



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.**

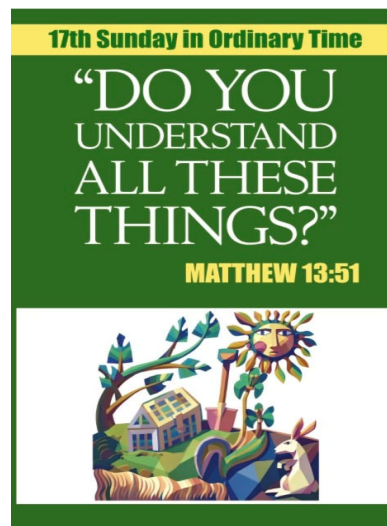
PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

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.



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 26, 2026 — SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A

Weekly Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, JULY 25

9:00 AM For the souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 AM B.B. Alexis Antoine — Veronica Antoine

8:00 AM Benedict George (d) — Esther George

11:00 AM B.B. Cirilina Armada — the Armada family

11:00 AM B.B. Kai Wilson-Gatsby — the family

1:00 PM En l'honneur de Ste. Anne —

Marie France Leazard

1:00 PM Action de grâce pour le succès en court Kesnel & Chris Benoît

5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate

MONDAY, JULY 27

9:00 AM Josephus Douglas (d) — Jeanette King

TUESDAY, JULY 28

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM B.B. Yverose Theodore — a friend

9:00 AM B.B. & thanksgiving Yverose Theodore

THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 31

9:00 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 01

9:00 AM For the souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, AUGUST 02

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:00 AM

1:00 PM Action de grâce Marie Carmel Yolette &

Anima Volcy — Anima Volcy

1:00 PM Action de grâce pour le succès en court Kesnel & Chris Benoît

5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate

Thank You

We thank the Ghanaian Apostolate for their donation of \$1,000.00.

SUNDAY OFFERING



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Mass	#	July 19th		Amount \$
Sunday	90	8:00 AM	ENGLISH	1,457.00
	44	11:00 AM	ENGLISH	1,044.00
	36	1:00 PM	KREYOL	586.00
	55	5:00 PM	TWI	1,071.00
		Mail-In		265.00
TOTAL	225			\$ 4,423.00

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

- ♦ Joseph Atwell ♦ Jasmine Jacob
- ♦ Kaniff Barton ♦ Joseph Lubin

AUGUST MONTH SPONSORSHIP

Bread & Wine: Geralde Hyppolite.

Thank you for your generosity.

Week XVII in Ordinary Time

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:228-30; Mt 13:44-52

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; (Ps) Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Ss. *Martha, Mary & Lazarus:*

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday St. *Peter Chrysologus, Bsp., Dr. of the Church:*

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6b; Mt 13:47-53

Friday St. *Ignatius of Loyola, Priest:*

Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday St. *Alphonsus Liguori, Bsp. Dr. of the Church:*

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY: XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39;

Mt 14:13-21

From the Pastor's Desk



Brothers and Sisters,

We are people of Kingdom's agenda, and the Kingdom is not an abstract idea. It is the lived experience of God's mercy, justice, and love breaking into our world. When we glimpse it through forgiveness, compassion, reconciliation, or deep peace, we recognize its worth. The question is whether we will respond with the same wholeheartedness as the farmer and the merchant.

In the Gospel of today (Matthew 13:44-46), Jesus offers us three images, the treasure buried in a field, the pearl of great price, and the net cast into the sea. Each one reveals something essential about discipleship: the Kingdom of God is worth everything, but it asks everything in return. Both the farmer and the merchant discover something so valuable that it reorders their priorities instantly. They sell all they have not reluctantly, not calculating the cost, but with joy. The Gospel challenges us to examine our own attachments. What do we cling to that keeps us from fully embracing God's call, comfort, control, reputation, fear, old wounds, or simply the familiar routines of life?

The first reading (1 Kings 3:5,7-12), gives us Solomon, who asks not for wealth or power but for an understanding heart. This is the posture of a true disciple: not grasping for more, but asking to see as God sees. Wisdom is the ability to discern what truly matters and to let go of what doesn't. In a world overflowing with noise, urgency, and distraction, Solomon's prayer becomes our own: "*Lord, give me a discerning heart.*" A heart that recognizes the treasure when it appears. A heart that knows when to surrender lesser things for the sake of the greater good. A heart that sees the Kingdom at work in unexpected places.

The final image, a net gathering fish of every kind reminds us that the Kingdom is not naïve. It is generous, wide, and patient, but it also requires discernment. Not everything we accumulate in life is worth keeping. Some habits, attitudes, and patterns must be released if we are to live freely as God's people. This sorting is not about fear or judgment; it is about clarity. What leads me toward God? What leads me away? What helps me love

more deeply? What keeps me small, anxious, or divided?

The Kingdom grows in us when we dare to sort through our lives with honesty and hope. As we move through the summer months, today's readings invite us to slow down and ask: What is the treasure God is placing before us right now? It may be a relationship that needs healing, a call to serve, a moment of prayer we've been avoiding, or a new courage rising within us. The Kingdom is near, closer than we think. May we have Solomon's wisdom to recognize it, the farmer's joy to embrace it, and the merchant's courage to give ourselves fully to it.

Be always blessed!

Fr. Adrien NTWA
Parochial Vicar

115th Anniversary Journal

Every Parish Group (choir, altar servers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Legion of Mary, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, United Ghanaian Association, Grenadian Society, Rosary Society, Christian Mothers, etc.) and parishioners are invited to participate in our 115th Anniversary commemorative journal. Included in this weekend's Bulletin is a copy of the application form.

Please complete the form and return in the collection basket with payment at the Mass you attend or at the parish office no later than Friday, August 14th, 2026. Representatives and volunteers are available to assist you at every Mass.

Thank you for your participation in making this 115th Anniversary celebrations a success.

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 AOÛT

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 19 juillet, 2026

\$4,423.00

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.

17^e Dimanche du Temps Ordinaire

Frères et sœurs,

Nous sommes un peuple voué à la cause du Royaume, et ce Royaume n'est pas une idée abstraite. Il est l'expérience vécue de la miséricorde, de la justice et de l'amour de Dieu faisant irruption dans notre monde. Lorsque nous en entrevoyons la réalité à travers le pardon, la compassion, la réconciliation ou une paix profonde, nous en reconnaissons la valeur. La question est de savoir si nous répondrons avec le même engagement total que le cultivateur et le marchand.

Dans l'Évangile d'aujourd'hui (Matthieu 13, 44-46), Jésus nous propose trois images : le trésor caché dans un champ, la perle de grand prix et le filet jeté dans la mer. Chacune d'elles révèle un aspect essentiel de la vie de disciple : le Royaume de Dieu a une valeur inestimable, mais il exige tout en retour. Le cultivateur comme le marchand découvrent quelque chose de si précieux que leurs priorités s'en trouvent instantanément bouleversées. Ils vendent tout ce qu'ils possèdent, non pas à contrecœur ni en calculant le coût, mais avec joie. À quoi nous accrochons-nous qui nous empêche d'accueillir pleinement l'appel de Dieu : le confort, le besoin de contrôle, la réputation, la peur, de vieilles blessures ou simplement les habitudes familières de la vie ?

La première lecture (1 Rois 3, 5.7-12) nous présente Salomon ; il ne demande ni richesse ni pouvoir, mais un cœur capable de comprendre. Telle est l'attitude du véritable disciple : ne pas chercher à accumuler davantage, mais demander à voir comme Dieu voit. Dans un monde saturé de bruit, d'urgence et de distractions, la prière de Salomon devient la nôtre : « *Seigneur, donne-moi un cœur capable de discerner.* » Un cœur qui reconnaît le trésor lorsqu'il se présente. Un cœur qui sait quand renoncer à des choses secondaires pour le bien supérieur. Un cœur qui perçoit le Royaume à l'œuvre dans des lieux inattendus.

L'image finale, nous rappelle que le Royaume n'est pas naïf. Il est généreux, vaste et patient, mais il exige aussi du discernement. Tout ce que nous accumulons au cours de notre vie ne mérite pas d'être conservé. Qu'est-ce qui me rapproche de Dieu ? Qu'est-ce qui m'en éloigne ? Qu'est-ce qui m'aide à aimer plus profondément ? Qu'est-ce qui me maintient dans la petitesse, l'anxiété ou la division ?

Le Royaume grandit en nous lorsque nous osons examiner notre vie avec honnêteté et espérance. Les lectures d'aujourd'hui nous invitent à ralentir le pas et à nous interroger : quel est le trésor que Dieu place devant nous en cet instant ? Il peut s'agir d'une relation à guérir, d'un appel au service, d'un temps de prière que nous avons évité ou d'un courage nouveau qui naît en nous. Puisse-nous avoir la sagesse de Salomon pour le reconnaître, la joie du cultivateur pour l'accueillir et le courage du marchand pour nous y donner pleinement. Soyez toujours bénis !

Père Adrien NTWA
Vicaire Paroissiale



One Church.
Diverse Ministries.
United Mission.

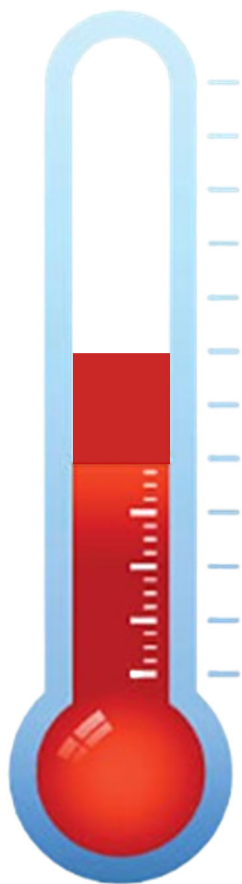
St. Catherine of Genoa Church ACA PARISH GOAL: \$46,605.00

PLEDGED: \$26,625.00

Amount needed to reach
Parish Goal: \$19,980.00



\$46,605.00



RECEIVED: \$20,937.00

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#Families: 67

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

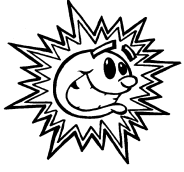
If you have not yet made a
pledge, please prayerfully
consider making a PLEDGE
to this year's
Annual Catholic Appeal

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. Sept. 12th** — Street Fair, Flea Market, Bake Sale, Food Sale.
- ♦ **Sat., Sept. 19th** — Prayer Breakfast. Guest speaker TBD
- ♦ **Sun. Sept. 20th** — Tri-lingual Mass at 11am followed by a reception in our Parish Hall.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday

10:00 AM Grenadian Society — **August 28th**

3:00 PM French Legion of Mary — **Weekly**

3:00 PM Christian Mothers — **August 9th**

Thursday

10:30 AM **Pantry** — **closed until Sept 17th**

8:00 PM **HOLY HOUR** — **Weekly**

Saturday

Girl Scouts — **resumes in September**

5:00 PM St. Theresa of the Child Jesus — **8/29**

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;
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 for Missionary Co-op Plan. Thank you for your generosity!

2. Get your ticket for the 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. Sept. 12th — Street Fair, Flea Market, Bake Sale & Concert

Fri. Sept. 11th to Sun Sept. 20th — Parish Novena

Sat. Sept. 19th — Prayer Breakfast

Sun. Sept. 20th — 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 **re-open 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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