

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

302 St. Catherine Circle, Ithaca, NY 14850

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January 29, 2012

ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to active participation in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community through worship, witness, and service.

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph Marcoux.....	Pastor	Ernest Backus	High School Youth Ministry Coordinator
Sister Mary O'Brien CSJ	Pastoral Associate	Patricia Côté	Business Manager
Mary Boris	Pastoral Associate	Ginny Rohrer	Secretary
Sherry Scanza	Director of Liturgical Music	June Haynor.....	Receptionist
Mary Holzhauser	Organist	Jerome Srb	Maintenance Technician
Christine Williams	Youth Faith Formation Administrator	Diane Tordel.....	Housekeeper

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5 P.M.

Sunday 9 & 11:30 A.M.

Monday 5:30 P.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00 P.M. Saturday in Church or by appointment

HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 A.M.-4 P.M.

(closed for lunch at noon)

CONTACT US

607.257.2493; istcathe@dor.org

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

Contact Father Joe at 585.747.3649

New Parishioners: Welcome to our Parish community! Registration packets are available at all Church entrances and at the Office.

Infant Baptism: We're so happy about the new addition to your family. Parent(s) participate in a preparation program prior to baptism. Please contact the Office as soon as possible.

R.C.I.A.: For information on becoming Catholic, contact Mary Boris in the Office.

Sacrament of Holy Orders: For information about vocations, contact Carol Dady with the Diocesan Office of Priesthood at 585.461.2890 or vocations@dor.org.

Sacrament of Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. To begin the process, contact the Office at least 6 months before the wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick: Contact the Office in case of serious illness, prior to major surgery, or if substantially weakened due to age.

Homebound/Hospital/Nursing Home: For a visit from a priest or another staff member, please contact the Office.

Small Christian Communities: Groups of 8-12 adults gather weekly, biweekly, or seasonally to share God's story and their own stories, making connections between faith and daily life. A variety of resources are used.

Our Sister Parish: We enjoy an ongoing exchange of people and prayer with St. Anthony's in the Dominican Republic. Donations to the "loose change bowls," made in the Dominican and located at each Church entrance, provide meals and education for over 100 children at a parish day care center.

Almsgiving Commitment: 12% or more of all donations we solicit goes to the poor and needy.

Clothing for the Needy: Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the parking lot.

Hearing Assistance: Personal listening receivers are available from the Sacristy.

Gluten-free Hosts Available: Please identify yourself to one of the staff if you have a gluten intolerance.

Mass in Spanish: 4th Sunday each month at 5:30 P.M.



January 29, 2012
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Next Sunday
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offering, January 22	\$8,384
2011-12 Budgeted Weekly Need:	\$10,016
2011-12 Total Offering YTD, 29 weeks:	\$338,204
2010-11 Total Offering YTD, 29 weeks:	\$314,707

Thank you for your generosity! Your continued support is a blessing to our Parish's ministry.

Future Church Discussion Continues: What do declining birth rates, an aging population, working mothers, pensions, and health care all have to do with the future of the Catholic Church in America and around the world? Find out between Masses on **Sunday, February 5**, as the Adult Faith Enrichment Committee leads a discussion of chapter four from John Allen's The Future Church, titled *The New Demography*. That's **Sunday, February 5, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.** in the Parish Center, Room 3. Come even if you don't have time to do the reading in advance!

In a Better World: Come! Join our Peace and Justice Committee on **Monday, February 6, at 7 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall, as we view *In a Better World*, a 2010 Golden Globe Award and Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film. Anton is a doctor who commutes between his home in an idyllic town in Denmark, and his work at an African refugee camp. In these two very different worlds, he and his family are faced with conflicts that lead them to difficult choices between revenge and forgiveness. *In a Better World* is, above all, a very human film. It tells a very recognizable story, not so much in its specifics, but in the shared experiences it portrays: friendship, family, grief, and healing. By turns touching and frightening, it is a thought-provoking film and an entirely worthwhile experience. Discussion will follow. Visit www.sonyclassics.com/inabetterworld/.

Did You Get Your 200 Club Ticket Yet? Sales got off to a faster start than in past years, so buy your ticket today while they are still available. Remember, only 200 tickets are sold and there are 45 cash prizes—those are great odds! Your \$100 donation gives you a Dinosaur BBQ dinner and a chance to win prizes between \$50 and \$1,000. More important, though, is that the proceeds will help to purchase a bus to provide safe, affordable transportation for the people in our sister parish, St. Anthony's in Monte Plata, Dominican Republic. Ticket sellers are available at all entrances after Mass this weekend; look for the people with the blue folders.

Medical Supplies Needed for Our Sister Parish in Monte Plata: Sister Nilda works at the health clinic in Monte Plata. She has asked if we could help with over-the-counter cold and flu remedies, vitamins, 81 mg aspirin for cardiac patients, and any other medicine that you can obtain, without prescription, for common ailments. Collection baskets will be at the entrances to the church on **February 11/12**. Our teen travelers are preparing for their trip to Monte Plata on February 18 and will be taking these supplies in their bags. Questions? Contact Juan at jarroyo@ithaca.edu. Muchas gracias.

Fundraiser for Mission Trip: The High School Youth Group will be selling Bon-Ton booklets after Masses on **February 4/5 and 11/12** to raise funds for their mission trip to our sister parish in the Dominican Republic. The cost of this year's trip is \$750 per person, and so far we have only managed to raise a quarter of what's needed for the 16 travelers. Please help us by purchasing your coupon booklet for the Community Day sale or by donating directly to the Youth Group. Please see any staff member for questions on donating.

Get Them to the Airport: The High School Youth Group Dominican Republic travelers are looking for a Good Samaritan to help get us to the Newark, New Jersey airport! If you have a large vehicle and would be willing to drive it (or lend it for other volunteers to drive) to the airport, please email Ernest Backus at ebackus@dor.org.

Mass Intentions: Dates are still available for 2012 Mass intentions. Please contact the Parish Office to have deceased friends or family specially remembered or a special intention for the living or any other personal intention at Mass. The standard offering is \$10.



St. Catherine's Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30-9 p.m. in the Parish Center Red Lounge. No commitment required and newcomers always welcome! Lively conversation and tasty treats provided. Contact Bev Way, bway66@yahoo.com.
FEBRUARY: *The Epidemic* by David DeKok; MARCH: *Language of God* by Francis S. Collins

Advertiser of the Week: We wish to thank our advertiser, **James Orcutt Real Estate**, for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin. Please patronize our advertisers. They help make our bulletin possible.




From the Book of Joe:

January 28/29, 2012


Dear Parish family,


I'm so blest to be able to get away for vacation and rest (and thank you for that gift), it always renews me but I'm even more grateful to return. Please indulge me as I share a bit about my journey. My return flight was rather interesting. You see I missed all my connecting flights and had to be re-routed several times and actually ended up landing in Rochester, where I called my brother Dan, who trekked me down to Ithaca and then immediately turned around to drive the two hours back home because he had to go to work the next morning. I know, what a great guy, huh? When I landed in Rochester around 10:30 PM, I asked him if we were going to spend the night at Mom's or if he was going to drive me home? What startled me was that it was the first time that I referred to Ithaca as my home. Thank you for your generous hospitality in making me feel, 'at home'. There's something very powerful about that word. It conveys a sense of warmth, belonging, family and love and that comes from this community.

There is another aspect to the concept of home as well. There are often struggles that exist in our homes and our home, our church is not exempt from those struggles. As you well know, prior to my vacation I spoke to the community via the bulletin and from the pulpit and our website concerning our financial situation. It was my hope that communicating our situation would correct our budget deficit. And while we had a hugely successful International Festival (which netted \$12,000 for the Parish); Gourmet Dinner (netting \$4,700); Dinner at the Heights with Fr. Joe (netting \$2,000) and a tremendous boost from our Christmas celebrations we are still running a deficit budget. My desire is to be transparent about our finances and to be a good steward of those gifts. So as you can see I've communicated the problem, and we've done everything that we could do on the revenue side to supplement our income with fundraising. And I have limited the spending to absolute essential purchases for ministry. The one area that I have been reluctant to look at is the staff. However, the time has come for me to re-evaluate the staffing needs for the Parish. I have spoken to the Finance Council and while they regret that we have to address the problem in this way, they completely support this decision. I will be meeting with the CFO and the Director of Human Resources of the Diocese of Rochester to advise me. I will be meeting with them next week and we will begin to map out a plan to be implemented rather quickly. Such are the struggles of a family. I invite your wisdom concerning this particular struggle. Know that whatever happens in the future, my primary focus is on the good of the community of St. Catherine.

God's Peace, 

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT): As parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena, we welcome you to the Electronic Age of donating to your Parish and encourage you to sign up for EFT giving. EFT is the method of transferring money from one bank account (either your checking or savings) to another account (via St. Catherine of Siena) without any paper money changing hands. This can be done weekly, or the 1st or the 15th of each month. *You choose!* Among the benefits are: consistent gifts to the Parish, convenience, reduced administrative cost, simplified bookkeeping, greater security. All parishioners who registered since January 1, 2011 will receive a letter and enrollment form in the mail. Additional forms are available at the church entrances for all others. *Currently, 70 households contribute their weekly offering using EFT.*


Diocesan Public Policy Committee: Serious mental illness can cause a crisis of faith for the person with mental illness and for the family. Why me/why our family? Is God punishing me/us? These and other questions can shake one's faith and be obstacles to recovery. A supportive faith community can help work through doubts and questions in a way that contributes to recovery and a restoration of faith.


From: *Welcome and Valued: Building Faith Communities of Support and Hope with People with Mental Illness and Their Families*, National Catholic Partnership on Disability, 2009.



January 29, 2012 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

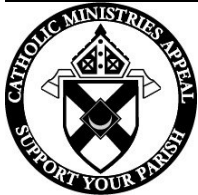
DID YOU KNOW THAT ... despite St. Catherine's efforts to reconcile the Pope and the warring Italian city-states, northern Italy went to war with the papacy in 1375? Catherine continued to write to Gregory XI, demanding that he make peace and return the papacy to Rome, but she also wrote to the Florentines, urging them to seek the pope's forgiveness. War occurred anyway. When papal troops defeated the rebels at Casena (on the Adriatic), Cardinal Robert of Geneva was so ruthless that he became known as "the executioner of Casena." By a historical irony, in 1378 he became the first "anti-pope" of the Great Schism.

First Eucharist will be celebrated May 5/6: There will be an important informational meeting for parents of potential First Communicants on **Sunday, February 12 at 12:45 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Children, at least 7 years old, must be active in the Youth Faith Formation Program or attend Immaculate Conception School. If you have questions or for more information, contact Christine Williams at 257.2493 or cwilliams@dor.org.

Infant Baptism: Baptism welcomes one into a specific faith community (parish). For an infant, belonging to St. Catherine's hinges on the parents being active members. The minimal level of active membership is belonging to the Parish through registration and participating regularly in the Sunday Eucharist. Parents participate in a Sacramental Preparation program prior to the baptism. The next session at St. Catherine's is scheduled for **Saturday, March 10**. Please sign up with Mary Boris at mboris@dor.org or 257-2493, preferably before your child is born.



"Power of Many...Stronger as One!" - Catholic Ministries Appeal Update: We did it! Much appreciation to the 136 families who pledged \$30,821 toward our goal of \$30,343 to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. (50% of funds over our goal come back to us!) We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The Appeal helps our Church and our Parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and yours, and then think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we can remain strong and able to do God's great work!



News from Immaculate Conception School: Please stop down this week and visit us during the celebrations for Catholic Schools Week. If you have any questions about the schedule, please contact the school at 273.2707. Thank you to those that joined us for our pasta dinner on Saturday night. What wonderful food!! The Blue Knights have been very busy with games—spending last weekend in Newark Valley and this weekend in Spencer. Go Blue Knights!!

Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop: The Daily Roman Missal is in stock and orders can be taken for St. Joseph missals. If you are interested, call and they will hold one for you. They also have many easy-to-understand books on the new changes in the Mass. Open Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday noon to 4:30 p.m.

Helping Refugees: Andrew Baranoski at the American Civic Association (refugee resettlement contact in Binghamton) is expecting a family of four Karen (Christian) people to arrive in Ithaca in 2 weeks. The family from Burma, parents (age 45), and 2 older children (a daughter, age 21, and a son, age 17), have no sponsors, they speak no English, and currently they have no lodging—the available refugee house is currently occupied with another Karen family. If you are in a position to offer any help at all, please contact Andrew at americancivic@stny.rr.com or 723.9419. The most urgent needs are for sponsorship and short term housing.

Parish Mission in Watkins Glen: St. Mary's of the Lake Church in Watkins Glen invites everyone to a Parish Mission on **February 20, 21, and 22 at 7p.m.** The mission is entitled "Our Life in the Spirit" and will be presented by Fr. Paul Bonacci.

TWELVE REASONS FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH FOR WANTING TO SPEND ONE HOUR EACH WEEK WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus Himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour a week with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. *"The Divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people an incomparable dignity."* — Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: FEBRUARY 4/5, 2012	
5:00 P.M.	
Music	Bob Talda
Lector	Teresa Vossen William Asklar
Minister of Communion	Charlotte Klumb - Host Beth Carroll - Host Bill Carroll - Host Clara Barrett - Cup Jon Parmenter - Cup Carol True-Palmer - Cup Janet Strebel - Cup Lynn Szymanski - Cup
Altar Server	Paula Davis - Cross Brendan Parmenter - Book
Minister of Hospitality	Thomas Every - 1 Kate Allen - 2 Youjin (Angela) Cho - 3 Massi Bucci - 4
9:00 A.M.	
Music	Jane Doyle/Adult Choir
Brookdale	MaryAnn & David Albonesi
Lector	Bonita Lindberg Deinera Exner
Minister of Communion	Stephan Schmidt - Host David Troisi - Host Carl Franck - Host Tori Wishart - Cup Susan Ruswick - Cup Jay Williamson - Cup Shanna Jesch - Cup Tom LaFalce - Cup
Altar Server	Aidan Mackenzie - Cross Ciaran Mackenzie - Book
Minister of Hospitality	Lucas Williamson - 1 Ernest Backus - 2 Cathy Buttner - 3 John Wishart - 4 Azucena Ortega - 5 Evan Cortens - 6
11:30 A.M.	
Music	Ashley Blank
Lector	Jody Kunk-Czaplicki Mande' Semon
Minister of Communion	Akoko Semon - Host Marie de Roos - Host Dan Briotta - Host *** - Cup *** - Cup *** - Cup *** - Cup *** - Cup
Altar Server	Alexandra de Roos - Cross Gabriela Leon-Evans - Book
Minister of Hospitality	Janelle Jung - 1 Nora Hardy - 2 Gabi Blanton - 3 Erin Fetsko - 4 Florianna Blanton - 5 Casey Fetsko - 6

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
Monday, January 30	
5:30 P.M.	MASS: <i>Ted Thoren</i> by Rose Sagan; <i>Robert Wasilewski</i> by Jeanne Thoren
Tuesday, January 31	
9:00 A.M.	MASS: <i>For the Intention of Fr. Ron Gaesser</i> by Mary Gilligan
7:00 P.M.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday, February 1	
9:00 A.M.	MASS: <i>Ann M. Lentini</i> by Lentini Family
10:00 A.M.	<i>Yoga: Older Adults with Special Conditions</i>
11:30 A.M.	<i>Yoga: Older Well Adults</i>
4:00 P.M.	<i>Cub Scout Pack #4</i>
7:00 P.M.	Liturgy Committee
7:30 P.M.	R.C.I.A.
Thursday, February 2	
10:30 A.M.	Meeting Christ in Prayer
4:00 P.M.	Youth Choir
7:30 P.M.	Adult Choir
8:00 P.M.	Welcoming & Social Committee
Friday, February 3	
9:00 A.M.	MASS: <i>Josephine Love</i> by Margaret & Arthur DeGaetano, Jr.; <i>Joseph Barnaba</i> by Jeannie Barnaba
9:30 A.M.	<i>Strength Training</i>
9:30 A.M.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10:30 A.M.	Benediction
5:00 P.M.	Praying the Rosary
Saturday, February 4	
9:00 A.M.	<i>A.A.</i>
4:00 P.M.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 P.M.	MASS: <i>Our Parishioners; Stella Blasko</i> by Barbara Hulbert
Sunday, February 5	
9:00A.M.	MASS: <i>Lisa Milliken</i> by Colleen & Bill Perkins
9:00 A.M.	Children's Liturgy of the Word (3 yrs.-K)
10:15 A.M.	Youth Faith Formation
10:15 A.M.	10 Trends Revolutionizing the Church
11:30 A.M.	MASS: <i>Arthur & Viola Guerin</i> by the Blackmer Family
12:30 P.M.	Korean Catholic Community
4:00 P.M.	High School Youth Group

A vibrant Catholic community where all are welcomed, challenged and supported in their life journeys.