

**St. Catharine's Church**

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Blauvelt, N.Y. 10913

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

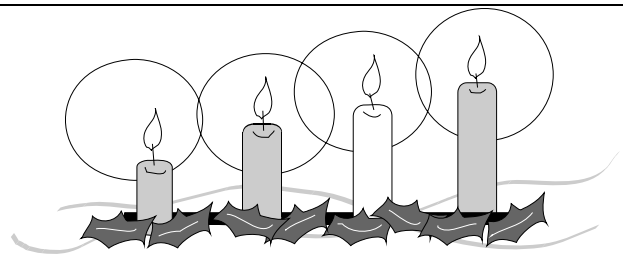
“The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary”... “the Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; hence the holy offspring to be born will be called Son of God... Mary said, ‘I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.’ With that the angel left her.”

The words from Luke’s gospel are so well known. We recite them in prayer, we picture the scene in our minds. We live the most significant moment waiting Mary’s response.

The angel left but let us spend a few minutes, this final week before Christmas with Mary. We look at her now as an expectant mother, looking within and keeping a secret known only to her. She can’t keep it in. She goes rapidly to share her good news with her relative and to serve Elizabeth in her need as she is pregnant with John the Baptist. Luke provides the wonderful exchange and conversation of the mothers to be.

We too are expecting the Christ. We look within and discover our eagerness to give birth to Christ in our lives. Filled with expectant joy, we busy ourselves preparing by prayer, action and reflection to allow Christ to become present in our world today. The busyness which will surround us this final week will make sense when we pause to reflect upon the Christ within, the meaning of His coming, and the joy we have to bring Him to others.

As Gabriel awaited Mary’s reply, may we say ‘yes’ too to the invitation of bringing the Christ to others. The simple word JOY tells it all - Jesus Others Yourself.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, “Let it be done to me as you say.”

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

RECONCILIATION MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH**“Make Straight the Way of the Lord...”**

December 19th has been designated as **Reconciliation Monday** throughout the Archdiocese of New York. From 3 - 5PM, we will have a parish priest available in the **Reconciliation Room** of the church for anyone who would like to stop by for **individual** confession.

EVENING PENANCE SERVICE AT 7:30 PM

Our evening service will include some seasonal music and hymns as well as a scripture presentation and brief reflection. Five priests will then be available for individual confessions at the conclusion of the service. This might just be the most special thing you do this Advent season. Do it for yourself. Do it for Him!

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE - SAVE THE DATE!**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH**

This New Year, we’ll once again be looking for your BLOOD! Yes, that’s right, we’re out for your BLOOD! Please join us in the school cafeteria **between 8AM & 1:30PM**. You need to be at least **17** years or older, have I.D. and not have donated blood in the previous 56 days. Please join Msgr. Nevin, your fellow parishioners, neighbors and our co-sponsors, the St. Dominic’s Knights of Columbus, in giving **the gift of life** for those who many be in need at this time of the year. Supplies are low and you can really make a difference!



CHRISTMAS GIFT TO ST. CATHARINE'S

Your special Christmas Gift to Saint Catharine's is a very important part of our annual parish income.

In light of the current economic times, we are very appreciative to all of our households who continue to do their best to sacrifice and financially support our parish as their means allow.

For those not currently on the envelope system, we invite you to please take home one of the special **Christmas Gift envelopes** from the ushers' tables located in the lobby.

On Sunday, December 25th, the **first collection** will be for your regular weekly (Sunday) tithing envelope. The **second collection** will be for your Christmas Gift to our parish.

Thank you for your continued goodness and may the blessings of the Christ Child be with you and your loved ones throughout this holy season.

**CANNED HAMS & FOOD DRIVE
THIS WEEKEND**

Please drop off your HAMS and FOOD ITEMS in the Baptistry of the church. Thank you for your goodness. OOPS! Did you forget? Don't worry, we'll be accepting food donations (or gift cards) until right after our Sunday 4:30 PM Mass.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We have 10 tickets left for Bowzer's Oldies Show at Mohegan Sun on January 15th. There will be 10 groups performing. The cost is \$85. For further information, call Joe, 845-365-1151; 646-648-0823. All the trips are on the sheet in back of the church.

ST. CATHARINE'S PREP



Would like to wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year. Classes will resume January 9th

**SNAPSHOT OF UPCOMING PARISH
CALENDAR**

- Monday (12/19) Day of Reconciliation & Penance Service
- Saturday (12/24) Christmas Eve Masses
- Sunday (12/25) Christmas Day Masses
- Sunday (1/1/12) Feast of Mary, Mother of God
- Friday (1/6) Eucharistic Adoration
- Saturday (1/7) Eucharistic Adoration
- Sunday (1/8) Feast of Epiphany (Little Christmas)
9:15 Family "3 Kings" Mass & Breakfast
Second Collection – Catholic University
Blood Drive 8 AM – 1:30 PM
- Saturday (1/14) First Penance at 10:30 AM & 1PM
- Wednesday (1/18) PRE K registration day

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, December 24th

- 4:00 PM Organ & Soloist
- 6:00 PM Family Mass & Children's Choir
- 10:00 PM Combined Choirs
- 11:30 PM Combined Choir Christmas Concert
- MIDNIGHT Concelebrated - Combined Choirs

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25th

- 8:00 AM Organ Mass
- 9:15 AM Organ Mass
- 10:30 AM Organ Mass
- 11:45 AM Combined Choirs
- 1:00 PM Organ Mass (Last Mass of Christmas)

EARLY CHILDHOOD - PRE-K OPEN HOUSE

Monday, January 9, 2012

Open house for 3, 4 & 5 year olds will be from 9-11 AM and 7-8PM. The snow date will be January 11th.

REGISTRATION DAY

Wednesday, January 25th

Our Pre-K registration will take place from 9-11 AM and 6:30-8 PM in the cafeteria. The snow date will be Wednesday, February 1st.

For further information, please contact us at 845-359-4330 or email us at st.cprk@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Friday, December 23rd – Staff holiday - office closed.
Saturday, December 24th – No scheduled confessions.
Monday, December 26th – Staff holiday - office closed.
*For **emergencies**, requiring the presence of a priest, please contact the regular parish telephone number 845-359-0542.*

THE DEREMEIK FAMILY THANKS YOU!

The family of Tom Deremeik would like to thank all of our friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners and the wonderful Hospice staff for their outpouring of love, prayers, gifts of food, phone calls and personal visits throughout this past year, especially these past few weeks. In a special way, we are grateful for all of your Mass cards and, of course for your presence and tremendous outpouring of support at the time of Tom's recent wake and Funeral Mass. God bless you all.

Marie Deremeik & Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO EXCHANGE A
"BLESSED CHRISTMAS" OR A "MERRY
CHRISTMAS" AND NOT "HAVE A NICE
HOLIDAY" WITH ALL THOSE YOU MEET.
IF WE DON'T WHO WILL?**



The **Tabernacle Candle** was donated by
Cathy O'Brien

In Memory of
The Daly and O'Brien Families

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

CHURCH DECORATING COMMITTEE

"Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly" or something like that. We can use some help on a couple of mornings during the week (right after the 8:30 a.m. Mass) and, most especially, on Saturday, December 24th right after the 8:30 a.m. Mass when we put on our "full court press" to transform the church from Advent over to Christmas. Please give us a call and let us know if you can help us out. The parish office is 845-359-0542.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Michael Flynn - Tiffany Bentley

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Have we done anything different during this holy season? During this final week of Advent, can we push ourselves to be more prayerful, more spiritual, more in tune with the Baptist's admonition to "Prepare the way of the Lord"?

+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, Joan Bauer, Germaine Boxa, Lesmond Kane and Nicholas Scandiffio

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

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

Angels – Announced, to shepherds, the glad tidings of Jesus' birth

Candles – Represent the light that Jesus brought to earth. Jesus is "Light from Light." He is the Light of the world

Crèche – Manger scene depicting Jesus' place of birth

Evergreen Tree – Like God, it is changeless, year-round, a sign that winter will give way to spring and new life

Gifts – The first Christmas gifts were from the wise men to Jesus. We celebrate this on Epiphany.

Holly – The leaves remain green throughout the year. Early Christians hung it on doors to symbolize a home in which Christ's birth was celebrated

Jesus figure – Jesus is the "reason for the season". Christians believe that he is the Son of God, the Word of God who became flesh and who dwelt among us

Joseph figure – He is the husband of Mary

Manger – A "cow's" residence where Jesus slept. It is a part of the crèche.

Mary - The Immaculate (sinless) Virgin mother of Jesus

Poinsettia – Flower that, because of its flame leaf, is sometimes called the "Christmas Star"

Saint Nicholas - A real person who was a kind bishop who brought presents to needy children in 4th century Asia Minor



ALTAR DUTY

Joan Feroldi – Rita Dinan

TITHING - GOD'S WAY OF SHARING

*Last week's Collection \$10,331
Last Year's Collection \$10,847*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Friday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Vigil of Christmas: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:45 Thanksgiving

8:30 Jack Davin

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:45 Patrick, Catherine and Rita McAweeney

8:30 Andrew Kinkel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:45 Elizabeth and John Geary

8:30 Reimer and Treanor Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:45 Grace Dennerlein

8:30 Florence and Emmet T. Nevin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:45 Catherine and Patrick Flynn




8:30 Tom Deremeik, Goss and Deremeik Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24




8:30 Kevin Whelan



+LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24, 2011 - CHRISTMAS EVE+

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTORS</u> 	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u> 	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> 
4:00pm	K. Linehan	R. Sarubbi, P. Finn, J. DelGatto, J. D'Andrea	L. Citardi, S. Cunningham, M. Hovagim, N. Hovagim
6:00pm	E. McCaffrey	K. Wemmer, D. Mingione, J. Kraus, J. Battaglia	A. Albanese, B. Shapiro, M. Shapiro, S. Shapiro
10:00pm	K. Beckmann	B. Neier, J. Onativia	J. McKiernan, K. McKiernan, S. McKiernan, A. Wamsley, M. Wamsley
Midnight	G. Grandville	N/A	B. Borruso, K. Borruso

+LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 25, 2011 - CHRISTMAS DAY+

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTORS</u> 	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u> 	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> 
8:00am	P. Blaine	J. Leavey, T. McTernan	R. Maestri, M. Shanley
9:15am	Family Mass	R. Gavigan, S. Pinto	E. Diaz, I. Diaz, L. Gavigan
10:30am	J. Lounibos	C. Ramirez, M. DeSimone, M. DeMasi, A. Desposati	T. Fitzgibbons, K. Haughey, J. Jurasek
11:45am	J. McDonald	V. McDonald, T. Brown, K. Miller, A. Kapunan	L. McKenna, K. Rogers, J. Yuvienco
1:00pm	K. Ward-Buckley	E. Hoenig, P. Hoenig	J. Buckley, M. Fraser, V. Gadioma