

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

December 14, 2014

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.

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Prioli

Deacon Daniel Sakowski

Director of Religious Education: Kyle Galante

Parish Office Secretary: Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary: Janice Deakyne

Sacristan: Ruth Ziznewski

Organist: Judy Hyer

Parish Trustees: Cindy Ventura and Dean Wright

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 13, 2014

4:30 PM **Katherine Wolan** r/o Daughter, Joyce
E.J. Lejeune r/o Family

SUNDAY, December 14, 2014

8:00 AM **Raymond Ganslen** r/o John & Stephanie Harakal
Parishioners

10:00 AM **E.J. Lejeune, Ed & Don Dugan** r/o Family
Anthony Maffia
"Living" Barbara Willis

11:30 AM **Rosemary (Sister John Louise)** r/o Marge Seagriff
Karen Amalfa r/o Murray Family



Contacts:

Website:

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Mass Schedule:

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Parish Office:

732-938-5375

Religious Education:

732-938-6229

FAX phone:

732-938-3260

Pastor's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 7

Deacon Joe:

732-938-5375 ext. 9

Deacon Dan:

732-938-5375 ext. 3

Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

St. Vincent de Paul:

732-938-3454

Weekday Masses at St. Catherine's Chapel, 9:00 AM 1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

Mass Intentions:

Monday, December 15 2014

Jane Rossette r/o Lou & Marcia Ciccone

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

"Living" Lynn Yancey r/o Al Sinclair

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Rev. Eugene T. Keenan

Friday, December 19, 2014

Frank Mikorski r/o Niece, Terry Kelly



Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Dear Parishioners,

Today, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, is called "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete is a Latin word which means "rejoice!" We are supposed to feel good because Christmas is less than two weeks away. But that can be pretty hard to do. Some of us have personal problems that weigh us down. Maybe we are still grieving the loss of a loved one. All of us live under the cloud of terrorism that threatens to tear us down and our world apart. And the sad and bad news comes not just from without but also from within. The economy is in bad shape, unemployment is high, millions go without health benefits, whole families are one paycheck away from welfare, and we suspect that most of this is true not because we are poor as a nation but because we suffer from a lack of social justice. When we look each other in the eye, how are we supposed to rejoice?

Let me explain, first of all, "gaudete" does not mean just "cheer up." St. Paul tells us, "Rejoice always...In all circumstances give thanks." He talks about a deeper kind of joy that is much more than mere cheerfulness. We've all known times when a lot of things were going wrong, and we did not feel cheerful, and yet we were at peace with ourselves and with our lives. How do we get this joy? St. Paul says, "Pray without ceasing." That does not mean we are supposed to be saying prayers all day. Obviously, that is not possible; we are too busy. What St. Paul means is being aware of God's presence, not losing sight of what we know by faith; that our God is our loving Creator who cares for and watches over us all the time. At Christmas we are going to remember the greatest proof of God's love, that he sent us his only Son. This is the one whom Prophet Isaiah prophesied: "The Lord has anointed me, he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted... to announce... a day of vindication by our God." In the same way Mary tells us God will fill the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty. John the Baptist saw the messiah coming and told us to make straight the way of the Lord. This is the good news indeed and numerous reasons to rejoice. Amen.

Advent season is an opportunity to come home to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Monday, December 15, and Wednesday, December 17, we are scheduled to hear confessions and give absolution to our Religious Education students. The parish has invited some guest priests to help also.

All of us are invited to celebrate the traditional Simbang-Gabi Mass (Advent Novena) on December 18 at 7 PM in our Church. Following the mass there will be some fellowship and refreshments in the parish hall.

May God bless you,
Father Angelito

12/7/14 Weekly Mortgage Reduction	\$8,234.00 \$1,706.00
12/8/14 Immaculate Conception	\$1,142.00
12/21/14 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs	
Thank you so much for your generous contributions.	



through the Sacrament of Baptism, we
welcomed to the Church:

Donovan Ryan Boyle
Chloe Elizabeth Carone

We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!

The **Parish Office** will close at **12:00 Noon** on
Monday, December 15.
It will reopen on Tuesday, December 16.

The **Religious Education Office** will be closed
from 12:00 - 3:00 PM on Monday, December 15.
It will reopen at 3:00 PM.

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Sunday, December 14, following 11:30 Mass
Sunday, December 21, following 11:30 Mass

Children's Choir Performance on Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December, 24 at 6 PM

Note—the Children are not singing on the 4th Sunday

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Joe Diamond
Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Mike Lubniewski,
Lauren MacArthur, Betty McCann, John Masterson,
Esther Peraza, Marjorie Seagriff, George Zieminski

Thursdays

10 AM Legion of Mary Conference Room

Tuesdays, First & Third - December 16

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Tuesdays, thru December 16

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

Wednesday, December 17

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

Saturday, January 10

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

Monday, February 9

7:30 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

Thursday, February 12

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

Homebound Ministry If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, contact the Parish Office.

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all of our parish to the second annual breakfast with Santa Claus. It will be held on **Sunday, December 14th starting at 10 AM.** All are welcome to enjoy our complimentary breakfast and partake in the Christmas spirit. Please bring the kids. Santa will be waiting. God bless.

Dear Parishioners - The St Catherine's Usher Ministry would like to ask for your help. We are in need of additional ushers who can help with the regular Weekend masses and also a group who can commit to helping at our special events and Holiday masses, starting with this Christmas season. If you would like to hear more about the usher ministry or can help the parish out then please contact Scott at scottrubinson@gmail.com or call 732.492.6861.

St. Vincent de Paul News

St. Vincent de Paul would like to express our sincere gratitude to the parishioners, youth group and religious education students of St. Catherine's. Thanks to your generosity we were able to provide overflowing Thanksgiving Baskets to the neediest of our SVDP families. Thank-you for your continued support of our ministry.

The Christmas Carol Festival Committee would like to thank those at Farmingdale Printing who went out of their way to provide St. Catherine's with the media items needed to advertise our festival. Without their help, our parish would not have seen such a successful turnout.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE 2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL!

As of November 17th the amount pledged was \$47,315 and there are 20 parishioners more than last year's donor total. This qualifies our parish to receive an extra 5% rebate! Instead of \$6,600, St. Catherine's will receive \$8,000, plus 50% of anything over the \$44,000 goal which is paid.

If you have not already done so, please consider paying your pledge amount before Dec. 31 in order for the parish to receive the 50% additional funds.

REGISTERED	1466
DONORS	215
PARTICIPATION	15%
GOAL	\$44,000.00
PLEDGED	\$47,315.00
PAID	\$43,207.75
% OF GOAL	108%

Stella Maris Retreat Center 981 Ocean Avenue Long Branch NJ 07740 Winter Solstice

Sunday, December 14, 7—8:30 PM

Pause in the middle of busy holiday preparations and experience the sacred in the darkness and the coming of the light of the Winter Solstice. In music and liturgical dance hope is sparked and peace is deepened as the darkness is illuminated by the lighting of fire. Reservations Requested. Email waterspirit@stellamaris.comcastbiz.net or call 732-923-9788. Donation According to Means.

Let the Christ Child into your heart!!

St. Veronica Healing Mass
4215 Rt. 9, Howell, NJ 07731

December 16, 2014 - Mass at 7:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Bill O'Brien

Individual Prayers after Mass. All are Welcome. Any questions call Mary Jean @ 732-364-2815 or mjjohnson1234@aol.com.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!
CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN**

Join us for Food, Games and Fun as we celebrate our Savior's birth

Date: Sunday Dec. 28th Time: 1 pm-4 pm

St. Veronica Cafeteria, Howell - Cost: Free

Each family is invited to bring an unwrapped baby gift (diapers, clothes, food) that will be donated to a crisis pregnancy center. Please respond by Dec. 21 with number and ages of children attending to help us plan activities. Space is limited. For more info. or to respond call Jo-Anne at 347-631-8092 or email svmcg21@yahoo.com. Please note: parents must stay at party to supervise children.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Christmas Open House! Once again our Vocational discernment group will meet on the last Sunday of December. The format of this gathering will be a visit to the Diocesan House of Discernment where you will have the opportunity to meet and chat with some of the priests and some of our seminarians of the Diocese of Trenton. If you are a faithful, single, Roman Catholic man, between the ages of 18 and 40, and are asking yourself whether God is calling you to be a priest, you are cordially invited to attend this month's Open House Discernment meeting on **December 28th, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at The Church of the Sacred Heart Rectory, 343 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08608. Join Very Rev. Dennis Apoldite and some of the men of the House of Discernment, as they share their experiences of the priesthood. Please register at vocations@diocesoftrenton.org or by calling (609) 406-7449.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Evening Prayers and Benediction

Sunday, December 14, 21 @ 7:00 PM CHAPEL - *Followed by fellowship and refreshments*

Simbang – Gabi - Thursday, December 18 @ 7:00 PM CHURCH - *Followed by fellowship and refreshments*

Reconciliation - Saturday December 20, 27 @ 3:30 – 4:00 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Children’s Mass) - 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

New Year’s Mass Schedule

New Year’s Eve 4:30 PM CHURCH - **New Year’s Day** 9:00 AM CHURCH

EPIPHANY MASSES

Saturday, January 3 @ 4:30 PM - Sunday, January 4 @ 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM



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PLEASE BE GENEROUS TO YOUR PARISH AT CHRISTMAS

St. Catherine’s Parish continues to need your financial support. Your extra generosity to our 2014 Christmas Offering would certainly be a most welcome reflection of your support and sincere appreciation.

PLEASE NOTE: Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, December 23 thru Friday, December 26.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: No Classes Wednesday, December 24 thru Wednesday, December 31.

Normal Schedule resumes on Monday, January 5, 2015.



**The FILIPINO * AMERICAN Catholic Community Of
Monmouth County Invites You To A Nine Day
SIMBANG GABI (ADVENT MASS)**

**In Preparation For The Birth Of Our Lord Jesus Christ We ask,
“What Is The Wisdom And Meaning Of Christmas 2014 For Me ?”**

SCHEDULE OF MASS

Monday, **Dec. 15, 2014 -Holy Family Church** 727 State Rt 36, Union Beach 07735 (732)725-8088
Celebrant: **Rev. Gene Daguplo** Mass @ **7:00 pm**

Tuesday, **Dec. 16, 2014 - St. Rose of Lima Church** 16 Mclean St., Freehold NJ 07728 (917)656-3968
Celebrant : **Rev. Sheldon Amasa** Mass@ **7:00 pm**

Wednesday, **Dec. 17, 2014 - Church of St. Veronica** 4215 US Hwy 9, Howell NJ 07731 (732)363-4200
Celebrant : **Rev. Vic Magdaraog** Mass @ **8:00 pm**

Thursday, **Dec 18, 2014 - St. Catherine of Siena Parish** 31 Asbury Ave., Farmingdale NJ 07727 (732)829-1612
Celebrant : **Rev. Angelito Anarcon** Mass @ **7:00 pm**

Friday, **Dec. 19, 2014 - St. William De Abbot Church** 2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd, Howell NJ 07731 (732)766-0988
Celebrant : **Rev. Carlo Calisin** Mass @ **8:00 pm**

Saturday, **Dec. 20, 2014 - Holy Innocents Church** 3455 W Bangs Ave. Neptune, NJ 07753 (732)996-5966
Celebrant : **Rev. Mark Nillo** Mass @ **7:00 pm**

Sunday, **Dec. 21, 2013 - St James Catholic Church** 30 Peters Place, Red Bank, NJ 07701 (732)732-822-7635
Celebrant : **Rev Ariel Robles** Mass @ **7:00 pm**

Monday, **Dec. 22, 2014 - Holy Trinity Church** 408 Prospect St., Long Branch NJ 07740 (732)870-1778
Celebrant : **Rev. Leon Buni** Mass @ **7:00 pm**

Tuesday, **Dec. 23, 2014 - St. Dorothea’s Church** 240 Broad St., Eatontown NJ 07724 (732)829-1612
Celebrant : **Rev. Silvano Amora** Mass @ **7:00 pm**

****Please join us 30 min before every mass for the Holy Rosary****

Reception will be catered on Dec. 23, 2014, but also open for those who want to share their covered dishes and desserts.