



ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

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ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA~ST. THERESE OF
LISEUX CATHOLIC ACADEMY
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“Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

THEME FOR THE YEAR

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Pastor Rev. Charles A. Oduro

Religion Coordinator Marie Rose Terlonge

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday: 5:00 PM (English)

Sunday Mornings: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM (English),
9:30 AM (Hospital Mass) in English,
1:00 PM (French & Creole),
5:00 PM (TWT)

Daily: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: 9:00 AM 7:00 PM in
English 8:00 PM In French & Creole

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 9:30-12:00 noon; 1:00-5:00 PM; 6:00-9:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday & Holidays appointment only.

No office hours Thursday evenings after 5:00 PM.

Catholic Cemeteries: for information and availability
please call (718) 894-4888.

SACRAMENTS are celebrations of the faith community. It is important that our members be registered and Worshipping here regularly, in order to participate in the sacramental life of the parish.

R.C.I.A. is the Adult Preparation for Sacraments. For more information please call the Rectory (718) 282-7162.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Saturday at 4:00 PM or by Appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please log on to www.pre-cana.org for complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

BAPTISM is the celebration through which a child is brought into the faith community of its parents. Only children whose parents are registered and participating members of the parish will be accepted for Baptism. Children are baptized only...(see inside bulletin).

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Catholics should be officially registered in a Parish. Call the Rectory to register.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of St. Catherine of Genoa Parish, “Home of Faith Away From Home”, is to carry out evangelization, to help each and everyone to know and live God’s love in faith and hope, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:00 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM B.B. Karim & Kamali Williams—Family
 5:00 PM Strength & Blessings for Darice Parisienne - A Friend

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM B.B. Lyndonna George; Judy John & Sean Crew
 Agatha John
 8:00 AM Thanksgiving to God for everything - Alicia Romeo
 8:00 AM Ben Jones (d) - Pearl Jones
 8:00 AM Veronica Manning (d) - Clescina Ackie
 11:00 AM Ernesto Lee (d) - Family
 1:00 PM B.B. Lance Labossiere; Jasmine Andrews, Nicaise;
 and Chimene Jean Paul - Agnant Family
 1:00 PM Anniversary for Disciples in Mission -
 Jean Claude Desrosiers
 1:00 PM Viergella & Adam Belony (d) Georges Family
 5:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 AM Joseph Gray (d) - Doris St. Rose

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 AM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 AM B.B. Lenox Worden; and Lianne Worden -
 Agnant Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 AM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 AM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:00 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM Special Intentions for Jong McDouglas and
 Maiden Williams - Susan Williams

- Sunday**
 9:45 AM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – SCHOOL
- Monday**
 7:30 PM ENGLISH CHOIR – CHURCH
- Tuesday**
 7:00 PM ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP – RECTORY BASEMENT
- Wednesday**
 7:00 PM DISCIPLES IN MISSION - RECTORY BASEMENT
- Thursday**
 10:30 AM S.V.D.P. FOOD PANTRY – RECTORY BASEMENT
 8:00 PM HOLY HOUR – CHURCH
- Friday**
 7:00 PM BOY SCOUTS TROOP 700 – SCHOOL HALL
 7:00 PM GHANAIAI PRAYER GROUP - RECTORY BASEMENT
 7:30 PM FRENCH CHOIR – CHURCH
- Saturday**
 10:00 AM GIRL SCOUTS – SCHOOL HALL
 10:00 AM ALTAR SERVERS – RECTORY BASEMENT
 11:00 AM GHANAIAI CHOIR - CHURCH
 5:00 PM LEGION DE MARIE – RECTORY BASEMENT
 7:30 PM AMBASSADEURS DU CHRIST - RECTORY BASEMENT



<u>MASSES</u>		<u>Feb. 4</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PEOPLE</u>
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	ENGLISH	991	56
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	ENGLISH	1,268	77
	11:00 AM	ENGLISH	811	95
	1:00 PM	FRENCH	385	63
	5:00 PM	TWI	507	65
		TOTAL:	\$3,962	356

Please remember that our parish needs your weekly support. Our weekly goal is \$5,432.00. Last week was \$4,328.00. The previous week was \$4,198.00. We thank you for your generosity.

SURRENDER CORNER

Just as a servant knows that he must first obey his master in all things, so the surrender to an implicit and unquestionable obedience must become the essential characteristic of our lives.

Andrew Murray

May not a single moment of my life be spent outside the light, love and joy of God’s presence, and not a moment without the entire surrender of myself as a vessel for Him to fill, full of His Spirit and his love.

Andrew Murray



Janice Elliot-Long, Lois Harry, Muriel Northe, Stephanie Frank, Sr. Veronica McCormack, Coleman Edwards, Rose Crouch, Miguel Gray, Rose Archer, Peggy Shaw, Verona Fraser, Elena Princess, Mr. C. Bates, Enez Williams, Matilda Regis, John Hinkson, Winnifred Leblanc, Bernadine Logan Daniel, Dennis Daniel, Mary Maalouf, Eunice Quashie, Learie Fraser, Merline Fournillier, Gavin Woodham, Albertha Debrossetomas, Lawson Davis, Samuel C. Aikins, Laurel McIntosh, Norma Haughton Green, Lorenzo Andrea, Charlie Simon, Joel Rivera, Elizabeth Fahy Lacovara, Sharon Williams, Eustacia Waldron, Humberto Anderson, Joyce Neufville, Wilner Nelson, John Marescot, and the Snagg Family.

PASSION SPIRITUALITY

The word "passion" has powerful implications. Theologically, we use it to describe those sufferings our Lord endured for our redemption from the agony in the garden until His death on Calvary. The Passion Narratives of the Gospels provide the details of our Lord's passion, and at least to some extent, they are corroborated by contemporary Roman historians — Tacitus, Suetonius and Pliny the Younger. Archeological discoveries combined with modern medical examination provide an accurate picture of what our Lord endured. In an age where the "risen" Jesus appears on the cross and "suffering" and "sacrifice" have become unpopular terms even in the church, we stand the chance of losing sight of the reality of the passion.

Spirituality is the overriding term that describes the engagement in things transcendental. Ultimate aims. Ultimate goals. It has to do with one's connection with and commitment to ways of engaging transcendence. All adherents of religions, Christians or not, have a sense of transcendence or a sense of intimacy that drives how they try to live their lives, their piety, and their virtues and values. In Christianity, this transcendence is God. Christian spirituality is engagement with God as God has revealed himself in Jesus Christ. So Christian spirituality is Christo-centric. But it also has to be grounded in a religious tradition. So for us Catholics, the Christian spirituality is firmly grounded in Catholicism or our Catholic tradition. For us, Catholicism informs how we make sense of the revelatory fact of Jesus Christ. For Catholic and for all Christians, a relationship is established between us and God by the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is what is called the Paschal Mystery.

I think we have a golden opportunity during this Lenten season, to practice what is called Passion Spirituality. The spirit of the season of Lent is more penitential so it will be more than appropriate to focus on the Passion of Jesus and embrace and live our own passions. The desire to avoid suffering has been trained into us ever since we were infant. In our culture, commercials for Tylenol and Extra Strength Excedrin and other pain killers bombard our minds and Dr. Kevorkian is a household name. We've been brainwashed into believing that all pain is evil. Passion Spirituality is meditate on the sufferings of Jesus so as to enter into a much deeper intimacy with him. In so doing we come to appreciate ever more the love that compelled him to die for us. St. Paul of the Cross says: "Do not pass one day without devoting a half hour, or at least a quarter of an hour, to meditation on the sorrowful Passion of your Savior. Have a continual remembrance of the agonies of your crucified Love, and know that the greatest saints, who now, in heaven, triumph in holy love, arrived at perfection in this way."

If you have watched Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ*, you will realize that the temptation scene serves to establish the meaning, the purpose and goal, of everything that follows in the movie. Ironically, just as the temptations in the wilderness implicitly bear witness to Christ's divinity ("If you are the Son of God..."), so here it's the tempter's insinuations that indicate the nature of Jesus' mission: "Do you think you can bear the weight of the world's sins? They aren't worth this. The burden is too great. No man can bear it."

These establishing lines, delivered in the opening scene, provide key context for the rest of the film. First, Jesus means to take upon himself the weight or burden of our sins. Second, this will prove to be a hideous ordeal. Third, he accepts this ordeal out of love for us — that is, he rejects the tempter's suggestion that mankind is "not worth this"; to him, manifestly, we are. We are worth dying for!

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). In this regard, we even discover great joy!

St. Peter of Alcantara explains in detail the benefits in practicing Passion Spirituality: "In the passion of our blessed Savior, six things chiefly are to be meditated upon. First, the bitterness of his sorrow, which we may compassionate with him. Secondly, the greatness of our sins, which were the cause of his torments, that we may abhor them. Thirdly, the greatness of the benefit, that we may be grateful for it. Fourthly, the excellency of the divine charity and bounty therein manifested, that we may love him more fervently. Fifthly, the conveniency of the mystery, that we may be drawn to admiration of it. Lastly, the multiplicity of virtues of our blessed Savior which did shine in this stupendous mystery, that we may partly imitate and partly admire them; wherefore, in the midst of these meditations, let us sometimes compassionate with our blessed Savior in the extremity of his sorrows; extreme indeed, both by reason of the tenderness of his body, as also, for the great affection he bore unto our souls.

He did suffer them without any manner of consolation, as we shall speak hereafter in its proper place. Sometimes let us stir up in ourselves compunction for our sins, which were the cause of his great sufferings. Sometimes let us kindle in our souls an ardent affection, considering his great affection towards us, which upon the cross he declared and manifested to the whole world. And the benefit which he bestowed upon us in his passion, because he bought us with the inestimable price of his precious blood, of which only, we reap the benefit and commodity."

SPONSORSHIP OF BREAD AND WINE & FLOWERS

We are in our 2nd month of the year and we are encouraging interested parishioners to sponsor bread and wine for mass, and flowers to decorate the Altars. Please contact the rectory or Mrs. Rose Henry for more details. Bread & Wine for the month of February have been donated by Laurel Jordan; Doris St. Rose; Magdalena & Phillip Joseph; Renee Jean Louis; Yolande Cox; Grenadians of St. Catherine; Alicia Romeo; and a Faithful. We thank everyone for their generosity.

PARISH BAPTISMS

Our next Parish Baptisms will be celebrated during the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31st. Baptism Instructions will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 12 noon in the Chapel/Community Room. Parents are asked to note that when choosing godparents, at least, one of them **MUST** be a practising Catholic.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, alms giving and prayer, the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday, until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of days must be considered serious.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in English. Stations of the Cross Booklets are available for a small donation of \$3.00. Remember that every Friday during Lent is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

St. Catherine of Genoa—St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Academy. Forming a lens for learning, living, leading, proudly serves St. Catherine of Genoa Parish. The 2017-2018 registration is open. Come explore all the ways your child can benefit from a Catholic Education by scheduling a private tour. Please contact the Academy at **718-629-9330**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Parish Religious Education Program serves all students who attend Public School; It is important that students take part in the Program every year—not only in preparation for Sacraments. Registration Fee is \$50.00 for one child; \$75.00 for two and \$100.00 for three children. Registration fee must be paid when you register your child. **New students must show their Birth and Baptismal Certificates at registration.**

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts meet every Saturday in the school hall. Young girls from grade K to 12 are invited to attend this program. We are also looking for adult volunteers to help run the program. Interested persons are asked to please contact Mrs. Alistine Aikins at (718)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

There's no doubt about it... times are tough and our Food Pantry needs your help! Due to the poor economy, donations (monetary and food) to the food pantry are down significantly. The tough part is that more people are relying on our services than ever before. Let's do our part to help our neighbors, friends and family today, especially during these cold winter months! Please bring some non-perishable food whenever you come to Church. The Pantry is in dire need of food, especially Rice, Spaghetti, Macaroni, Tuna, Sardine and Peas.

PARISH REGISTRATION

All parishioners are encouraged to register and to use their offering envelopes as a sign of commitment. We are only able to give recommendations to those who are registered for at least **6 MONTHS**. Please register with the form below,

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please return this form in the collection basket or drop off at the rectory. We will send you weekly collection envelopes every two months.

Family Name: _____

Head of Household _____

Spouse: _____

Address _____

Apartment# _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone# _____

Email Address _____

New Registration _____ Moving Out of Parish _____

Change Name _____

Change of Address _____

Apartment # _____ Zip Code _____