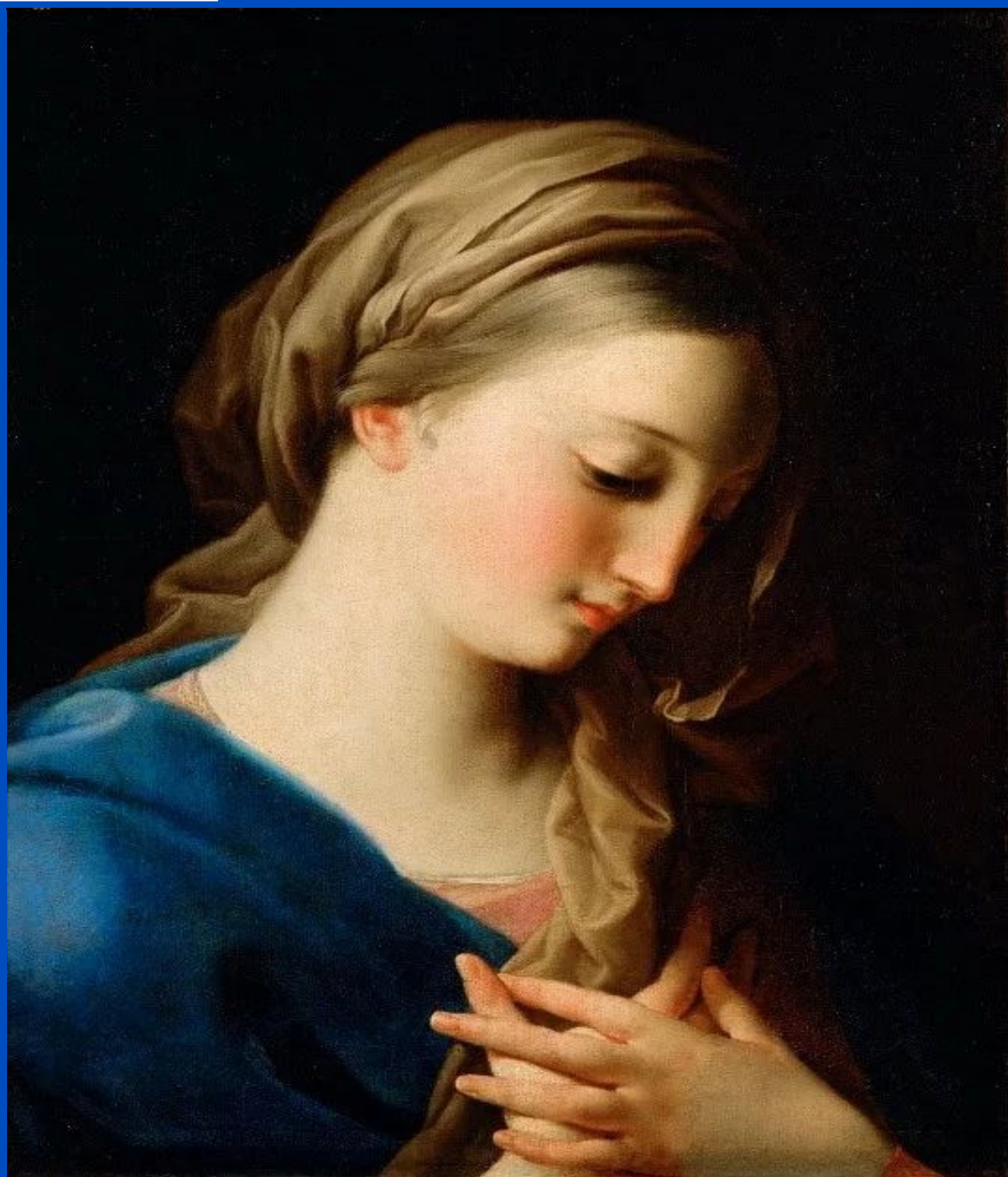




# ST. CATHARINE'S PARISH

*523 Western Highway  
Blauvelt, New York 10913*

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Pastor*



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<http://www.saintcatharines.org>**Rev. Msgr. Francis J. McAree, S.T.D., Pastor****Rev. Abraham Vallayil, C.M.I., Associate Pastor****Rev. Mr. John Jurasek, Deacon**

*The link for St. Catharine's Live-Stream  
Weekday and Weekend Masses is on our website,  
[www.saintcatharines.org](http://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 morning after 8:30 AM Mass from 9-11 AM.

**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

**CYO Basketball Website:** [www.ourcyo.org](http://www.ourcyo.org)

**Early Childhood Center:** Lorraine Hubert,  
(845) 359-4330

**Eucharistic Ministry at Mass:** Kerry Beckmann,  
(845) 359-3986

**Eucharistic Ministry, Home:** Eileen McCaffrey,  
(845) 359-9315

**Homebound Ministry:** Ken Lee, (201) 297-7016

**Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight Bob Vyskocil,  
Email to [grandknight@stdominic5343.com](mailto:grandknight@stdominic5343.com)

**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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER /  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE  
TODAY AT 3 PM**

Please join us for a special Divine Mercy Service in the Church this Sunday at 3 PM.

We meditate upon God’s infinite, merciful love – most powerfully revealed in Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection – in a special way during the seasons of Lent and Easter. And, to crown these most Holy Days, we have been given the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

In the words of St. John Paul II, *“There is nothing more that man needs than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God.”*

May this Feast Day be an occasion to ask for the grace to see what God has done for us and is doing for us; and the grace to see that our very lives are the work of His mercy.

Let us humbly turn to our Merciful Father in prayer, asking Him to open our eyes and hearts to gratefully receive and enthusiastically share His mercy.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading**

The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm**

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel**

The Risen Christ comes to His disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

**GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PRESENCE**

We were very glad that you could be with us during these holiest of days. Whether you are a long-time Parishioner of St. Catharine’s, a first-time visitor, or a College student home on break, we were blessed by your prayerful presence at our Liturgy, and we ask God to bless you in return.

The Lenten-Easter season evokes many memories for Catholics who may be away from active participation. Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter – these powerful days remind us of our Catholic roots.

Maybe you have been away for a while, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug! It’s your Heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home!

It is never too late to come home, you are always welcome here!

**GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Your Easter contribution to Saint Catharine’s should be something which truly reflects your love of God and our Parish.

Your support makes it possible for St. Catharine’s Parish to continue to spread God’s Word, to celebrate the Eucharist, to offer the Sacraments, and to continue to build the many ministries and charitable activities that are a hallmark of our wonderful Parish.

Thank you and may God bless you.

**A SPECIAL EASTER THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Ham, Food & Gift Card Drive. With your kindness and generosity, we were able to provide local families in need with the means to enjoy a wonderful Easter Sunday dinner.

Donated food was also given to the Neighborhood Food Pantry, and the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Haverstraw.

How blessed we are to be able to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves!

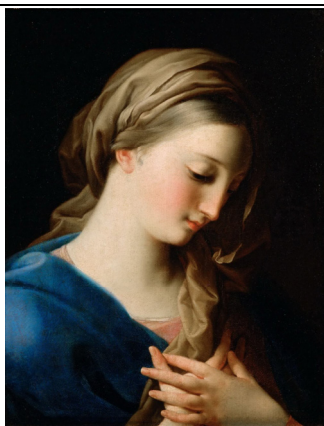
A special *“Thank You”* to Audrey Angelini, Jan Schutz, Filomena Novak, Joe Onativia, Steve Redican, members of TASC (St. Catharine’s Teen Association) and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students from our PREP. Thank you, All!

**EASTER FLOWERS**

When the lights were turned on at our Holy Saturday Vigil Mass, the beautiful display of Easter lilies, daffodils, azaleas, hydrangeas, and hyacinths presented us with a beautiful scene. With the Easter banners, and all the candles, we can all agree it was simply lovely!

Throughout the Easter Season, we will continue to enjoy this beauty which is only fitting for the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection and the promise of our own future resurrection.

Thank you to Father Abraham and all his helpers for making our Church so very beautiful for all of us to enjoy this Easter season.



### OUR COVER ARTWORK

#### THE VIRGIN OF THE ANNUNCIATION POMPEO BATONI 1707-1787

In this small devotional painting, the young Virgin appears both girlishly tender and classically beautiful. Her hands held humbly against her breast and her soft, downcast eyes reflect her readiness to follow the Will of God.

The Virgin is presented close-up in three-quarter profile, illuminated from the front against a dark background. Coming from the top left of the picture, the light gives her face definition and draws attention to her clasped hands. The Virgin's mild and humble attitude of prayer also serves as a model, urging the viewer to follow her example. Her deep blue cloak and reddish dress is mirrored in the soft red of her cheeks and bluish reflections on her eyelids. Her veil-like headscarf plays gracefully around her head and shoulder.

Pompeo Batoni, an artist who was held in the highest esteem in his day, was an important forerunner of the new Classical style. With this beautiful painting, it is easy to see why.

#### *The Angelus*

*The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary, etc.*

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
Be it done unto me according to Your Word.  
Hail Mary, etc.*

*And the Word was made flesh.  
And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary, etc.*

*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray.*

*Pour forth, we beseech You, Of Lord, Your Grace into  
our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation  
of Christ, your Son by the message of an angel,  
so by His passion and cross we may be brought  
to the glory of His Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the Angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary, his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*, her willing acceptance of God's Holy Plan.

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word." Then the Angel departed from her" (Luke 1:26-38).*

When Mary spoke those few words, human history was forever changed. They came from within the heart of a young Jewish girl who was in love with the God of her Fathers - Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. She was a woman of deep, living faith. A woman of prayer.

Mary's "Yes" is called the *fiat*: in Latin, "*Let it be done.*" Mary's *fiat* was spoken from a heart filled with love for God. Her words proceeded from her humble, surrendered heart – she was able to completely surrender herself in love, to love, and be filled with His Love for others.

Mary, in her selflessness, was open to the Angel's visit. The encounter between Mary and the Angel opens up the meaning of our own lives, by shedding light on *our* call to share in God's loving plan.

This little Virgin of Nazareth teaches us how to live our Christian life. When the Angel of the Lord appeared, bearing the message and calling her to a special mission, Mary said, "Yes."

We must all say "Yes" as well and believe that "*nothing is impossible with God.*"

#### *Mary's Magnificat*

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for He has looked with favor  
on His lowly servant.*

*From this day all generations  
will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and Holy is His Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear Him  
in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

*He has cast down the mighty  
from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of His servant Israel  
for He has remembered His promise of mercy,  
the promise He made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and His children forever.  
Amen.*



**JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU**

**SISTER MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**

On February 22, 1931 in a Convent in Warsaw, Poland, Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska had a vision of Jesus, wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from His Sacred Heart.

In her diary, Sister Faustina writes – *“In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast, there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence, I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, ‘Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with these words inscribed below: “Jesus, I trust in you,” in Polish – Jezu, ufam Tobie.”*

According to her diary, the red ray is a symbol of the blood Jesus shed for us, and the pale ray symbolizes purification – some more recent versions of the painting shown above depict this ray more of a light blue for water/baptism.

An artist was brought in and followed her direction, but it is said that, when Sister Faustina came to view the progress of the painting, she wept over how poorly conveyed Jesus’ beauty was in comparison with her visions. Our Lord assured her in subsequent visions that it was not in the artist’s brush that the power of this image would be evident, but in the work it would do within the souls of those who honored it.

The painting above currently hangs in the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Vilnius, Lithuania. It was first displayed in public during Easter ceremonies in April 1934.

After the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska in April 2000 by Pope John Paul II, the devotion to the Divine Mercy and the popularity of this image increased dramatically. As part of the canonization, Pope John Paul II also declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, as Christ, in Sister Faustina’s visions, had expressed His desire for this feast to be celebrated.

*“Not in the beauty of the colour,  
nor of the brush  
lies the greatest of this image,  
but in His grace.”*

Words attributed to St. Faustina in her diary.



The Altar Flowers were donated  
In Loving Memory of  
Peggy Regan

From  
Your Loving Family

The Tabernacle Candle will burn before the  
Blessed Sacrament the week of April 7  
In Loving Memory of  
William Schutz

From  
Your Loving Wife,  
Irene



*“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 health issues.

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.*

Rosemarie Higgins, Brian Duffy, Farida Brillantes,  
Philip Benincasa, Sr., Sister Michaela Connolly, O.P.,  
Fernando Pangilinan, Jr., Charles “Chuck” Malanaphy,  
Audrey Mullin, Lenore Panazzolo, Mary N. Fitzpatrick

*“A time for war and a time for peace”*

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. 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.*

**PETITION OF THE WEEK**

*May the Spirit of the Risen Christ stay with us during this Easter season, and may we always have the gift of love, the blessing of hope, and the promise of peace ...  
Lord, hear our prayer.*

**TITHING - GOD'S WAY OF SHARING**

*Palm Sunday ..... \$14,918  
All that I have comes from you, Lord.*

**PREP ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025  
BEGINS APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**

PREP Online Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year will begin April 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is already enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program will shortly receive a hard copy and email from "Parish Giving" with information on how to register your child(ren). If you do not receive an email, please contact the PREP Office to be sure we have the correct email address for you. If you have any questions, please call The PREP Office at (845) 359-4014 or via email to [stcatharineprepoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stcatharineprepoffice@gmail.com).

**NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION**

If you are new to our Parish and registering your child(ren) for the first time, please contact the PREP Office at (845) 359-4014 for more information and instructions to register.

**HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM TASC**

TASC (Teen Association of St. Catharine's), would like to thank the Parishioners of St. Catharine's Church for your generosity with their Palm Cross fundraiser on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your continuing support of the Teenagers of St. Catharine's.

**TASC MIDNIGHT RUN  
FRIDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>**

St. Catharine's Teen Association will be collecting toiletries, clothes, socks, etc., for their next *Midnight Run*. Please see flyers on the Ushers tables in the lobby of the Church for suggestions. Items may be dropped off in the Lower Church by the TASC door any time before April 19<sup>th</sup>.

On that Friday evening, a busload of St. Catharine's Teens, along with Rita & Rich Sarubbi, the Directors of TASC (Teen Association of St. Catharine's), will head in to distribute food, clothing, blankets, and personal care items to the homeless poor living on the streets of New York City.

These late-night relief efforts create an environment of trust, sharing, and understanding. The human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the *Midnight Run* mission. In the past, our Teens have said the experience "*deeply changed their hearts and minds.*"

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, following the 12:30 PM Mass.

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

**ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY  
CONCERT & GARDEN PARTY  
NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 4 PM**

Everyone is invited to attend a lovely celebration of the Easter Season in the beautiful cloister at St. Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Avenue in Yonkers. St. Joseph's Schola Cantorum will perform selected works in their beautiful Chapel, followed by a Reception outside in the Spring air. Adults are \$35, Children 12 and under \$20, \$100 VIP Seating. For more information call St. Joseph's Seminary at (914) 367-8145. For tickets go to [SJSConcertandGardenParty.eventbrite.com](http://SJSConcertandGardenParty.eventbrite.com).

*Eucharistic Revival Full Day Retreat  
at the Marion Shrine in Stony Point  
Saturday, April 27, 9-5 PM*

*Retreat Highlights  
Music, Adoration, Talks, Confession  
Sunday Vigil Mass at 4 PM  
Fee \$65 (includes Breakfast and Lunch)  
To register, or for more information,  
please call (845) 947-2200, x302*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

**5:00** Joe Coulter

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**8:00** Edward McLaughlin

**9:30** Eileen Collier

**11:00** Ruben Rivera

**12:30** Peggy Regan

**4:30** Margaret and Jim Phelan

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

**6:45** Ruben Rivera, *One Year Anniversary*

**8:30** Zachary Masih Escalona

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

**6:45** Carl Sasson

**8:30** Ellen McAuley, *One Year Anniversary*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

**6:45** Lillian and Remo Fanchini

**8:30** Frank and Erwin Schiller

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

**6:45** Emmet P. Nevin, *One Year Anniversary*

**8:30** Peter Sasson, *4 Year Anniversary,*  
and Mary Sasson

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

**6:45** Sr. Michaela Connolly, O.P.

**8:30** Ruth Lagerburg, *4 Year Anniversary*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

**8:30** May and Eugene Coltery

**5:00** Eileen Jackson

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**8:00** Frances Cotroneo

**9:30** Joseph and Muriel Greeley

**11:00** Sasso Family

**12:30** Marie Deremeik

**4:30** Jim McLaughlin