



Saint Catherine of Genoa R. C. Church

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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.

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sundays & Holidays by appointment only.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Rev. Raphael Munday Kukana

Parochial Vicar—Rev. Adrien Ntwa Ilondo

Secretary - Ms. Bernadette Bunting-Johannes

Director of Religious Education - Ms. Agnes Mills

Email: catherinereligious@outlook.com

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM (*English*)
1:00 PM (*French & Kreyol*),
5:00 PM (*Twi*)

Weekdays: Monday-Saturday 9:00 AM

Holy Days: 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM (*English-French*)

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

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

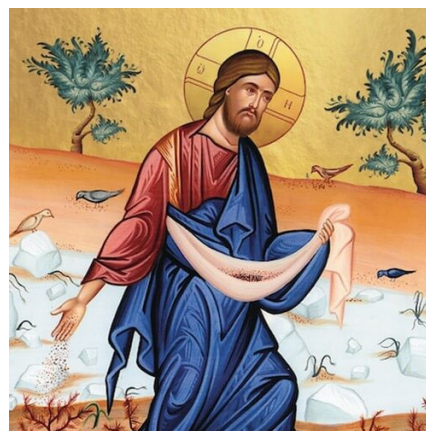
Catholics should be officially registered in a Parish. Call the Rectory to register and use the offering envelopes as a sign of your commitment.

PARISH WEBSITE:

<https://stcatherinegenoabrooklyn.com>

Find the information you may need.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



As he sowed some seed fell ... Matt 13:4

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 after the 9:00am morning Mass or by Appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact the rectory for complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

BAPTISM: is celebrated every 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:30 PM. Baptism Class is offered on the 2nd Saturday of the month for parents and godparents in the rectory basement at 12 Noon. Please call the rectory to register for baptism.

JULY 12, 2026 — FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A

Weekly Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, JULY 11

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 AM B.B. Nelson Roberts, B.B. Natalie Roberts —
Veronica Antoine

8:00 AM B.B. Jascinta Honore — Carmen Sayers

8:00 AM B.B. Tequarn Thomas — The Thomas family

11:00 AM For the homebound of the parish

11:00 AM B'day remembrance Joseph H. Gray &
Matthew Gray — Doris & Miguel

11:00 AM God's healing and mercy upon Miguel Gray &
Brent Regis — Doris St. Rose

1:00 PM B.B. Karl Aimé — Fresner Aimé & famille

5:00 PM Travelling Mercy for Kojo Effah Mensa

5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate

MONDAY, JULY 13

9:00 AM

TUESDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM B.B. Carmen Sayers — Cornelius & family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

9:00 AM

THURSDAY, JULY 16

9:00 AM In honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel —
Marie France Leazard

9:00 AM Stephen Jeune (d) — Marie France Leazard

FRIDAY, JULY 17

9:00 AM Dave Desmond Williams (d) — Yvonne Williams

SATURDAY, JULY 18

9:00 AM Dave Desmond Williams (d) — Yvonne Williams

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 AM B.B. Eclin Barton — the family

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Berry Piard (d) — Anne Marie Piard

11:00 AM For the deceased of the parish

1:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate

JULY MONTH SPONSORSHIP

Bread, Wine: Carmen Sayers & a faithful.

Flowers: Carmen Sayers

Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY OFFERING



Mass	#	July 5th		Amount \$
Sunday	61	8:00 AM	ENGLISH	1,185.00
	43	11:00 AM	ENGLISH	731.00
	40	1:00 PM	KREYOL	491.00
	41	5:00 PM	TWI	781.00
		Mail-In		132.00
TOTAL	185			\$ 3,320.00

Please remember that our parish needs your weekly support.

Our weekly expenses goal is \$5,432.00. You may mail-in, give online or drop-off your contributions at the rectory. Thank you for your generous support.



SANCTUARY LAMP

burns this week in loving memory of

- ♦ Victims of the Ebola virus in Africa
- ♦ Victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela.

Week XIV in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Monday *St. Henry*: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23;
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday *St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8;
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday *St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Dr. of the Church*:
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19;
Ps 102:13-14b, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; (Ps) Is 38:10-12d, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday *St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest*: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8,
14; Mt 12:14-21

NEXT SUNDAY: XVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

From the Pastor's Desk



Brothers and Sisters,

God's Word is alive, effective, and always working, but the fruit it bears depends on the soil of our hearts. Today's readings remind us that God speaks with purpose.

In the first reading the Prophet Isaiah tells us that God's Word is like rain, it always accomplishes something. Jesus deepens this image with the Parable of the Sower in the Gospel (Mt 12:1-23). The seed is plentiful, generous, even extravagant. God does not sow sparingly. He scatters His Word everywhere, even in places that seem unlikely to bear fruit. This reminds us that, God keeps speaking, even when we are distracted, tired, overwhelmed, or resistant.

Jesus invites us to look honestly at the "soil" of our hearts. Some days we are the path, busy, hurried, unable to let anything sink in. Some days we are rocky ground; we start strong but fade when life becomes difficult. Some days we are thorny soil, worries, fears, and the noise of life choke our spiritual growth. And some days, by grace, we are good soil, open, receptive, ready to bear fruit. The spiritual life is not about pretending we are perfect soil. It is about letting God cultivate the ground within us.

The most hopeful part of this Gospel is not the soil; it is the Sower. God never stops sowing. Never stops tending. Never stops believing that something beautiful can grow in us. Even hardened ground can be broken open. Even thorny patches can be cleared. Even rocky places can be transformed. God is patient with us. More patient than we are with ourselves.

When God's Word takes root, it produces fruit "*a hundredfold.*" That fruit looks like

compassion, mercy, forgiveness, courage, generosity, and reconciliation. It looks like the Kingdom of God breaking into ordinary life.

Our families need that fruit. Our parish needs that fruit. Our world is starving for that fruit.

And God is ready to grow it in us. Let us always be open to the grace of God so that we become true witnesses of God's love on earth.

Be always blessed!

Fr. Adrien NTWA
Parochial Vicar

Thank you!

Your participation at our parish Fundraising BBQ held on Sat. June 29th was a success. We were able to raise \$6,000.00.

Thank you to those who came and assisted with the set-up and clean up, those who prepared the different foods, cultural beverages, those who sold/purchased tickets, those who invited their family, friends and co-workers. It takes all of us working together to keep our parish together. Looking forward to another successful event next year!!!!



The Girl Scouts Troop of St. Catherine of Genoa will resume meeting in the Fall. They meet every Saturday from 10:00am in the Parish Hall.

Please contact Mrs. Alistine Aikins at (718) 346-1923 for more information.

Girls: Kindergarten to 12th grade.

SACREMENTS : Les sacrements sont des célébrations de la communauté de foi. Il est important que nos membres soient inscrits pour participer pleinement et régulièrement à la vie sacramentelle de la paroisse.

R.C.I.A. est la préparation des adultes aux sacrements. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez appeler le Presbytère.

SACREMENT DE RECONCILIATION :

Samedi matin après la Messe de 9:00h ou sur Rendez-vous.

SACREMENT DE MARIAGE :

Les dispositions relatives au mariage doivent être prises au moins six mois avant la date du mariage. Veuillez contacter le presbytère pour des informations complètes sur la préparation au mariage dans le diocèse.

PARRAINAGE DU MOIS DE JUILLET

Vous êtes invités à parrainer du pain et du vin pour la messe et des nappes pour décorer les autels. Merci à tous.



Commémorez vos proches et participez aux activités financières de la paroisse. Chaque don de **feuilles \$500**. Le paiement peut être effectué en plusieurs tranches.

Inscrit « *À la tendre mémoire de* (nom d'un être cher) *donné par* (personne/famille/organisation/société).

Le cout pour les articles de spécialité **Glands (\$750), Pierres (\$850) ou mini-arbre (\$1000)**.

Aidez-nous à faire pousser notre arbre. Il y reste beaucoup d'opportunités pour participer à cette activité spéciale !



Le 5 juillet, 2026

\$3,320.00

La Quête

N'oubliez pas que notre paroisse a besoin de votre soutien hebdomadaire. Notre objectif hebdomadaire est de **\$5,432.00**. Vous pouvez envoyer par la poste, donner en ligne ou déposer au presbytère. Merci pour votre générosité.

XV^e Dimanche du Temps Ordinaire

Frères et sœurs,

La Parole de Dieu est vivante, efficace et toujours à l'œuvre, mais le fruit qu'elle porte dépend de la terre de nos cœurs. Les lectures d'aujourd'hui nous rappellent que Dieu parle avec un dessein précis.

Dans la première lecture, le prophète Isaïe nous dit que la Parole de Dieu est semblable à la pluie, elle accomplit toujours quelque chose. Jésus approfondit cette image avec la parabole du semeur dans l'Évangile (Mt 12, 1-23). La semence est abondante, généreuse, voire prodigue. Dieu dans sa miséricorde et grâce ne compte pas sur la qualité de nos vies. Il répand sa Parole partout, même dans des lieux qui semblent peu propices à porter du fruit. Cela nous rappelle que Dieu continue de parler, même lorsque nous sommes distraits, fatigués, submergés ou réticents.

Jésus nous invite à examiner avec honnêteté la « terre » de notre cœur. Certains jours, nous sommes le chemin : affairés, pressés, incapables de laisser quoi que ce soit pénétrer en nous. Certains jours, nous sommes un sol pierreux : nous commençons avec ferveur, mais nous nous essouffons lorsque la vie devient difficile. Certains jours, nous sommes une terre envahie de ronces : les soucis, les peurs et le tumulte de la vie étouffent notre croissance spirituelle. Et certains jours, par grâce, nous sommes une bonne terre : ouverts, réceptifs, prêts à porter du fruit. La vie spirituelle ne consiste pas à prétendre que nous sommes une terre parfaite ; il s'agit de laisser Dieu cultiver le sol en nous.

L'aspect le plus porteur d'espérance dans cet Évangile n'est pas le sol, mais le Semeur. Dieu ne cesse jamais de semer. Il ne cesse jamais de cultiver. Il ne cesse jamais de croire que quelque chose de beau peut grandir en nous. Même une terre durcie peut être labourée. Même les zones envahies de ronces peuvent être nettoyées. Même les sols rocailleux peuvent être transformés. Dieu est patient avec nous. Plus patient que nous ne le sommes envers nous-mêmes.

Lorsque la Parole de Dieu prend racine, elle porte du fruit « *au centuple* ». Ce fruit se manifeste par la compassion, la miséricorde, le pardon, le courage, la générosité et la réconciliation. Il prend la forme du Royaume de Dieu faisant irruption dans notre vie quotidienne.

Nos familles ont besoin de ce fruit. Notre paroisse a besoin de ce fruit. Notre monde a une soif immense de ce fruit.

Et Dieu est prêt à le faire grandir en nous. Restons toujours ouverts à la grâce de Dieu afin de devenir de véritables témoins de l'amour de Dieu sur terre. Soyez toujours bénis !

Père Adrien NTWA
Vicaire Paroissiale



One Church.
Diverse Ministries.
United Mission.

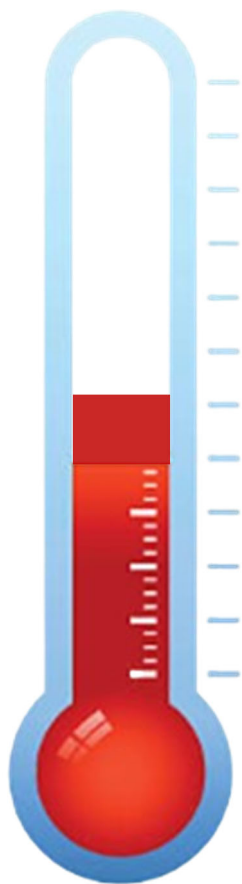
St. Catherine of Genoa Church ACA PARISH GOAL: \$46,605.00

PLEDGED: \$26,335.00

Amount needed to reach
Parish Goal: \$20,270.00



\$46,605.00



RECEIVED: \$20,460.00

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#Families: 65

If you have made a pledge
for this year's Appeal,
please remember to fulfill
your pledge by Dec. 31st.

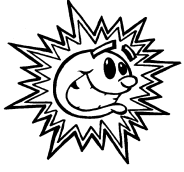
If you have not yet made a
pledge, please prayerfully
consider making a **PLEDGE**
to this year's
Annual Catholic Appeal

WAYS TO DONATE:

- Please scan the QR
- Complete a Pledge Envelope located at the Church entrance
- Pledge Online at:
www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org



SUMMER DRESS CODE



Feelin Hot! Hot! Hot!

The days are getting warmer: according to the forecast we will be having very hot humid days ahead. **Please dress appropriately when coming to church for Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Be mindful of others.** Thank you!

SUMMER VACATION IS HERE!

As you prepare to travel whether by air, road, train or boat we pray you take the necessary precautions to have a safe and fun filled vacation.

Please **do not forget to attend Mass** while on vacation, because God does not take vacation. **To find the nearest church and Mass time** while you are on vacation, please visit **www.masstimes.org**.

115th Anniversary of St. Catherine of Genoa Church

We need ...

- ♦ **Your Talent** — assist in putting things in place so that not only our parishioners will be positively impacted but the wider community as well.
- ♦ **Your Time** — take a moment to promote our Church's Anniversary in your workplace, your neighborhood, on your social media. Be present, come with your friends and family to the proposed events. Volunteer at upcoming parish activities. Place an Ad in the 115th Anniversary journal.
- ♦ **Your Treasure** — participate in any activity be it sharing your personal story (ies) since you became a member of St. Catherine of Genoa, maybe you have pictures from “**way back when**” that you can share, or a financial contribution to help defray some of the costs.

Let us celebrate together!!!

- ♦ **Sat. Aug. 22nd & Sun Aug. 23rd** — Flea Market, bake sale, food sale, activities for kids and youth.
- ♦ **Sun. Sept. 20th** — Tri-lingual Mass at 11am followed by a reception in our parish Hall.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday

10:00 AM Grenadian Society — **June 28th**
3:00 PM French Legion of Mary — **Weekly**
3:00 PM Christian Mothers — **July 12th**

Thursday

10:30 AM **Pantry** — **closed until Sept 17**
8:00 PM **HOLY HOUR** — **Weekly**

Saturday

Girl Scouts — **resumes in September**
5:00 PM St. Theresa of the Child Jesus — **7/25**

Hospitality Sunday resumes in September

A Blessing Prayer for Those Who Are Sick

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless N., so that he/she may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore him/her to health, and lead him/her to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Excerpts from the English translation of Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum © 1982, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

USCCB.org A blessing Prayer for those Who are sick accessed April 2, 2026, <<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayers-health-and-dignity-sick>>.

Claudel Aimé; Georges Aimé; Alice Baffoe; Kaniff Barton;
Vilma Brian Dufresne; Gertha Brunache; Medel Chavannes;
Rose Crouch; Alberta Debrostomas; Jeanne Derival;
Elizabeth Donkor; Dominique Dorcilien; Celine Etienne;
Arthur Edwards; Marjorie Viola Edwards-Patron; Leila Felix;
Lorna Fyffe; Margaret Goddard; Miguel Gray; Patricia Griffith;
Ethan Henry; Debra Henry; Wendy Henry; Roselaure Jean;
André Johannes; Neville King; Morse King; Lee Lawler;
Joseph Lubin; Jocelin Mangurat; Cynthia Mc Callum;
Catherine McQueen; Carmelle Nerrette; Colin Palmer;
Carol Paul; April Pearce; Bernard Pearce; Jennifer Pearce;
Lyonel Pearce; Travis Pearce; Mary Percy; Eunice Quashie;
Evelyn René; Carol Robertson-Love; Juanita Robinson;
Veronica Robley; Veronica Simon; Pauline Smith;
Roswell St. Albord; Kerby Theodore; Shaun Thomas;
Kayla & Kaylee Uwuigbe; Yolande Vilsaint; Joyce White;
Amy Wiles; Linda Wiles; Tom Wiles; George Zanny.



1. Next Sunday's second collection will be a special Diocesan collection for the victims of the Earthquakes in Venezuela. Thank you for your generosity!

2. Get your ticket for our Bus Ride to Wind Creek Casino after all Masses or at the parish office. **\$65 with a rebate of \$25. Sat. Aug. 29, 2026.**

3. Save the dates:

Sat. Aug 22nd — Street Fair, Flea Market, Bake Sale

Fri. Sept 11 to Sun Sept 20 — Parish Novena

Sat. Sept 19th — Prayer Breakfast

Sun. September 20 — Tri-lingual Celebration Mass followed by a reception in the parish Hall.

Prayer for Travelers

O Almighty and merciful God, who hast commissioned Thy angels to guide and protect us, command them to be our assiduous companions from our setting out until our return; to clothe us with their invisible protection; to keep from us all danger of collision, of fire, of explosion, of fall and bruises, and finally, having preserved us from all evil, and especially

from sin, to guide us to our heavenly home. that we may reach its end, and that, returning safe and sound, we may find our family in good health.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, 'Peace to this house! ' And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him' (Lk 10, 5-6).

EWTN Prayer for Travelers, accessed June 30, 2026, <<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/prayer-for-travelers-330>>.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



The **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** of our parish will be closed for the Summer. The scheduled date to **reopen will be September 17.**

Thank you volunteers!!!

PARISH REGISTRATION

All parishioners are encouraged to register. We are only able to give recommendations to those who are registered for at least **6 MONTHS**. Please register (or update your information if you have recently moved or gotten married) with the form below. Place the 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 the Parish

Change of Name: _____

New Address: _____

Apartment # _____ Zip Code: _____

BISHOP'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*(Composed by
The Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan)*

Almighty God, we turn to you at this hour with all our hearts. Hear our prayer as we ask for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life to serve your Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

May we always have the ministers we need to stand at Your Altars, administer Your Sacraments, and lead Your people on the path to Heaven.

We pray that we will always be attentive to Your Call and that if today we hear Your Voice, we may not harden our hearts; rather, that we have the courage to respond with generosity. *Amen*

**VOCATION OFFICE
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN
TEL: 718.827.2454 ** FAX: 718.827.2167
Rev. Chris Bethge, Vocation Director**

Used Clothing/furniture/toys Donations

Catholic Charities to arrange a pick-up please contact Brooklyn Director of Parish and Community Relations Mr. John Gonzalez, P: 718-722-6121

Email: john.gonzalez@ccbq.org.

St. Mary's Church call (718) 529-6070 or email:

StMarysChurch@stmarysclothingdrive.com.

Or visit their website [https://](https://stmarysclothingdrive.com/stmarys/schedule)

stmarysclothingdrive.com/stmarys/schedule.

Or **1-800-SA-TRUCK** (1-800-728-7825) to discuss a **free pick up** of your clothing, furniture or household items or to find out the nearest drop off location bin. (**Salvation Army**)

These charities pickup at your home, please call and schedule a pick-up.

DO NOT bring these items to the rectory or leave them on the premises as they will be discarded. May God bless you as you serve those in need.



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