



ST. CATHARINE'S PARISH

523 Western Highway
Blauvelt, New York 10913

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. McAree, S.T.D.



Stations of the Cross
Friday evenings during Lent at 7:30 PM

St. Catharine's Church
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*The link for St. Catharine's Live-Stream
 Weekday and Weekend Masses is on our website,
www.saintcatharines.org. Please find the link at
 the very top of the Home Page.*

Sunday 5:00 PM Saturday evening Vigil
 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM,
 and 4:30 PM
Weekday 6:45 AM and 8:30 AM
Saturday 8:30 AM
First Fridays 6:45 AM and 8:30 AM

Baptism
 First and third Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM.
 Parents should call Deacon John Jurasek at (845)
 365-3618 for an appointment and Baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 PM, 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 kindly requested to
 register at the Rectory.

Parish Devotions
Miraculous Medal held after the 8:30 AM Mass
 every Monday morning.
Rosary following 8:30 AM Mass (Mon.-Fri.); Sundays,
 12:00 PM in the Grotto or School Library depending on
 the weather.
Scriptural Rosary following 8:30 AM Mass on
 Saturdays.
Eucharistic Adoration
 Every Friday during Lent from 9-7 PM, followed by
 Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM.

Parish Religious Education Program – PREP
Mrs. Bernadette Kowalchuk
(845) 359-4014

St. Catharine's Early Childhood Center
Mrs. Lorraine Hubert
(845) 359-4330

PARISH MINISTRY & SERVICE CONTACTS

Adult Religious Education: Deacon John Jurasek,
 (845) 365-3618
Altar Servers: Deacon John Jurasek, (845) 365-3618 or
 Mary Anne Pagnani, (845) 358-0739
Altar Society: Anna Stellwag, (845) 359-0769
Baptisms: Deacon John Jurasek, (845) 365-3618
Bible Study: Bernadette Kowalchuk, (845) 359-4014
Birthright of Rockland: Call (845) 623-9098
Bulletin: Patricia McKenna, (845) 359-0542
Choirs: Dr. Rene Dalandan, (917) 770-2468
CYO Basketball: Mary Anne Pagnani, (845) 358-0739
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Early Childhood Center: Lorraine Hubert,
 (845) 359-4330
Eucharistic Ministry at Mass: Kerry Beckmann,
 (845) 359-3986
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Lectors: Veronica Rogers, (845) 624-1427
Parish Council: Kerry Beckmann, (845) 359-3986
Parish Nurse Program: Maureen Fallon, (845) 398-3806
Parish Office: Patricia McKenna, M-F, 9-5 PM,
 (845) 359-0542; Judith Scandiffio, Sat. 9-3 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Louise Langan, (845) 359-5648
PREP, Religious Education: Bernadette Kowalchuk,
 (845) 359-4014
St. Ambrose Society: Parish Office, (845) 359-0542
Social Activities: Joseph Onativia, (845) 365-1151
TASC, Teen Association: Richard & Rita Sarubbi,
 (845) 641-3172
Ushers: Ken Lee, (201) 297-7016
Website: Patricia McKenna, (845) 359-0542

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sadly, most people know little about the Ten Commandments or where to find them in the Bible (read Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5). Few people can name more than three or four of them.

Those who take the time to study the Commandments find they're not a list of "shall nots," but are, in fact, God's guide to the good life – a life full of blessings.

There's much more to these Commandments than meets the eye. They're not just God's way of preventing us from having a good time. Every Commandment of God is for our good. The Commandments are designed to protect us, our families and our communities. They're a guide to transforming the way we think, what we do and how we live.

They truly are ten keys to a successful and happy life!

*I am the Lord thy God,
thou shall not take strange gods before me.*

*Thou shall not take the name
of the Lord thy God in vain.*

Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Honor thy Father and thy Mother.

Thou shall not kill.

Thou shall not commit adultery.

Thou shall not steal.

*Thou shall not bear false witness
against thy neighbor.*

Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's house.

*Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife,
nor anything else that belongs to him.*



**MOSES DESCENDS FROM MOUNT SINAI
WITH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

Ferdinand Bol

The painting above is a masterpiece of Dutch Baroque art by Ferdinand Bol that has captivated viewers for centuries. This work of art depicts Moses, the leader of the Jewish people, descending from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments, which God had given him on two stone tablets.

The composition of the painting is impressive, with Moses at the upper corner of the image, surrounded by a crowd of people who are watching in amazement. The figure of Moses is imposing with his white beard and gold tunic, and his presence dominates the scene. The light that illuminates the figure of Moses is bright and dazzling, giving it a divine and majestic air.

Ferdinand Bol's artistic style is evident in this work, with his loose brushwork technique and his use of light and shadow to create depth and texture. The coloring of the painting is vibrant and rich, with warm, earthy tones that evoke the feeling of being in the desert.

There is a lovely S-shaped line of light through the painting starting at the middle top of the canvas, illuminating the main figures on its way, and ending in the left bottom corner with the child in red praying; a line takes us from the old wisdom of Moses, to the innocence of the child yet to learn.

The story behind the painting is fascinating as it depicts one of the most important moments in Biblical history. The giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses is a key event in the history of the Jewish people, and this painting perfectly captures the excitement and awe felt by witnesses to this event.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading

We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel

Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs He was doing (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

**+EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING LENT+
EVERY FRIDAY, 9 AM TO 7 PM**

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Friday throughout Lent, following the 8:30 AM Mass, and concluding at 7 PM with Benediction.

Please do your best to spend some quiet, quality time with Our Lord during this Holy Season.

dear Padre

How do I make the most of my time in Eucharistic Adoration?

Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration is a peaceful way to increase your faith and give back to God. Try to incorporate this traditional devotion into your Lenten observance.

So, how do you spend your time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration?

Adoration is typically carried out in silence, which allows each visitor to pray in their own way.

First, you may want to think about how amazing Jesus is and thank Him for bringing you here today.

Use your time in Eucharistic Adoration to thank Him for everything He has given you. Many Christians use prayer time as a way to ask God for things. However, when is the last time that you truly thanked Him? Eucharistic Adoration is the perfect time to show your gratitude.

Then, just talk to Jesus about what's on your mind. Tell Him about your day, your week, and what you are struggling with. Ask His help in bringing to mind those sins that are keeping you from Him.

And then, if you can't think of anything else to say, just sit there with Him. Don't be afraid of the silence. Think how an elderly couple may sit in rockers on a porch together in comfortable silence, and just sit that way with Jesus.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Use your time to say the Rosary. Many Catholics don't pray the Rosary as often as they should. An hour in Eucharistic Adoration is the perfect time for a Rosary.

Read religious books and materials. For example, you could read the latest writings of the Pope or writings of previous Popes.

Read the Bible! Reading the Bible should be a part of every Christian's daily life. Doing so in the stillness and quiet of the Church during Eucharistic Adoration is an excellent way to grow in your spiritual life.

GOD IS NEAR

*"Seek the Lord while He may be found,
call upon Him while He is near." Isaiah 55:6*

Lent is a true opportunity to enter deeply into the mystery of the goodness and love of God.

In this holy season, the Church invites us to learn to know the Lord Jesus ever better, and to live the faith in a consistent way with a lifestyle that expresses God's mercy.

It is a commitment that we are called to take on in order to offer to those we meet the concrete sign of God's closeness. My life, my attitude, the way of going through life, must really be a concrete sign of the fact that God is close to us.

Small gestures of love, tenderness, and care make people feel that the Lord is with us. In all these situations we convey God's mercy through our life-giving commitment, which witness to our faith in Christ.

We must always bring God's tender love and mercy – bringing it to others, to those who are in need, to those who have anguish in their hearts, to those who are sad. We must always approach them with God's love and mercy.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT AT 7:30 PM

*"At the Cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful Mother weeping,
close to Jesus to the last."*

Called by many names – *The Way of the Cross*, *Via Crucis*, *Via Dolorosa* – the *Stations of the Cross* allow Christians to follow in the footsteps of Christ during His Passion on Good Friday. Even if we cannot physically go to the Holy Land, we can journey there spiritually when we meditate on Christ's path to Calvary.

This tradition of retracing Christ's steps during the Passion has been attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was said to have visited the spots in Jerusalem where Jesus suffered. She may also have created the original *Stations* while living with St. John in Ephesus.

The Stations, as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy or even possible to visit the holy sites. In the 1500's, villages all over Europe started creating "replicas" of the *Way of the Cross*, with small shrines that commemorated the places along the route in Jerusalem. Eventually, these shrines became the set of 14 *Stations* we now know and were placed in almost every Catholic Church around the world.

While *the Stations of the Cross* are a popular devotion to pray year-round, the devotion often gets special attention during the season of Lent.

We invite you to join Deacon John Jurasek as we pray *the Stations of the Cross* Friday evenings during Lent at 7:30 PM.

For your convenience, we will have printed booklets available for anyone who would like to make a visit to the Church during the day to pray the *Stations* privately.

THE GIFT OF TIME

The gift of time is so precious, but sometimes, we are so busy that we forget about taking time for ourselves. Let's take time during this Lenten season to prepare our hearts and souls for the coming holy celebration of Easter.

Please try to find time to come in to God's house, and in the peaceful silence of the night, offer your prayers.

The doors of St. Catharine's Church are open until 7:00 PM each evening.

*The Tabernacle Candle will burn before the Blessed Sacrament the week of March 3
In Loving Memory of
Antonio Giustra*

*From
Frank and Mickie Parisi
& Family*



*"For everything there is a season
and a time for every purpose under Heaven."*

"A time to heal"

We pray for God's tender mercy and loving kindness upon all of our loved ones who have experienced serious health issues. We also pray for all those who assist and care for the sick that God may continue to give them patience, compassion, strength, and courage.

*Walter Cahill, Helen O'Brien, Matthew Mencher,
Lucy Decilla, Rory Tinston, Gary Baisley, Geraldine Moloney,
Jim Grimm, Brandon Hernandez,
Billy Keenan, Diana Colon, Colleen Kusy, Amanda Lynch,
Brian Domitrovits, II, Christian Perez,
Nicholas Guiliano, Matilda Quinn, Nicholas Corbi,
Liam Frawley, Noreen Larsen, Molly McGovern,
Danny Newkirk, Cali Jhené Pritchard,
Emmet Horvath, Darianna DeLise, David O'Hanlon,
James Cunningham, Liam McLaughlin, Tom Collins,
Rob Incognoli, Rose Cahill, Teresita Dural,
Keira Cunningham, Gary Haley, Heather Mekkinosson,
Jude DePalma, Gerald Spagnolo, Gabriella Larsen,
Anne Marie Herman, Patricia Duffy, Justin Duffy,
Fiona Moran, Carol Crane, Carol McGrath,
Lisa Morehead, Vincent Fyfe, June Hudson, Colton Martin,
Ed Walsh, Jacqueline Tracey, Christopher O'Brien,
Andrew Padilla, Paulette Maurice, Jack Bermingham,
Margaret Brosnan, Jim Deremeik, Sr. Maureen Bradshaw,
Peggy Finn, Ann Donohue, Heather Hovorka Plunkett,
Edward Fitzpatrick, James Racca, Dr. Jose and Celia Botet,
Mary Jane Knapp, Corona Balin, Judy Donohue, Frank Parisi,
Colleen Scarry, Marion O'Leary, Judith Ferrara,
Patrick Armstrong, Patty Neier, Anna Stellwag, Janet Kopac,
Marjorie Tobin, Michael McManamon, Joan Armus,
Kevin Kearney, Neil McDermott, Brigid Kivlehan,
Edward Monks*

"A time to mourn"

*Well done, good and faithful servant.
Come and share your Master's joy.*

*Jean Arcieri, John D'Andrea, Bob Minichiello, Lorraine Cooper,
Joseph Spiotta, Mary Maguire, Nora Hartney, Irene Callaghan,
Julie Mullin, David Sansone, Louise Hovsepan,
Toni Ann Volante, Alice Casey, Richard Hudson,
Andrew Duggan, Jr., Hannah Duggan, Rosemarie Higgins*

"A time for war and a time for peace"

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service. Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from You. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. *Amen.*



*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
John 1: 29*

FIRST RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th, 10:00 AM

This coming Saturday, March 9th, the Second Grade class of our Parish Religious Education Program will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please keep these children in your prayers.

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His name, my God have mercy. Amen.

LENT

**HALF A DAY OF RECOLLECTION
WITH FR. RAVI**

**MARCH 23rd, 9:30-12:00 PM
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CONGERS**

"Transforming the Cross of Christ into a Pathway for Spiritual Awakening – Navigating Technology from Distraction to Disciple and Discipleship.

*Matthew 16:24 – Then Jesus said to His disciples,
"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me."*

**JOIN FR. RAVI ON A
CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO
IRELAND, SCOTLAND, AND ENGLAND
12 NIGHTS, 13 DAYS**

SEPTEMBER 15 TO SEPTEMBER 28

**All-inclusive trip cost including breakfast and dinner -
\$5,500.**

For registration and more information, please contact Martina Collins at (914) 320-8412, or via email to jackben1412@gmail.com.

PETITION OF THE WEEK

May the love of God, the light of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be in our every thought and action during this Holy Season of Lent ... Lord, hear our prayer.

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION
EASTER FLOWERS**

Beautiful flowers for our Easter services are made possible by your generous donations. All registered parishioners will have received special envelopes for *Easter Flower* donations. Envelopes may also be found on the Ushers' tables in the lobby of the Church.

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please write the name of your beloved deceased, insert your offering (\$10 is a suggested donation), and place the envelope in the second collection basket at any of our Masses this weekend.

ANNUAL BOOSTER CLUB

Tickets cost \$100 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. The Grand Prize is \$8,000. The Drawing and Reception will take place in the Gym on Sunday, May 19th, following the 12:30 PM Mass.

To purchase tickets, you may contact our Booster Club Chairwoman, Judy Scandiffio at (845) 359-1023.

**PEACEFUL, PRAYERFUL, EFFECTIVE
40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**

The *40 Days for Life Campaign* began on Ash Wednesday and will continue through March 24. It is a peaceful, pro-life initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, and peaceful vigil at abortion facilities.

For more information, please contact Eileen Peterson at (845) 492-6709.

**DOMINICAN SISTERS OF BLAUVELT
ANNUAL WOMEN'S CELTIC TEA
SUNDAY, MARCH 10 AT 2:00 PM**

All are welcome to this Annual Women's Celtic Tea at the Convent of the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt. Enjoy Irish music by Kevin Cronin, tea and light sandwiches, as well as, preaching by Sr. Mary Dunning, OP. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information or to purchase your tickets go to www.opblauvelt.org/celtic-tea

**THE 2024 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Please join your fellow Parishioners, prayerfully consider your contribution, and make your *sacrificial* gift to the 2024 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* today. This year, our goal, set by the Archdiocese, is \$153,600.

Remember, you can pledge your gift now, and make payments in the coming months. You may also choose to make your donation online at www.cardinalsappeal.org.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next weekend, our Parish will take up a collection for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports Catholic agencies who work to provide services including advocating for immigrants, providing humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, and working for increased peace. Thank you. Your compassionate caring can make all the difference in our world.

TITHING - GOD'S WAY OF SHARING

Last week \$14,451

All that I have comes from you, Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

5:00 Ann and Thomas Henry

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 *Special Intentions for our Parish Family*

9:30 Joseph Dennerlein

11:00 John Flynn

12:30 Mary Nicholson – 8th Year Anniversary,
and Peter Nicholson

4:30 Chris and Dottie Staker

MONDAY, MARCH 4

6:45 *Special Intentions for the Priests of our Parish*

8:30 Bridie & Sean O'Shea

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

6:45 Rocco Parisi

8:30 John Apuzzo, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

6:45 *The People of St. Catharine's' Church*

8:30 Gilbert Muller

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

6:45 *Special Intentions for our Parish Family*

8:30 Thomas and Gerard Martin

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

6:45 *Special Intentions for the Priests of our Parish*

8:30 Peter, Colette & Sean Fegan

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:30 *Special Prayers for the 2nd Grade PREP
Students on the day of their First
Reconciliation*

5:00 Noemi Cicalo

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 Margaret Knapp

9:30 Clancy and Tracey Families

11:00 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nasuta

12:30 Jane Doyle Ench

4:30 Ruth and Donald Rogers