

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

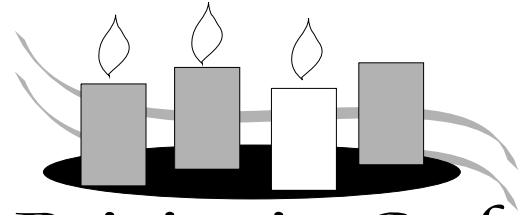
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God”... “May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness.”

Although the prophet wrote these words six centuries before the Christian era, they seem so, so appropriate for us today. We need not look far to discover the people for whom the Messiah was to come. The lowly, the poor of the Old Testament, referred to by Jesus in the beatitudes. The brokenhearted, the victims of war, family division, domestic abuse.

The captives are those caught in addictions of every sort, unable to break the bonds which hold them. The prisoners are all who are deprived of freedom, freedom from hunger, poverty, unemployment, the immigrant and ill, those addressed by the works of mercy in our church.

We too are called to announce the presence of Christ in our lives and make His presence known to our world. Sometimes it is difficult, but God’s fidelity is the example we follow. During these advent weeks, we might consider ways to do the work of Christ for someone who falls into the categories listed above, as we become the Christ presence for others. May the spirit of the Lord be upon us too.



Rejoice in God

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ’s arrival. He tells them to “avoid any semblance of evil” so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

ADJUSTING TO THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

Thank you for your ongoing patience as we continue to adjust to the new changes in our sacred worship. I think that we have all seen some nice progress and it will only continue to get better as we continue to use the new wording. As you continue to do your best to adjust to the new changes please remember to use 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.

Again, thank for your understanding and patience and may God bless us during our Advent journey.

For further information - www.usccb.org/omanmissal

CANNED HAMS & FOOD DRIVE

NEXT WEEKEND

**PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR HAMS & FOOD ITEMS
IN THE BAPTISTRY AREA UPON YOUR ARRIVAL
AT CHURCH! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS**

**TODAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE (REJOICE) SUNDAY**

Today, 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.

**PARISH FAMILY NIGHT OUT
PASTA DINNER
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT &
PAGEANT & PARISH TREE LIGHTING
This Sunday evening, December 11th
Pasta Dinner (\$5) in cafeteria 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Christmas Concert & Pageant in church at 6:30 PM**

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 next month. 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, Laraia's Cheese Shop will be coming for a special Wine & Cheese Presentation and a mozzarella-making demonstration. We will also be raffling off a beautiful handmade wool cape made by Anne Pesce. If you can't be there but want a chance to win, contact Patti McKenna (398-1520). As in the past, each attendee is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. Baby gifts (clothes/diapers) will be donated to Birthright.

ST. CATHARINE'S PREP



TODAY – Parish Christmas Pageant, Concert & Tree Lighting – 6:30

**SHARE YOUR LOVE AT CHRISTMAS
THIS WEEKEND**



**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 **THIS WEEKEND**. 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!

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 your reservation.



The **Tabernacle Candle** was donated by
The Dennerlein Family

In Memory of
Grace Dennerlein

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

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 this 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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Michael Flynn - Tiffany Bentley

+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.*

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

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

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

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Catholic Community Services of Rockland is looking for sponsors to "adopt" needy children and families to provide them with Christmas gifts. Last year, through your efforts, the program touched the lives of over 900 people in our community. Through your generosity, we provided 2,000 toys and over 500 articles of clothing. You select the family size and Catholic Community Services of Rockland will send you a family profile. The profile contains everything you need to know to shop for your family. If you would like to Adopt-A-Family, please call Marie (845-942-5791 x 17). Please join with us to make this Christmas joyous for all in our community.



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 \$10,822
Last Year's Collection \$12,107*

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

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday

Is 56:1-3a; 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:45 Mary Marino
8:30 Magnone and Rispoli Families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:45 Mildred and Carl Stantini
8:30 Ellen, Walter and Thomas Tregoning

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:45 Harry McAuley
8:30 Ruth and Catherine Foody

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:45 Patrick, Bridget and John Nicholson
8:30 John and Helen Cullen



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:45 Sara Goodwin
8:30 Margaret and Michael Shine

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30 Laura Galdi

+LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 18, 2011+

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTORS</u> 	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u> 	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> 
5:00pm	J. Hudson	C. O'Brien, Ann O'Connor, R. Longo, L. Olson	T. Fitzgibbons, E. Flynn, M. Shanley
8:00am	J. Foody	A. Angelini, M. Parisi	A. Albanese, A. Suarez, D. Suarez
9:15am	Family Mass	D. Kivlehan, B. Stadnick	K. Borruso, C. Cusack, N. Malpeli
10:30am	J. McLaughlin	E. Doyle, J. Haughey, P. McKenna, G. Sozzi	B. Shapiro, M. Shapiro, S. Shapiro
11:45am	R. Bruno	K. Beckmann, J. Hynes, A. Stellwag, L. Neuendorf	M. McDevitt, C. O'Kelly, J. O'Kelly
1:00pm	J. Schutz	C. Botet, J. Botet	E. Ahlf, W. Ahlf, M. Fraser
4:30pm	M. DeTemple	P. Finley, E. O'Brien, N. Russell	L. Gavigan, E. Kalappura, J. Kalappura