK

That during this Advent season, we continue to prepare ourselves fully for the coming of our Savior... Let us pray

ALTAR DUTY

Rita Dinan – Joan Feroldi

TITHING - GOD'S WAY OF SHARING

*Last week's Collection \$11,284
Last Year's Collection \$11,009*

Many thanks to all of you who have "doubled up" over the past few weeks in order to help us make up for the "snow weekend" and other collection shortfalls. Thank you and God bless you.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:45 Eugenia Henrich
8:30 Frances Spadaccini

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:45 Josephine Carfi
8:30 Catherine and Michael O'Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:45 Richard Mullin
8:30 John Morales

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:45 Peter Malusis




FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:45 Daniel D'Andrea
8:30 Lillian Gallagan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 Kelly and White Families

+LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 11, 2011+

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>LECTORS</u>  | <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>  | <u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>  |
|----------------|---|--|---|
| 5:00pm | J. Maher | C. Feroldi, B. Feroldi, C. Fernandez, T. Dural | P. Cuomo, C. Petry, C. Pinto |
| 8:00am | A. Mullin | N. Cicalo, M. Doolan | R. Maestri, A. Rinaldi |
| 9:15am | Family Mass | J. McElligott, C. Crane | F. Carroll, S. Cunningham, F. Donovan |
| 10:30am | K. Beckmann | C. Nunes, P. Bakker, J. McCaffrey, V. Blaine | L. Citardi, K. Lennon, C. Neier |
| 11:45am | E. McCaffrey | J. Langan, L. Langan, A. Muttatth, P. Lifrieri | M. McCaffrey, L. McKenna, J. Yuvienco |
| 1:00pm | J. Rogers | M. Piemonte, B. Maggiore | K. Haughey, K. Rogers, G. Skywark |
| 4:30pm | S. Pinto | C. Beglin, D. Feldman, L. Russell | A. Akdemir, J. McKiernan, A. Wamsley |