

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

January 5, 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 4, 2014

4:30 PM "Living" Intention Pietro DeGrande r/o Suzanne DeGrande  
Parishioners

### SUNDAY, January 5, 2014

8:00 AM Eleanor & Rodney King r/o DeGrande Family  
"Living" Intention Christine & Pietro DeGrande Jr. r/o Suzanne & Pietro DeGrande

10:00 AM Theresa Schifilliti r/o Tranchina Family  
John Montgomery r/o Mary Anne Frasier  
"Living" Intention Ryan & Saadiya Boutote r/o Suzanne DeGrande

11:30 AM Maureen Cox r/o St. Catherine's Homebound Ministry  
Martin Prioli r/o John & Stephanie Harakal  
Carmelo & Annunziata DeGrande r/o DeGrande Family

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

## Mass Intentions:

Monday, January 6, 2014

Robert Swift

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Gloria Walker r/o Richard & Linda Aiello

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Alex Molnar Jr. r/o Mr. & Mrs. Gockel

Friday, January 10, 2014

Alex Molnar Jr. r/o Ced & Betty McCann



## Contacts:

### Website:

[www.sienachurch.org](http://www.sienachurch.org)

### Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

### Parish Office:

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### 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:

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts  
of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:11b

Dear Parishioners,

The holiday rush, hustle and bustle and shopping spree are done by this time of the season hopefully. Back to regular and normal days and wait and work again for the next Christmas and holy day season. However, in the mind of the Church, the Christmas Season is not over yet. In as much as we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday.

We have to be reminded that originally, the feast of the Epiphany is the original feast of Jesus' birth. In fact, Eastern Christians were celebrating the nativity of Jesus on January 6th, years before Christians in Rome began to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th. And it is because Epiphany was already well established as a major feast by the time the Roman Church could not ignore it, so they centered on the coming of the magi as the theme for the feast of the Epiphany. Consequently, this extended the Christmas celebration for a number of days, which is appropriate, because Christmas is too wonderful an event to limit to only one day.

The word Epiphany comes from a Greek word which means coming to light or appearing. The shepherds who lived in the area of Bethlehem had already had their epiphany when the angels announced the birth of Jesus to them. Today, we commemorate God's revelation of the coming of his Son to magi. Magi is a term that designated persons who were priests of a pagan cult and were experts in astrology, interpretation of dreams and various other occult arts. Their primary job would be to act as advisors to the rulers of Persia (ancient people who lived in modern day Iran). As advisors to the king and his court they would have studied the stars for messages from the gods. As pagans they remind us that Christ's saving light is meant for people of every race and every nationality.

If we take into heart and understand the word Epiphany as a general word indicating God revealing himself to anyone, then Epiphany does not end with the visit of the magi. God continues to reveal himself to all people. Some people respond to the revelation and some do not.

It is but fitting for us all to be reminded at the beginning of the week of the New Year that Christ can be found by anyone whose intent to find him is honest and who doesn't give up the search. Christ wants us to know him, that is why he came to us and came a long way to make it possible for us to find him. We have to go to that same pathway and that's the way to go. He will not disappoint us if we really want to know him.

May God's Spirit fill us with light so we can continually find him in new and more significant ways. Amen  
Father Angelito

### **"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.

### **Sacrificial Offertory**

**1/12/14 Weekly & Mortgage Reduction**

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

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

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

The son of an 83 year old female is in need of your help to assist with looking in on his mother a couple of hours a day while he is at work. Any amount of time you can spare even if it's only a 1/2 hour to make sure his mother takes her medicine would be greatly appreciated.

Finances are stretched and female volunteers are needed. Please call Gary at 732-938-3693. The phone will ring about 6 times before going to the answering machine to leave a message if Gary is not available. With much appreciation.

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. Tickets available at [www.cbalincroftnj.org](http://www.cbalincroftnj.org)

### **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](mailto:pasquale@sjvhs.com). Drawing is on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30 P.M.

### **Tuesdays, beginning January 7 thru April 8**

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

### **Thursday, January 9**

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

### **Saturday, January 11**

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

### **Wednesday, January 15**

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

### **Monday, February 10**

7 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

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

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

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