

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 9, 2018—Second Sunday of Advent



## 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*On this second Sunday of Advent, we ask ourselves:  
Who has helped me to grow in my faith?*

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

*La misión de la parroquia de Sta. Catalina es  
inspirar, cuidar y motivar la participación de nuestra  
comunidad a través del culto, testimonio y servicio.*

*St. Catherine of Siena Church is a Tompkins County Living Wage Employer*

# St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. (closed for lunch from 1–2 p.m.)

## MINISTRY TEAM

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## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration packets are available at all Church entrances and at the office.

## STEWARDSHIP

### 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" located at each Church entrance provide meals and education for over 200 children at the parish daycare center.

### Almsgiving

10% or more of all donations we receive go 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 & 11:30 a.m.

Mass in Spanish: normally 4th Sunday of the month, 5:30 p.m.

Tompkins County Jail: Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m.

Brookdale Senior Living: normally 4th Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Kendal at Ithaca: normally 2nd Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

Bridges Cornell Heights: normally 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

*Please check with the Parish Office for Mass schedule changes.*

**Accommodations:** Gluten-reduced hosts are available.

Personal listening receivers are available from the Sacristy.

## SACRAMENTS

### Reconciliation:

Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment

### Infant Baptisms:

We're so happy about the new addition to your family.

Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism.

Please contact the office **three months** prior to the baptism.

### Marriage:

Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office **at least six months** before the wedding.

### Anointing of the Sick/Visitation:

Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. For emergencies after hours, please call Fr. Joe at 585-747-3649. Families should alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to have someone prayed for at Mass and/or added to the Prayer Corner in the bulletin, we invite you to call the Parish Office at 257-2493.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.):

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Ann Marie Eckert.

### Holy Orders:

For information about vocations, contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or [vocations@dor.org](mailto:vocations@dor.org).

## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. & Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church

### Rosary

Fridays at 5 p.m. in the Church

### Prayer Groups

Centering Prayer and Ignatian Prayer Groups meet throughout the month. Small Christian Communities also meet weekly. For more information, call Ann Marie Eckert.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Offertory Income — December 2, 2018

Regular Mass Collections:	\$7,738
EFT/SecureGive Collections <sup>1</sup> :	\$2,780
Mail-In/Drop-Off Collections <sup>1</sup> :	\$1,317

<b>Total Regular Weekly Collections:</b>	<b>\$11,835</b>
<b>Average Weekly Budget<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<b>\$12,350</b>

<b>Weekly Operating Surplus (Shortfall)<sup>3</sup>:</b>	<b>(\$515)</b>
<b>Gifts and Donations Received<sup>4</sup>:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<i>Dominican Republic Bowls:</i>	\$177
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- 1 Variability in these values due to inclusion of collections that are biweekly, monthly
- 2 83% of Planned Operational Expenses are funded by Regular Weekly Collections
- 3 Weekly surplus (shortfall) in funds for average weekly budgeted expenses
- 4 Excluded from this number are capital contributions, extraordinary gifts, bequests

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

So far we have received **\$15,390** in checks to the diocese and **\$11,485** in checks to St. Catherine's for a total of **\$26,875** toward our goal of **\$56,249**. Please prayerfully consider donating to the CMA.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****Today**

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Next Sunday**

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” (Lk 3:5)

**PRAYER CORNER**

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

*Imaan Grewal, Edna Michael, Eleanor Carey, Tom Rohrer, Dan Hund, Eliza Topoleski, Ester Hansen, Betsy Shirley, Judith Guido, Amelia Massey, Lenore Orrange, Chris Blain, Jean Hultman, Ruthanne Bruen, Ed Hooks, Cully Fox, Dageiry Custodio, and David Hyatt.*

Please hold in prayer those who have died in the peace of Christ:

*Jeffrey Dreisin and President George H. W. Bush.*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING—DECEMBER 10–16****Monday, December 10**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Decorating Preparation  
5:30 p.m. MASS: *Denny Payne* by *Nadine Le Moine*  
6:00 p.m. Movie Night  
7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

**Tuesday, December 11**

9:30 a.m. Pietra Fitness  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
1:30 p.m. MASS AT BRIDGES CORNELL HEIGHTS  
5:30 p.m. Boy Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Wednesday, December 12**

5:30 p.m. Adult Faith Enrichment Committee  
7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.

**Thursday, December 13**

9:30 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer  
9:30 a.m. Pietra Fitness  
4:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

**Friday, December 14**

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Living & Deceased Members of the Doyle & Leclere Families* by *Jeff & Jane Doyle*  
9:30 a.m. Strength Training  
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, December 14 (continued)**

10:30 a.m. Benediction  
5:00 p.m. Praying the Rosary  
7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer

**Saturday, December 15**

9:00 a.m. AA  
9:00 a.m. Christmas Decorating Preparation  
10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
12:00 p.m. Kid's Movie and Craft  
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. MASS: *Mass of Thanksgiving* by the *Topoleski Family* and *Robert Orrange* by *Lenore Orrange*

**Sunday, December 16**

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Elayne & Robert Krohn* by *Rob & Marion Krohn* and *Our Parishioners*  
9:15 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:15 a.m. Christmas Pageant  
11:30 a.m. MASS: *Peg Moy* by *Ed Moy & Family*  
1:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry  
1:15 p.m. MASS AT TOMPKINS COUNTY JAIL  
4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry  
4:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry  
4:00 p.m. Spanish Community Choir  
5:30 p.m. SPANISH COMMUNITY MASS  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Community Gathering

*A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey.*



## Parish-Wide Opportunities

### ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Please join us on **Friday, December 14, at 7 p.m.** for an Advent Evening Prayer in the church. This simple prayer experience will provide an opportunity to turn our attention to the expectant waiting that Advent calls us to. We hope you can join us!

### DINNER FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

On **Monday, December 17, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass**, we invite people who are grieving the loss of a loved one during this holiday season to join us for dinner in the Parish Center. The event includes a short presentation and time for sharing and discussion. Please let Ann Marie know that you are coming at [ann.marie.eckert@dor.org](mailto:ann.marie.eckert@dor.org) or 257-2493.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELP

We need some advance help to get ready for Christmas! If you can use scissors, tie knots, and use pins without harming yourself or others, then you have the skills necessary to help. We are looking for assistance on the following days and times in the Parish Center Conference Room: **Monday, December 10, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Saturday, December 15, from 9-11 a.m.; Monday, December 17, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; and Friday, December 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** The big Christmas decorating event (open to all ages) will take place on **Sunday, December 23, beginning at 2 p.m.**

### PENANCE SERVICES

Holy Cross Church in Dryden will be hosting an evening Reconciliation Service on **Wednesday, December 19, at 7 p.m.** Immaculate Conception Church is providing the Sacrament of Reconciliation with First Reconciliation on **Saturday, December 15, at 11 a.m.** We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to prepare your heart for Christmas.

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We will hold an Altar Server Training **this Sunday, December 9, from 3-4 p.m.** in the Church. Anyone who has made their First Communion is eligible.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Children's Faith Formation (grades 1-6) will be presenting "The First Christmas: A Children's Christmas Pageant" in the Church on **Sunday, December 16, at 10:15 a.m.**, following the 9 a.m. Mass. We would love for the parish to join us! Christmas cookies and hot cocoa will be served following the pageant.



### ST. CATHERINE'S D.R. CLUB

We have a new, fun way to support the Dominican Republic and our friends at the Portal de Belén. The D.R. Club is a calendar raffle that gives you an opportunity to win \$25 on every day of 2019. Tickets are only \$25. We hope you will consider buying one for yourself, as well as for family and friends. Tickets will be sold after all of the Masses through January 27 in the Parish Center Atrium, and through the Parish Office. You will need the names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails of those you are purchasing tickets for. Please see our website for a Christmas letter that you can use to tell people you are gifting them with a ticket. We also have a flier available for download for your place of business. Thank you!

### SHARE THE WARMTH

The Share the Warmth Drive is still collecting coats, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, and boots. Catholic Charities will be distributing these items for free during the first two weeks of December. They need volunteers to distribute the items in two-hour shifts December 10-14. Contact Shay to volunteer at [shay.washington@dor.org](mailto:shay.washington@dor.org) or 272-5062, ext. 14.

### WREATH AND POINSETTIA PICKUP

This is the final weekend to pick up your wreath and poinsettia orders for our Youth Ministry fundraiser. We had a record-breaking year this year! We sold 237 wreaths and 127 poinsettias—that is 67 more wreaths and 13 more poinsettias than last year! We want to thank *Rose and Randy Blinn* for helping deliver the wreaths from Candor to St. Catherine's and the parents and youth who gave their time during the wreath and poinsettia selling, dropoff, decorating, and pickup. We are so grateful for all who supported this fundraiser! If you missed seeing us this weekend, please contact Ashley Blank at [ashley.blank@dor.org](mailto:ashley.blank@dor.org) to set up a time to pick them up. Thank you for your support of our youth ministry!



### FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER TOTAL

A huge thank you to all who donated to our November fundraiser for the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. We raised **\$2,368!** The Food Bank was extremely grateful for your generosity. Thank you again!

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKS COUCH

Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga is in need of a couch. If you can donate one, please contact Jeanne at 257-5388. Many thanks!

## PLEDGE TO THE CMA

Did you know that you can donate to the Catholic Ministries Appeal on the Diocese of Rochester's website? Go to <https://www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/> and be sure to select St. Catherine's as your parish. Thank you!

## BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

We had a very successful American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish Center last week. We reached our goal with 21 donors! Many thanks to our volunteers who donated their time to help at the registration and canteen table: Colleen Perkins, Deb Roe, Treva Christian, Tammy Johnson, Mary Kay LaLonde, Joyce White, Sue Hyatt, Tom and Lisa LiVigne, and Giulia Friso.

## LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAININGS

We will be holding the following trainings for liturgical ministries:

- Altar Servers: **Sunday, December 9, 3-4 p.m.**
- Hospitality Ministers: **Sunday, January 6, 12:45 p.m.-1:30 p.m.**
- Lectors: **Sunday, January 13, 4-5 p.m.**
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: **Sunday, January 20, 1-2:30 p.m.**

All sessions will take place in the church. Please contact Patricia Sipple in the Parish Office with any questions or to let us know you plan to attend at [patricia.sipple@dor.org](mailto:patricia.sipple@dor.org) or 257-2493. Thank you!

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all who received God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this



weekend: Gavin Backus, Douglas Blalock, Natalie Blalock, Ella Blank, JP Camel, Lily Cartmill, Evan Cook, Victor de Gorter, Troy Falbo, Josie Falise, Oona Fitzpatrick, Luke Flores, Sebastian Flores, Hannah Freemantle, Robert McKeon, Rosemary McLean, Jasper Mingos, Juliette Moynihan, Troy Nakaranuruck, Samuel Pabit, Sawyer

Radcliffe, Isolde Reyes, Elbie Rydzik, Ryan Savino, Holden Sheckler, Alexander Sheckler, Katherine Smith, and Emma White.

## JEWELRY AND BAG SALE WRAP-UP

Grazie, Xixie, Merci, Danke, Gracias, and Thank You to the 23 volunteers who worked in front of and behind the scenes to make the Jewelry and Handbag Sale a success. In addition, special words of appreciation to all of you who donated over 1,000 items for the sale. We couldn't have had the sale without *you*! The total amount donated to St. Catherine's from this sale was **\$14,188**. This money will be used to help support our parish ministries.

## PAGEANT BAKERS NEEDED

Can you make a batch of cookies for the Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 16**? Cookies can be dropped off this coming week or the morning of the pageant. Please contact Ashley Blank at [ashley.blank@dor.org](mailto:ashley.blank@dor.org) or 257-2493.

## FOOD PANTRY REMINDER

This is a friendly reminder to please leave only nonperishable (canned or boxed) food in the Food Pantry baskets. The Food Pantry is unable to accept perishable food. Many thanks.

## KIDS' MOVIES AND CRAFT

Join fellow parishioner Gilday Ryan and his family as they host a showing of two classic animated short films: Disney's *Mickey's Christmas Carol* and Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* on **Saturday, December 15**, after the Christmas pageant rehearsal. The movies will begin around 12 p.m. in the Parish Center; each film runs approximately 30 minutes. The free event will include adult supervision, popcorn, a small craft, and some fun animation trivia from Gil.

## ITALY TRIP

There is still room for a few more people to come to Italy (Siena, Florence, Assisi, and Rome) with us on our Parish Trip, **May 13-23, 2019**. Trip brochures are available in the bulletin holders located in each of our doorways. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Marie at [ann.marie.eckert@dor.org](mailto:ann.marie.eckert@dor.org) or 257-2493.

## Adult Faith Formation

### LIFE AND FAITH SESSIONS

This Sunday, December 9, the Life and Faith session between Masses will be a discussion of what salvation means. For many Christians, salvation means going to heaven after we die. In the Bible, the word hardly ever means that. It means liberation from bondage, homecoming, life rather than death, sight to the blind, healing of the wounds of existence—and in general healing the human condition. Come join a discussion and share what salvation means to you.

### MOVIE NIGHT

For our next movie night we will be watching *The Nativity Story*, the story of Jesus' birth. This movie shows the real issues and situations in which Jesus came into the world, making this humble birth that much more real. The movie will be shown on **Monday, December 10**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. and Mass is at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. A \$5 donation for dinner is appreciated.

**FROM THE BOOK OF ANN MARIE**

Dear Parish Family,

This is recycling week on my block, and my two bins are overflowing. There is some paper and some cans, but most of it is plastic: yogurt containers, milk jugs, shampoo bottles, laundry detergent bottles, and on and on.

I have become more conscious of my recycling because I recently watched a short video about what happens to our plastics when they are recycled. Did you know that since 1950 (when we started using plastics), only about 9 percent of all plastics have been recycled? Some have been incinerated (putting lots of chemicals into our air), but about 60 percent of every plastic container produced is still on our planet, and far too many are in our water. An international team of researchers found that the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a collection of floating plastic trash (located halfway between Hawaii and California) has grown to more than 600,000 square miles, or twice the size of Texas. I also recently learned that the Pacific Garbage Patch isn't the only one! It is the largest, but there are four other patches in our oceans. Because these patches are formed by winds and currents and are in international waters, no country has taken responsibility for cleaning them up, so it falls to nonprofits to try to take on this work. Here's something else: Did you know that about 50 percent of what we put in our recycling bins doesn't actually get recycled? That's because recycling has to be sold, and if no one wants to buy it, it ends up in our landfills.

One of the reasons I was thinking about this so much is because December is the time of year when I am most likely to go out shopping and come home with tons and tons of plastic. I am pretty good about bringing my reusable shopping bags to Tops, but I don't think of it when I am out Christmas shopping, so I end up with 15 plastic bags after a day of shopping. Then there are all those things we buy that are packaged in that hard plastic "wrapping" — the kind you need scissors and a strong hand just to break into. Most of the toys you can buy today are plastic. A trip to Bath and Body Works will fill your house with plastic. The stop at McDonalds for a soda only adds to the problem! And then there are water bottles. When we live in a country where, with few exceptions, our water is clean and almost free, why are we buying it in plastic bottles that are overwhelming our planet?

Pope Francis wrote his encyclical *Laudato Si* about care for the environment a few years ago. One of his biggest points is that the poor suffer the most from the destruction of the planet and from the waste of the rich. All of our garbage ends up in landfills, which are usually located in poorer areas. Our recycling is packaged and sold and then usually shipped to a developing country. Until recently it was shipped to China, but they have stopped accepting plastics because the rate of global imports grew 723 percent from 1993 to 2016 and they cannot take any more. Much of this growth is caused by single use containers (drinking cups, water bottles, coffee cup lids, straws, and so on).

As I was writing, I was thinking about what it would be like if every plastic thing we purchase or otherwise bring into our houses needed to stay there forever. Imagine it! Imagine if we just needed to keep a year's worth of our plastics in our houses forever. We would go crazy trying to figure out where to keep them! The luxury that we have as people who live in one of the richest countries in the world is that our waste ends up in someone else's house. It ends up in poor rural communities in our own country, and much of it is shipped off to poor countries who are trying to figure out how to recycle it without overwhelming their own land, environment, and society.

I know that there are a million things to worry about right now, but this one thing — reducing our use of plastics — seems like it is a little easier than some of the other things on the "worry list." And even if it isn't easier, it is really important. Let's all try a little harder to reduce, instead of just recycling.

Peace,

Information about China and recycling — the picture alone is worth seeing: <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2018/06/28/623972937/china-has-refused-to-recycle-the-wests-plastics-what-now>.



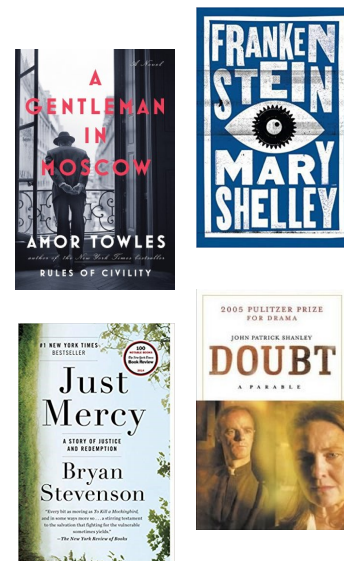
## ST. CATHERINE'S BOOK CLUB 2019 TITLES

The St. Catherine's Book Club welcomes readers of all ages to its monthly meetings! There is no long-term commitment—you can come to as many or as few discussions as you wish. We usually meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Center.\* Please join us for great conversation and tasty treats!

We are pleased to announce our 2019 book selections:

- **January 3:** *A Gentleman in Moscow* – Amor Towles
- **February 5:** *The Sympathizer* – Viet Thanh Nguyen
- **March 7:** *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* – Bryan Stevenson
- **April 2:** *Doubt: A Parable* – John Patrick Shanley
- **May 7:** *What the Eyes Don't See* – Mona Hanna-Attisha
- **June 4:** *Thirteen Ways of Looking* – Colum McCann
- **July 2:** *The God of Small Things* – Arundhati Roy
- **August 6:** *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty* – Kate Hennessy
- **September 5:** *American Pastoral* – Philip Roth
- **October 1:** *The Hate U Give* – Angie Thomas
- **November 5:** *Frankenstein* – Mary Shelley
- **December 3:** *The History of Love* – Nicole Krauss

\* The January, March, and September meetings will take place on Thursday evenings.



## Faith Formation News

### "IN THE LOOP" WITH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This Sunday, December 9, we have a small group of youth traveling to Brookdale Senior Living Facility to spend time and play board games with the residents. The following Sunday, December 16, the youth will be making treats and small gifts for guests visiting Loaves and Fishes during this holiday season. Since this will be the last Sunday we meet in December, we will have pizza and celebrate December birthdays.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT

We will be holding a youth ministry retreat focused on discipleship for our high school youth (grades 9–12) from **Friday, January 4, to Saturday, January 5**. The retreat is intended as a chance for the youth to put away the stresses and distractions of life and focus on their faith-lives. The event will include time for community, prayer, and reflection. Applications can be found on our website and by emailing Ashley Blank at [ashley.blank@dor.org](mailto:ashley.blank@dor.org). The fee is \$20 and a packing list will be sent out after registration. The registration deadline is Friday, December 21.

### "CONFIRMED IN FAITH" IN MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Ministry will gather for a service session this Sunday, December 9, during their normal gathering time. Each month the youth will have one Sunday where they will be split up into small groups to go around to different organizations in the area to provide service focused on one of the Works of Mercy. This month we have been focusing on Clothing the Naked, so the youth will go to sites such as Thrifty Shopper of Ithaca to sort donations.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a poster contest for children through 6th grade. The theme of the posters is "Keeping Christ in Christmas." If any children would like to participate, please see Ashley Blank to receive the poster paper and application. Posters and application forms are due back to Ashley on **Sunday, December 16**.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 10	Movie Night – <i>The Nativity Story</i>
Dec. 14	Advent Evening Prayer
Dec. 15	Kids' Christmas Movie Screening
Dec. 16	Christmas Pageant
Dec. 17	Dinner for People Who Are Grieving
Dec. 23	Christmas Decorating



# CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Christmas flowers for St. Catherine of Siena Parish are supplied through generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living.

If you wish to make such a memorial, complete the bottom half of this sheet and place it, along with your gift, in an envelope marked:

## *Christmas Flowers*

The envelope may be placed in the collection basket or offering boxes or turned into the Parish Center in person or by mail no later than **Friday, December 14.**

All memorials will be published in the bulletins on December 22/23 and 29/30 unless otherwise requested. Thank you!



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

### **Please Print Clearly**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of offering: \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum is \$10.00)

Make check payable to: St. Catherine of Siena. If mailing, please ensure that it arrives by Friday, December 14. Mail to: 309 Siena Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check only if you DO NOT want your memorial published in the bulletin



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS: DECEMBER 15/16

### 5:00 P.M.

<b>Music</b>	Kari Colangelo
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Talda Steve Moolin
<b>Minister of Communion</b>	Bonita Davis - Host Bob Gravani - Host Mary Hutchens - Host Ann Gifford - Cup Susan Hyatt - Cup Mary Kay LaLonde - Cup Gregory Menzenski - Cup Janet Strebel - Cup
<b>Altar Server</b>	Lauren Way - Cross Dean Licitra - Book
<b>Minister of Hospitality</b>	Derek Chase - 1 Erin Sember-Chase- 2 Terry Gifford - 3 Eileen Gravani - 4

### 9:00 A.M.

<b>Music</b>	Bob Talda
<b>Brookdale</b>	Lisa Carrier-Titti
<b>Lector</b>	Cecelia Linscott Bill Perkins
<b>Minister of Communion</b>	Bonita Lindberg - Host Victor Mancini - Host Stephan Schmidt - Host Diane Bradac - Cup Hannah Brown - Cup Teresa Garcia - Cup Marion Krohn - Cup Colleen Perkins - Cup
<b>Altar Server</b>	Daniel Murphy - Cross Margaret Murphy - Book
<b>Minister of Hospitality</b>	Henry O'Toole - 1 Gigi & Ted Galanthay - 2 David Albonesi - 3 Silvia Abbiati - 4 Kevin Mahaney - 5 Kathy & Mary Griffiths - 6

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<b>Music</b>	John Balmer
<b>Lector</b>	Joseph Babcock Marie de Roos
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<b>Altar Server</b>	Nickie Carrier-Titti - Cross Tristan Babcock - Book
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