

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

January 12, 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.

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, January 11, 2014

4:30 PM Jennie Zimmerer r/o Rich Durik

Jim Cramer r/o Rich Durik

Parishioners

SUNDAY, January 12, 2014

8:00 AM Maureen Cox r/o Frank & Debi Sardone

Raymond Debasitis r/o Lou & Marcia Ciccone

Laurie Gentile r/o Roy & Pat Cranmer

10:00 AM Albert Horn r/o Horn Family

John F. Sweeney r/o Corsentino Family

11:30 AM Francis Rosa r/o Hurley Family

Martin Prioli r/o Roy & Terri Murray

John Sweeney r/o Audrey Callahan



Contacts:

Website:

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, January 13, 2014

Alex Molnar r/o Ced & Betty McCann

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

John Flannery r/o St. Catherine's

Homebound Ministry

Thursday, January 16, 2014

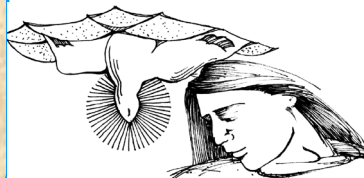
Charles Horn r/o Horn Family

Barbara Horn r/o Horn Family

Friday, January 17, 2014

Howard Friscia r/o St. Catherine's

Homebound Ministry



The Baptism of the Lord

A voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased."

— Matthew 3:17

Dear Parishioners,

As a manifestation of the Church that Christmas season ends this Sunday, according to the Liturgical calendar, we have taken down the Christmas decorations and you can pick up the flowers (poinsettias) in the parish hall after the week-end masses. Please be reminded that those flowers are available on a first come first served basis.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. It is a good thing to be reminded and learn from this significant feast. It is interesting for us to know that the baptism of John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance. Jesus was God's Son, human like us in every way, except he was not tainted with sin. Then, why would he present himself for baptism by John? If you are confused about the baptism of Jesus, then you are in good company and welcome to the club. The early Church was confused and somewhat uncomfortable about it. St. Matthew reports John by saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" we have heard it in today's Gospel. St. Luke in his Gospel writing hardly mentions the baptism itself. In St. John's Gospel, he makes only indirect reference to it. Yet all the Gospels as well as the Acts of the Apostles know that it happened, but they struggled to understand it.

Jesus did not have to sin to repent, so John's baptism had no relevance in this regard. One approach to understand this event is to see it as a clarification of who Jesus is. He is God's Son, his beloved, with whom the Father is well pleased. Before, Jesus's identity was hidden from everyone. It was only when Jesus was baptized and announced to the whole world "this is my beloved Son" and the Spirit came down upon him that the world knew who he was.

Our baptism gives us our identity too. It tells us: we are God's child, sharing God's life, beloved by the Father and called our lives in a way that is pleasing to our heavenly Father. Every so often we forget who we are and that we are God's beloved. The advertising media is constantly telling us we if don't measure up, we're not worthwhile. We are as beautiful, as shapely, as energetic, as stylish, as popular, as successful, as happy as we should be. But do not despair. The ads tell us the product they happen to be promoting will make everything better. It will solve our problems and make us over into someone worthwhile. God has already made us someone worthwhile. He first made us in his image and likeness. But more than that he has given us his life. He has made us his beloved son or daughter. As one non Catholic Archbishop always preaches as simple as possible "God loves you". The prelate says it time and again because the entire culture tells them that they are unlovable and he has to give them the message of who they really are, because God loves them.

But Jesus' baptism not only clarified for all the world who Jesus was, but it also gave Jesus his mission. He was to be a covenant of the people and a light for the nations. He was especially called to establish justice on the earth. Justice here means "righteousness," fidelity to God, goodness, living up to what we know God wants of us. Who we are define how we live. Hence, if we are a child, we are called to live up to that dignity. In trying to live up to that dignity, who better could we imitate than the perfect Son of God, with whom the Father was well pleased.

Let us celebrate Jesus' baptism, as we celebrate our own. May we rejoice in God's gift of love and life given to us. May we live up to the high dignity with which God has blessed us. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

Sacrificial Offertory

12/22/13	Weekly	\$7,932.00
	Diocesan Assessment	\$1,503.00
12/25/13	Christmas	\$27,543.00
	Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,963.00
12/29/13	Weekly	\$6,885.00
	St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,113.00
1/1/14	Solemnity of Mary	\$1,472.00
1/5/14	Weekly	\$6,336.00
	Mortgage Reduction	\$1,321.00

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.



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

Laurie Gentile (wife of Thomas)

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

Flowers used to decorate the altar
for Christmas will be available to
parishioners in the Parish Hall
following all masses this weekend.



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

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

Wednesday, January 15

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class *Church*

Saturday, February 8

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

Monday, February 10

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

Thursday, February 13

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society *Church & Parish Hall*

Tuesdays, thru April 8

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

Tuesdays, First & Third

7:00 PM RCIA *Conference Room*

Contact janeccable@gmail.com

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.

New Parishioners

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ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH
WARMLY WELCOMES
 THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

**Stephen, Gina, Courtney, Amanda, & Jake
 Dembowski
 Terry Liddy**

"Souper" Bowl & More

The Rosary Altar Society will be collecting cans of soup and other non-perishables after all the Masses in January. This will help stock the St Vincent de Paul emergency food supply and all items will go to help local families in need this cold winter. Please check the expiration dates on all items. Thank you.




Calling On All Catholic Men: The Knights of Columbus is welcoming all men over the age of 18 to become a member of the new St. Catherine of Siena council here at our church. Devoted to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, of over 1.8 million world-wide members, the Knights of Columbus strives to be a positive Catholic presence in both our parish and community. If you wish to join please call (732) 835-2049 or email KOFC15703@gmail.com

CBA is holding a Super Bowl Raffle to benefit its Bagpipe Band. The winner will receive two tickets to Super Bowl XLVIII on February 2, 2014 at MetLife Stadium. The value of the Super Bowl tickets is \$6,000.00. Only 2000 raffle tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00. The drawing will be held Monday, January 13, 2014, at 8:30 am at Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft. Tickets are available for purchase on the Fathers' Club page of the CBA website: www.cbalincroftnj.org. Payment can be made using PayPal. Tickets will be mailed to the purchaser.

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.

Help Wanted: Adult to run our Youth Group at St. Catherine's! As Deacon Intern Dan Sakowski prepares for Ordination in May 2014, we are searching for someone to run the Youth Group starting in September 2014. This is a very rewarding experience and a chance to work with our dedicated and amazing kids. Please contact Dan for more information: sienachurchyg@yahoo.com or text/call: 732-766-6805.




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ATTENTION:**PARISHIONERS WITH CELIAC SPRUE**

An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. Please notify the Celebrant or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending. Further information can be found on our website under "Sacraments". Thank you.

ST. CATHERINE'S ONLINE!

Check out our website www.sienachurch.org for all the latest Parish info, including Parish Policies, Church Bulletin, Nursery School and CCD Calendars, Closings & Delays, Minister Schedules, and more.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

A listing for prayers of those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Parish Office @ 732-938-5375.

**TO ALL GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS
WHO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR
ST. CATHERINE'S BULLETIN**

Because of the deadline assigned to us by the bulletin company, all information must be submitted to the Parish Office by Monday morning. Articles given later will be included in the bulletin for the following week.

Thank you for honoring this request!



ALTAR FLOWERS ... can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one or for any special intention (except during Lent & Advent). Offering: \$50/basket ...To arrange for Altar Flowers, please call the Office @ 732-938-5375

Parish Policies

Parish Registration ... To be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered, and to show your presence and support by attendance at Mass and through the regular use of offertory envelopes.

If you have questions regarding Parish Registration, please call 732-938-5375 or email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

If you move or change addresses or parishes, please notify the Parish Office in a timely manner.

Young adults ...who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or who are employed full-time, **should register with the Parish under their own name.**

Weddings ... Please call the Parish Office **one year in advance of desired wedding date, BEFORE completing any other arrangements (reception hall, etc.).**

Baptisms ... The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 P.M. or can be celebrated during Sunday Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance.

Prior to the birth of the child, attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is mandatory for parents, and sponsors/godparents also are encouraged to attend. Classes are held in the Church at 7:30 P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact the parish office.

Sponsorship ... In order to be a sponsor/godparent for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; if married, be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully ... **also, be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months.** One month's notice is desirable when requesting a Sponsor Certificate, a Letter of Recommendation for Parochial School, and other items of this nature.

Remember Us in Your Will

A simple charitable bequest can provide very meaningful support for St Catherine of Siena Church. Be sure your will is up-to-date. An up to date will can:

- Protect your loved ones and your dreams.
- Let you, not the state; determine how your assets will be distributed.
- Help you leave a legacy through charitable gifts.
- Help you minimize estate taxes.
- Assure those charities you valued will continue.