

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

December 8, 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 7, 2013

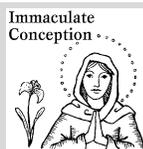
4:30 PM Maureen Cox r/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Eddie DalleValle r/o Michelle & Armando  
Negro

### SUNDAY, December 8, 2013

8:00 AM O'Reilly/Lightner Families r/o Family  
Joanne Pryzbylko r/o Scranton Family  
Donna Jolley r/o Cheryl & Rich Adamonis

10:00 AM James Powers r/o Nephew, Jim McMahon

11:30 AM Parishioners



Immaculate  
Conception

Mass for the Immaculate Conception will  
be celebrated on **Monday,**  
**December 9 @ 9:00 A.M.**  
in the Main Church

## 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 9, 2013 @ The Main Church

Maureen Cox r/o Patty, Linda, & Karen

### Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Mary Gertrude Carson r/o Anne Hilker

### Thursday, December 12, 2013

Joanne Limeri r/o Joseph & Melissa Furnari

### Friday, December 13, 2013

E. J. Lejeune r/o Family



## Second Sunday of Advent

The earth shall be filled with  
knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.

— Isaiah 11:9

Dear Parishioners,

The Sunday Liturgy takes precedence on any given Feast Day of the Church like the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. However, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is going to be celebrated tomorrow at Mass in the church at 9 A.M.

Advent is a time for dreaming. When I was a little boy back in my own country, the Philippines I was wondering what it is to have a white Christmas like what I see on the TV or in the movies. Others would dream about the gifts they hope to find under the tree come Christmas morning. Still, some people would dream of spending Christmas on a far deserted island away from the demands and expectations that, for many would infuse this season with too much stress and anxiety.

Now that I have grown and being a Pastor, I realized that whatever my dream, or whatever your dream is, Advent is also a time to recall God's dream for the entire humanity. As we are getting ready to celebrate the Feast of the Birth of the Savior, the Word made flesh, our thoughts are drawn to the reason for the season, and it would not take as long to realize and come to the conclusion that we are the reason why God has sent his only Son to take on flesh and live in our midst. And after all, almost as soon as God loved and dreamed the world into existence, we humans traded God's dream for dreams of our own and we went our own way, and to the point that we have forgotten that God has created us in his own image and likeness. But God dreamed of restoring the world, and those who inhibit it, to their original state of unity and dignity, and it was thus he decided to send Jesus to be our Savior. However, that dream did not die when Jesus ascended to the Father after his death and resurrection. It continues even now as God continues to dream and envision the world he entrusted to our stewardship. How do we awaken God's dream for us? How do we make God's dream our own and play our role in making that dream a reality. One of the best ways could be to embrace a spirituality of ADVENT. A – stands for attending to the presence of God in and around us; D---discerning carefully what choices we are called to make in life; V----visioning anew what our life can look like and doing what we need to achieve the life we desire; E---engaging in life-giving relationships with those God has given us to share the journey of life; N--- nurturing our relationship with God through prayer and frequent reception of the Sacraments; and T----thanking God for the abundant ways in which he blesses us, focusing always to grow in an attitude of gratitude and appreciation.

Monday, the Feast is all about the Blessed Mary's conception, that is, from the instant she began to exist on earth, indeed from her very conception, she was holy, filled with God's grace and without sin. Today's Gospel gives us an important piece of information about how Mary is related to today's feast. The angel greeted her as: "Full of grace." There was no moment in Mary's life when God's grace did not fill her. She was full of grace indeed.

Listening to the conversation between Mary and the Angel, we learn not only about Mary but also about the Child she is going to have. Mary's son would be Son of the Most High and king forever. Her child will be called "Holy, the Son of God." In the midst of the hustle and bustle of our life today, we pause and reflect and we should be joyful about it at this time of the year.

May God bless us all,  
Father Angelito

### **Sacrificial Offertory**

**11/24/13 Weekly CCHD** **\$7,835.00**  
**\$1,331.00**

**12/1/13 Weekly Mortgage Reduction** **\$7,998.00**  
**\$1,895.00**

**12/15/13 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs**

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



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

**Howard Friscia,**  
**Joanne Kennedy** (Mother of Kevin)  
**Martin Prioli** (Brother of Deacon Joe)

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

The Rosary Altar Society is selling  
"Keep Christ In Christmas" magnets.  
Please leave your \$5.00 donation in the marked  
envelope in the church vestibule.



**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
This weekend are offered for:  
**Stella Jankowski**  
r/o Daughter, Terry Kelly

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

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

### **Monday, December 9**

7 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul *Parish Hall*

### **Thursday, December 12**

7:30 PM Rosary Altar Society *Parish Hall*

*Rosary, Meeting, & \$10 Grab Bag*

### **Saturday, December 14**

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

### **Wednesday, December 18**

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class *Church*

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

7:00 PM RCIA *Conference Room*

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

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

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

### **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.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**An Advent Penance Service will be held here at St. Catherine's on Thursday, December 12 @ 7:00 P.M. at the Main Church. We will have visiting priests to assist.**

**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.**



**New Parishioners**  
 ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH  
WARMLY WELCOMES  
 THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:  
**Glenn, Erica & Glenn Saldarini**  
**Victoria & Jacob Sanchez**

 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.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**  
**PLEASE RETURN REQUESTS**  
**NO LATER THAN**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**In order for it to be included in the Christmas Bulletin any requests after 12/9 will NOT BE included until the following weekends Bulletin.**

Anyone wishing to make a donation for Church Christmas flowers/decorations in memory of a loved one, or for any reason, please fill out the form below and drop it with your offering into the collection basket, or mail to the Parish Office (31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727). All active, registered parishioners also can use the Christmas flower envelope provided in their November/December mailing.

**OFFERED FOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUESTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFERING:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Suggested Offering: \$10)

**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.

**"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..

**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 P.M.

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

Dear Parishioners :

I am saddened to inform you that after many years of being a part of the St Catherine of Siena's Community, the St. Catherine of Siena Nursery School will be closing at the end of this school year. This announcement was recently conveyed to the families enrolled in the school. The school has been losing a significant amount of money each school year (over the past 3 years a cumulative \operating loss well over \$100,000) and it became clear that these funds could be used for larger numbers of parishioners in our other ministries. This was a very difficult decision for me and the Parish Finance Council, but one that had to be made. Over the past several years, enrollment has declined dramatically. Just two years ago there were 70 children enrolled; this year there are only 40 children, of which only 12 families are St. Catherine's parishioners. Due to the fact that local school districts have recently initiated full-day kindergarten, the risk of enrollment continuing this downward trend is significant. This could cause the annual deficit to grow dramatically. Your understanding and support of this difficult decision is appreciated.

God Bless

Father Angelito

Dear Nursery School Families:

As many of you may know, the Saint Catherine nursery school has been facing financial difficulties for a number of years. Through these years the operating deficit has been subsidized by the parish. Following significant deliberations and evaluations, the finance council along with Father Angelito has concluded that the most fiscally responsible action to take is to close down the nursery school at the end of this school year. This was a very difficult decision and one that we gave strong consideration to the value created by the religious influence of the program on the children versus the financial impact to the parish. However, given that the enrollment has been decreasing annually and that public schools are now offering full-day kindergarten programs, there is tremendous uncertainty with the viability of the nursery school program. We are therefore sorry to advise you of this news, but we want to allow you ample time to find alternative day care for your child for the next school year. We appreciate your understanding of this very difficult decision that had to be made for the benefit of the entire parish.

Best wishes and God bless.

The Finance Council and Father Angelito

# 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.