



“I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the Living!”

Saint Catherine of Genoa Rectory

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ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA~ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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

PARISH STAFF

ADMINISTRATOR - REV. RAPHAEL MUNDAY KUKANA

PAROCHIAL VICAR & COORDINATOR OF GHANAIAN

APOSTOLATE - REV. ANSELMUS MAWUSI

Religion Coordinator - Marie Rose Terlonge

Secretary - Rosamond Frank-Henry

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 (Twi)
- Daily:** Monday-Saturday 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 by 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 participate fully and regularly 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 celebrated every 3rd Sunday of the month at the 11:00 AM Mass. Baptism Class is offered on the 2nd Saturday of the month for parents and godparents in the rectory basement at 12 Noon

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

ST. CATHERINE OF GENOVA 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME BROOKLYN



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 AM People of the Parish
 4:00 to 4:45 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM Gail Ann-Marie Reyes (d) - Family
 5:00 PM Dorina Louis Jacques; and Regina Louis Jacques (d) - Martha Jean Francois
 5:00 PM Serge Clermont (d) Rose Marie Clermont

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 11:00 AM B.B. Eileen Henry - Family
 11:00 AM Cynthia McIntosh (d) - Gail Ann Venzen & Gary Greaves
 1:00 PM Thanksgiving Blessings for Nadine Jeanty - Shirley Jeanty
 1:00 PM B.B. Robert Demesyer - Nadine Demesyer; Danielle Beausoleil; Sherley Demesyer; Robert Demesyer, Jr.
 1:00 PM Christian Dure (d) - Violette Etienne Dure
 5:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM B.B. Henry Georges - Family
 9:00 AM B.B. Ralph Vixamar - Mother, Yolande Joseph

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 AM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 AM William & Mary Noone & Family (D) - Rev. Msgr. Kevin Noone

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 AM B.B. Guirlaine Agnant - Agnant Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 AM People of the Parish
 4:00 to 4:45 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM Gail Ann-Marie Reyes (d) - Family

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



- Sept. 17th - St. Robert Bellarmine
- Sept. 19th - St. Januarius
- Sept. 20th - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions
- Sept. 21st - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
- Sept. 22nd - Blessed Virgin Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPT 15 Anniversary Mass - Church
- OCT. Two thousand Hail Mary's - Church
- OCT 20 Parish Bingo - School Hall
- NOV 24 Parish Trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA

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 GHANAIA 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 GHANAIA CHOIR - CHURCH
 5:00 PM LEGION DE MARIE – RECTORY BASEMENT
 7:30 PM AMBASSADEURS DU CHRIST - RECTORY BASEMENT



MASSES		Sept 9	AMOUNT	PEOPLE
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	ENGLISH	1,145	54
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	ENGLISH	1,156	94
	11:00 AM	ENGLISH	1,048	98
	1:00 PM	FRENCH	491	87
	5:00 PM	TWI	747	65
TOTAL:			\$4,587	398

Please remember that our parish needs your weekly support. Our weekly goal is \$5,432.00. Last week was \$4,226.00. The previous week was \$4,885.00. We thank everyone for their generosity.



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, Marjorie Hynese; Mary Maalouf, Eunice Quashie, Learie Fraser, Merline Fournillier, Gavin Woodham, Albertha Debrossetomas, 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, John Marescot, Yvonne Lecky, Joseph Rebecca, Pauline Smith, Delores Edward, Harold Brunache; and the Snagg Family.

SPONSORSHIP OF BREAD AND WINE & FLOWERS

We are in our 9th 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. The Bread & Wine for the month of September have been donated by Gail-Ann Venzen; Yolande Cox; Robert Demesyer; Stephanie Baguidy; Eileen Henry; and a faithful. We thank everyone for their generosity.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

We extend Happy Birthday Blessings to the following persons celebrating their birthdays this week: **Eileen Henry; Robert Demesyer; Henry Georges; Ralph Vixamar; Guiraine Agnant; Marcelle Van Sluytman Ledoux; Lawrence Ineus; Agnes Roberts; Adrienne Thomas; and Cindy Ferraro.**

From the Administrator's Desk

My dear parishioners,
This weekend we celebrate our patronal feast under the protection and intercession of St. Catherine of Genoa. Our parish was founded in 1911 by Fr. Thomas J. Cloke. This year marks 107 years anniversary of St. Catherine of Genoa parish. Since its foundation, our parish has gone through many changes. Generations of families have been strengthened spiritually through the celebration of sacraments and have made St. Catherine their home of faith. Today, St. Catherine parish has become mostly an immigrant parish. This is what explains our motto: "Home of faith away from home." We pray and hope that St. Catherine of Genoa, our patroness, will continue to intercede for us and accompany us so that our parish may flourish spiritually and may attract many other people.

But who is St. Catherine of Genoa? Pope Benedict XVI, in his catechism on the saints, spoke also about St. Catherine of Genoa. Here is a brief description of Pope Benedict XVI about the life of St. Catherine, presented during the General Audience of January 12, 2011: "Our catechesis today deals with Saint Catherine of Genoa, a fifteenth-century saint best known for her vision of purgatory. Married at an early age, some ten years later Catherine had a powerful experience of conversion; Jesus, carrying his cross, appeared to her, revealing both her own sinfulness and God's immense love. A woman of great humility, she combined constant prayer and mystical union with a life of charitable service to those in need, above all in her work as the director of the largest hospital in Genoa. Catherine's writings on purgatory contain no specific revelations, but convey her understanding of purgatory as an interior fire purifying the soul in preparation for full communion with God. Conscious of God's infinite love and justice, the soul is pained by its inadequate response, even as the divine love purifies it from the remnants of sin. To describe this purifying power of God's love, Catherine uses the image of a golden chain which draws the soul to abandon itself to the divine will. By her life and teaching, Saint Catherine of Genoa reminds us of the importance of prayer for the faithful departed, and invites us to devote ourselves more fully to prayer and to works of practical charity."

God bless you always.
Fr. Raphael

THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM

Christ himself ordered His disciples to preach the gospel to all nations and to baptize those who accept the message of the Gospel. In His encounter with Nicodemus (John 3:1-21), Christ made it clear that baptism was necessary for salvation: "Amen, amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." For Catholics, the sacrament is not a mere formality; it is the very mark of a Christian, because it brings us into new life in Christ.

BAPTISM: "THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH"

The Sacrament of Baptism is often called "The door of the Church," because it is the first of the seven sacraments not only in time (since most Catholics receive it as infants), but in priority, since the reception of the other sacraments depend on it. It is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation, the other two being the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Once baptized, a person becomes a member of the Church. Traditionally, the rite (or ceremony) of baptism was held outside the doors of the main part of the church, to signify this fact.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The vitality and the vibrancy of the parish are also measured by its religious program. It is important that students who attend public schools be registered for religious education in the parish every year, not only for immediate preparation for the 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.** Classes begin this Sunday, September 16th, at 9:45 a.m. in the School.

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 2018-2019 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.**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The goal for our Annual Catholic Appeal this year is \$40,221.00. As of September 12th, parishioners have pledged \$38,305.00 and have already paid \$22,358.00. We invite those who have not pledged as yet to prayerfully consider donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal, so that we may meet our goal. Pledge forms are in the back of the Church, or call the rectory.

PARISH BAPTISMS

We congratulate our newest members, **Azan Mason Codrington, and Carter Che Cheng,** who will receive the sacrament of Baptism during the 11:00 a.m. Mass today, September 16th. We also congratulate their parents and godparents. Our next Parish Baptisms will be celebrated on Sunday, October 20th. Baptism Instructions will be held on Saturday, October 13th in the Rectory Basement.

ALTAR SERVERS

The Parish is desperately In need of Altar Servers. Any young boys or girls from third grade who wish to serve at the Lord's table are asked to join the Ministry of Servers. Meetings are held on **Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12 noon.** For more information, please call the rectory or speak to one of the Priests or the Moderator.

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, when you move into the parish.

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 of Name _____	
Change of Address _____	
Apartment # _____	Zip Code _____



Saint Catherine of Genoa

(1447 – September 15, 1510)

Saint Catherine of Genoa's story

Going to confession one day was the turning point of Catherine's life.

When Catherine was born, many Italian nobles were supporting Renaissance artists and writers. The needs of the poor and the sick were often overshadowed by a hunger for luxury and self-indulgence. Catherine's parents were members of the nobility in Genoa. At 13, she attempted to become a nun but failed because of her age. At 16, she married Julian, a nobleman who turned out to be selfish and unfaithful. For a while she tried to numb her disappointment by a life of selfish pleasure.

One day in confession she had a new sense of her own sins and how much God loved her. She reformed her life and gave good example to Julian, who soon turned from his self-centered life of distraction. Julian's spending, however, had ruined them financially. He and Catherine decided to live in the Pammatone, a large hospital in Genoa, and to dedicate themselves to works of charity there. After Julian's death in 1497, Catherine took over management of the hospital.

She wrote about purgatory which, she said, begins on earth for souls open to God. Life with God in heaven is a continuation and perfection of the life with God begun on earth.

Exhausted by her life of self-sacrifice, Catherine died September 15, 1510, and was canonized in 1737.

Reflection

Regular confession and frequent Communion can help us see the direction - or drift - of our life with God. People who have a realistic sense of their own sinfulness and of the greatness of God are often the ones who are most ready to meet the needs of their neighbors. Saint Catherine began her hospital work with enthusiasm and was faithful to it through difficult times because she was inspired by the love of God, a love which was renewed in her by the Scriptures and the sacraments.

The Liturgical Feast Day for Saint Catherine of Genoa is September 15.