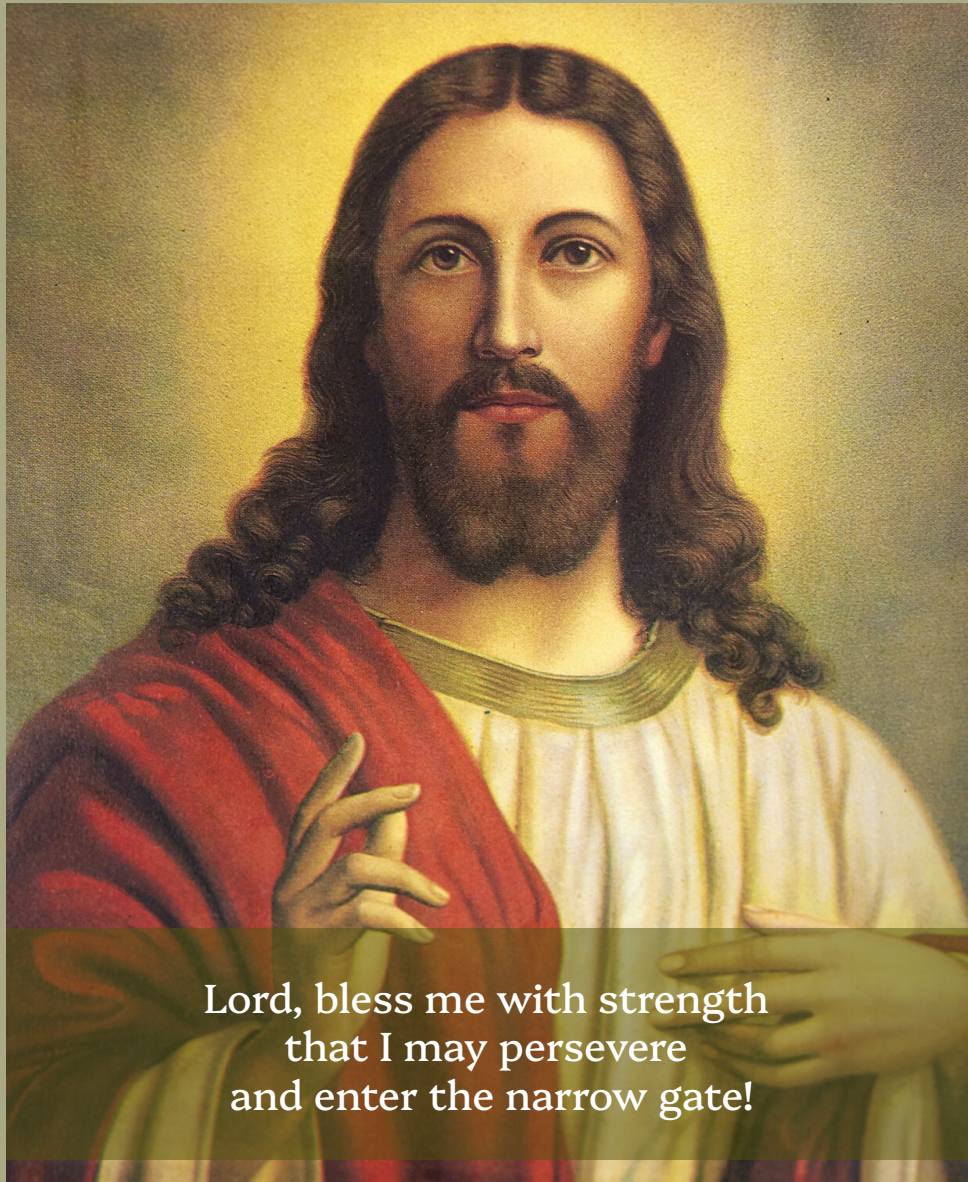




St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 24, 2025



Lord, bless me with strength
that I may persevere
and enter the narrow gate!

21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioners & Guests!

Each Sunday we give thanks to God in a special way for the many gifts and blessings of our life. We also seek union with God that we may be strengthened to strive faithfully in all that we do. What a blessing to live the Holy Sabbath!

Our gospel invites us to remain unwaveringly aware of God's path for us and for others. As Jesus identifies the path to heaven as a narrow gate we recognize our need to keep our vision of faith fixed on God in all things. We cannot, as they say, shoot from the hip, and expect to hit the target.

One of the most difficult experiences is to have our plans interrupted. An accident. A health diagnosis. Injuring ourselves after rehabilitation. That feeling of frustration, or loss. These experiences and many others are frustrating and teach us to surrender that goal to God. *"Lord, I guess it was not meant to be. Please, guide my next steps on this path."* This prayer or any prayer like it causes us to turn to God, to be humble, and to seek His direction. If we are surging with pride and fight then we may enter into deeper difficulty. However, if we respond to these interruptions and inconveniences with humility and seek God's direction we are safeguarded from further frustration. This is part of that narrow path.

As I reflect on this theme I realize that technical difficulties and a frustrating customer service experience have not yet permitted our new website

to be fully published. I try to defend my frustration by highlighting the injustice of our experience. But when it comes down to it, I'm more frustrated that I am not getting what I want when I want it. In my circumstance, when this is realized, I have a choice: to continue feeding that frustration or to pivot and strive to maintain my footing on the narrow path that opens before me.

Sometimes when we see the narrow path we rebel against it. This is why Jesus shares what He does so that we may be clear in our thoughts and actions, never to be distracted or seduced by temptation or find ourselves to be recalcitrant in our stubbornness. May we always seek the grace to see the narrow path and then have the humility and courage to travel its course.

In a few weeks we will be honoring our patroness, St. Catherine of Genoa. She was an heroic example of faithfulness and perseverance on the narrow path for her life included many crosses. I am excited to lead our parish into another year of celebration for her September 15th feast day. Because the fifteenth is a Monday we will schedule our special activities on **Sunday the 14th of September honoring our Patroness with a Procession & Pork Chops!**

After the 10am Mass we will make the Stations of the Cross with a Eucharistic Procession that follows the outdoor stations on our campus. After our procession we will enjoy an afternoon picnic lunch featuring Fay's pork chops accompanied by homemade sides and desserts. There will be a few entertainment options for the kids and will be a nice way to enjoy the afternoon and give thanks to God for our faithful patroness, our dear St. Catherine of Genoa! Let us pray for good weather on the 14th!

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend August 23 & 24

Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Earl Amidon
7:00 p.m. †Margarita Cervantes Velasco
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of SCG
10:00 a.m. †Virginia Brummel (L. Brummel)

Monday, August 25 *St. Louis*

8:30 a.m. †Bob Miller (Mary Lou Miller)

Tuesday, August 26

8:30 a.m. †Ubertino Dominguez

Wednesday, August 27 *St. Monica*

8:30 a.m. †Fred & Rita Schell

Thursday, August 28 *St. Augustine*

8:30 a.m. For Carmen Hurtado

Friday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. For Lillie Connor (Ann Van Son)

Next Weekend August 30 & 31

Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Richard Urstrak
7:00 p.m. †Benito Camarena
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of SCG
10:00 a.m. †Jim Mammoser & Kira Mammoser
(Lee Mammoser)

Prayer Intentions

Jenny Eide, Mercedes G., Jerry Grenier,
Frank Engel, Carol Engel, Alex Humeniak,
Dale Jurs, Julie Mullins, Beau Norris,
Brian O'Grady, Mary Kae O'Grady,
Priscilla Pisarski, Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz,
Dawn Varacalli, Viva Villafuerte,
Janice Jastrowski, Scott Star, Balvina Mascote,
Ed Davis, Virginia Makovec, Nancy Burmeister,
Courtney LaMonteagne, Joseph Phelan

Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday | 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Daily | 8:30 a.m.

Confession | *Confesiones*

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions conclude when all have been heard.

En Español | Viernes 8:00 a.m. y Sabado 6:00 p.m

Rosary

Begins 30 min. before all weekend Masses

Immediately following daily Masses.

First Friday

Adoration | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Benediction | 6:50 p.m.

Holy Hour

Every Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Confessions available | 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.

Benediction begins | 7:20 p.m.

En Español

Rosario

Todo los tardes a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia

Rosario de Niños Cada Jueves a las 6 p.m.

Legion de Maria

- Reuniones los Lunes a las 11:00 a.m.
información contactan Casi 815-762-7480
- Reuniones los Miércoles a las 6:00 PM. Para
información contacten a Teresa 815-784-5653

Estudio Bíblico

Lunes 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el salón Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Dirigido por Milton Orellana.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA

****Pregunta:** Según las historias del Evangelio, ¿quién fue la primera persona que se encontró con Jesús resucitado**



Monday, August 25th

8:30 am – Mass
 9 am – Rosary
 11am – Legion of Mary
 6 pm – Bible Study- in Spanish
 7 pm – K of C Officers' Meeting

Tuesday, August 26th

8 am – Confessions
 8:30 am – Mass
 9 am – Rosary
 6:30 pm – Adoration
 7 pm – Confessions

Wednesday, August 27th

8:30 am – Mass
 9 am – Rosary
 6 pm – Legion of Mary Parish Hall

Saturday, August 30th

9 am – Confessions
 5 pm – Mass

Youth Group Event

Join us for games, S'mores, bonfire, fun!
 Friday September 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
 Grades 8 through 12.
 For more information contact Tami Barrett

Religious Education

Classes will beginning soon!
Grades K - 6: September 3rd
Confirmation: September 14th
 Sign-up in the parish office or on our new parish website, stcatherinegenoa.org .

Feast of St. Catherine of Genoa

Join us in the celebration of our parish patroness for a procession and a pork chop lunch.
Sunday, September 14th 12:00 p.m.
 There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex for parishioners to bring sides and salads.

St. Catherine of Genoa Pictorial Directory

We are pleased to announce that we are planning a new pictorial directory.

A photographer will be at our parish on:
September 30th and October 1st.

Sign -up for a photo session:

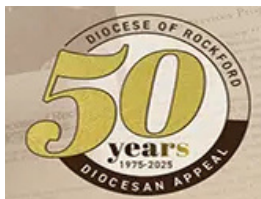
- in the narthex after the weekend Masses.
- in person during parish office hours.
- online, using the link on our parish website or visit www.ucid.

St. Catherine's church code : IL442

Password: photos

This is a wonderful opportunity for families as the holidays approach.

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835
 Pledged: \$12,906
 Given: \$16,300.00
 Shortfall: \$15,535

Weekend Collection: Aug 16 & 17

Parish: \$3,961
 Building: \$200
 Given Online: \$510



Online Giving

You can conveniently donate to our church by clicking on the app located on the homepage of our parish website or use the QR code above. From there, follow the simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.

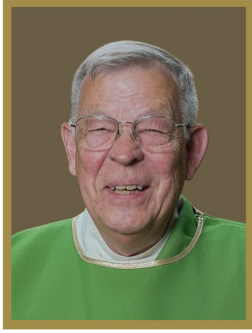
Thank you for your prayerful contributions.



St. Vincent de Paul

Donations made to our poor box, located at the front entrance will be forwarded to the Hampshire chapter of St. Vincent de Paul - they support our Genoa residents who seek support in their need.

From the Desk of Deacon Bill Stankevitz



maintenance before my wife and I take off for our annual September vacation.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had our vision checked, gone for annual physicals, and caught up on a few other regularly scheduled tasks that are necessary to keep our things and ourselves in reasonably good running condition.

As I sit here, I got to thinking about how most of us are pretty diligent in keeping up with routine maintenance. Some of us even set calendar reminders to make sure we are up to date. BUT, I wonder how great a job we do with the required spiritual care of our souls.

Do we have a daily prayer life where we set aside some time to just talk with God? And, then, listen to Him? Do we make sure to regularly set aside time for confession to make sure our soul's filter is replaced and clear in order to receive all of the many graces we need to keep running smoothly?

Do we spend a few extra minutes before or after Mass to contemplate the incredible gift of the Eucharist which we have or will have soon received? An occasional rosary, chaplet of divine mercy, or any scripted prayers can help focus that contemplative time.

Spiritually, we need regular preventative maintenance and ongoing care even more than we do with our bodies or our stuff. Today, take a minute and think about it. If it turns out that the 5,000 mile spiritual checkup and maintenance is overdue, think about not only taking the extra time for it, but maybe even put the reminder on the calendar.

Any time spent now is a drop in the bucket compared to smooth running in eternity.

Liturgical Roles - Aug 23rd & 24th

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM		3 open	J. Jastrowski	J. Jastrowski	C. Dumoulin	C. Dumoulin S. Vincent
<i>Tiempo de Misa</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>C-Monaguillos</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
7:00 PM <i>Semana Cinco</i>	Francisco Garcia	Mariana Osorio	Angie Garcia Cleme Camarena	Ilda Villagomez	Irma Rivas Lucio Rivas	Lucia Serrano Pascual Alvaro Osorio
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM		3 open	W. Engles	W. Engles	S. younker M. Riedy H. Davis	K. Gallagher M. Riedy J. Shreier
10:00 AM	open	3 open	C. Davekos	D. Letterer	E. Maneche J. Durham K.Coates	J. Durham S. Dillett L. Brummel



Calendario

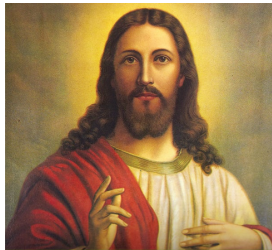
Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

Yo rezo por ustedes y por cada una de nuestras familias todos los días. El domingo es especial porque podemos orar juntos y recibir la fuerza de Nuestro Señor en Su santa presencia en el Santísimo Sacramento. Hoy, en el Evangelio, le preguntan a Jesús cuántas personas llegarán al cielo.

Su respuesta es como las palabras de un padre fuerte y fiel, un buen pastor: *«Esfuércense por entrar por la puerta estrecha, porque les digo que muchos intentarán entrar, pero no serán lo suficientemente fuertes»*.

Estas palabras de Jesús nos inspiran a perseverar. Sabemos cómo trabajar duro por las cosas terrenales; que esto sea un ejemplo en nuestra fidelidad y en nuestra oración para trabajar duro y permanecer en el camino angosto que lleva al cielo. Sean pacientes. Viva con amor. Apaguen su ira. Estén dispuestos al sacrificio. Cuando se sientan desanimados, tengan esperanza. Y en todas las cosas, pidan la gracia de Dios para que los guíe.

+Bendiciones
Pr. Trowbridge



Domingo, 24 de agosto

21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes, 25 de agosto

San Luis; San José Calasanz, sacerdote

8:30 am – Misa : 9 am – Rosario

11 am – Legión de María

6 pm – Estudio Bíblico- en español

7 pm – Reunión de Oficiales de C de C

Martes, 26 de agosto

8 am – Confesiones

8:30 am – Misa: 9 am – Rosario

6:30 pm – Adoración DBM & JT

7 pm – Confesiones (6:55-7:20)

Miércoles, 27 de agosto

Santa Mónica

8:30 am – Misa : 9 am – Rosario: JT

6 pm – Salón Parroquial de la Legión de María

Jueves, 28 de agosto

San Agustín, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Viernes, 29 de agosto

La pasión de San Juan Bautista

Sábado, 30 de agosto

9 am – Confesiones

7 pm – Misa en español

Domingo, 31 de agosto

22º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Anuncios

Directorio Pictórico de St Catarina de Genoa
Nos complace anunciar que estamos planeando un nuevo directorio pictórico.

Un fotógrafo estará en nuestra parroquia el **30 de septiembre y el 1 de octubre**.

Los feligreses pueden elegir el horario de la sesión de fotos.

Opciones de inscripción:

Sábados y domingos, después de todas las misas de fin de semana. Lunes a viernes en el sitio web de nuestra parroquia. En persona durante el horario de oficina parroquial.

****Respuesta: María Magdalena****

Educación Religiosa

¡Las clases comienzan pronto!

Grados K-6 - 3 de septiembre

Confirmación - 14 de septiembre

Inscríbase en nuestro nuevo sitio web parroquial, stcatherinegenoa.org, o en la oficina parroquial.

Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa para las familias, ya que se acercan las fiestas.

Fiesta de Santa Catalina de Genoa

Acompáñenos a celebrar a nuestra patrona parroquial con una procesión y un almuerzo de chuletas de cerdo.

Domingo 14 de septiembre, 12:00 p. m.

Los feligreses deben traer guarniciones y ensaladas.

Directory



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Facebook | [SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch)

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