



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 6</b>
5:30 pm	Joan Pirolo and Robert Halm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 7</b> <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>
7:30 am	Our Parishioners
9:30 am	Sergio and Noemi Wong
11:30 am	Diane Gironda, Julianne Law and Gloria Knapp
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 8</b> <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
6:45 am	James Schiotis
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 9</b>
6:45 am	Robert Darcy
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 10</b>
6:45 am	Gonda Thornburg
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 11</b>
6:45 am	Dr. Rodolfo Narag
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 12</b>
6:45 am	Andrew and Pauline Zahuta
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 13</b>
8:00 am	Raymond Brady
5:30 pm	Larry Rea and Patrick Lindsay
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 14</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am	Our Parishioners
9:30 am	Christiane Donahue and Christina Morello
11:30 am	Diane Gironda and John Ferrara

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Arline Forte, Francis Forte, Sr. Bernadette Weller, Karen Lang, Mary Ann Armstrong, Michele Buck, Christa Fairclough, Pat Flannery, Pat Pongracz, Gus Mitchell, Jennie Iwasiuk, Edward Joyce, Sr., Ann Gerhardt, Sr. Joan Phillips, and Andrew Andresko.

### JANUARY 13/14 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

5:30 pm	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB
7:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
9:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
11:30 am	Fr. Jim Termyna

### STEWARDSHIP

January 1, 2017 collection & PP	\$ 10,112
MASS ATTENDANCE 638	
December 31, 2017	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,113
ParishPay	6,677
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,790</b>
MASS ATTENDANCE 573	
Weekly operating expense	\$ 12,885
Christmas to date	\$ 44,875

### Scripture Readings

January 14, 2018

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

#### Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

**St. Mary's Prep will be selling tickets for their Super Cash 50/50 raffle next weekend after all Masses. Donation is \$10 per ticket.**

### Blessing of the homes on the Epiphany, January 7

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. Some communities have the custom of blessing homes with recalling the visit of the Magi. The household gathers at the manger scene to read Matthew 2:1-12. The light of the star guided the Three Kings on their journey. We too, must be lights for each other. Think of ways we can help others as we journey along in life.

**House blessing:** *Lord, God of heaven and earth, you revealed our only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Then with chalk mark the lintel over the main door of the house.  
20 + C + M + B + 18

(The numbers are those of the New Year (2018), the first initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The crosses stand for the four seasons.



**From the Desk of Fr. Jared**

Happy Epiphany! Today we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world; beyond the Jewish people. The Gentiles are represented by the magi. The story of the magi and the star of Bethlehem is unique to Matthew's Gospel. You might notice that Matthew does not refer to the magi as kings – nor does he give their names – nor does he report where they came from, nor does he specify the number of the magi. We traditionally have just presumed that there were three since three gifts – gold, frankincense and myrrh – were presented to the Christ child. Legend and tradition is harmless, but what is most important about the story can get lost in the romantic telling of the story.

Matthew reminds us that the magi, representing each of us, possess something unique and something seldom appreciated by the leaders of Israel. They possess the humility and the openness of mind and heart to seek and welcome Jesus. Their following of the star is a journey of faith, a constant search for meaning, for purpose, for the things of God. Nor were they deterred on that journey, even as they encountered people and events, like Herod, along the way that had the potential to keep them from achieving their goal. Their search mirrors our own life-long search for compassion, justice, peace and forgiveness. Therein we find the heart of the message of this Epiphany celebration.

Pope Benedict XVI described a faith journey, like that of the magi, by saying: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person – Jesus Christ – who gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." He continued, "faith is above all a personal, intimate encounter with Jesus, an experience of his closeness, his friendship, his love; only in this way does one learn to know him ever more, and to love and follow him ever more." Tomorrow, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season. What are we taking away from these Christmas celebrations this year? I would suggest that we reflect upon how we are incomplete if we live life only for ourselves and are lacking love. We are incomplete until we receive the love of God, and learn to freely offer this love to all whom God has placed within our lives.

Here we go into Ordinary Time!

Peace,  
Fr. Jared



**NEWS FROM  
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
OFFICE**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- January 8** – Religious Education classes resume
- January 18** – Youth Night, 7:30-9:00 pm
- January 20** – Family Fun Day, 3:00-5:00 pm followed by 5:30 pm family Mass
- January 27** – Catechist Day of Reflection, 9:30-11:30am
- January 28** – 5<sup>th</sup> grade class Mass – 9:30am
- January 29** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade bible presentation during class. Parents are invited.
- February 5** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parent meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, 7:30pm in the conference room.
- February 11** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class Mass & blessing 9:30am
- February 24** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Holy Communion retreat, 9:00am – 11:30am



**Save the Date!**

St. Catherine of Siena

**WINTER CARNIVAL**

Games for all ages!

Treats \* Fun \* Entertainment

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 5:00 pm**

In the parish center. \$10 per family.

Family Mass to follow at 5:30.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**JANUARY YOUTH NIGHT  
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

**Thursday, January 18 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm.**

All 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome.  
Come play or watch! Refreshments will be served!  
Contact Gail at [youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org](mailto:youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org)

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**CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP  
CHARLESTON, SC  
JULY 8-14**

All high school students are invited to join us on a week-long service trip this summer!

\$370 + transportation  
\*\* \$90 and deposit form DUE JANUARY 15  
Registration forms are available in the religious education office and church vestibule.

Questions? Contact Gail  
at [youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org](mailto:youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org)

### TRIP TO ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL IN PATERSON

The St. Catherine's prayer group invites you to join them on a trip to the beautiful, newly renovated St. John's Cathedral in Paterson on **Friday, Jan. 12th**. We will attend Mass there at noon followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After Mass we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant. This event is open to all parishioners. We will be carpooling and departing from St. Catherine's at approximately 11:00 am. If interested in joining us, please call Lee Maute at 973-590-7820.

### FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS NEED YOU!

The Franciscan Mystery Players are recruiting student performers (grades 9-12) to participate in their Lenten presentation "*The Way of the Cross*" which will be performed at approximately 10 churches throughout Northern New Jersey. The group is also seeking additional adult advisors. Rehearsals begin in January at St. Catherine of Siena. Time commitment is most Friday and Sunday evenings from January through Good Friday. It is an excellent way to grow closer to God while having fun with a great group of teens! No experience is necessary. Please contact Anne Marie Pikor at [973-876-3440](tel:973-876-3440) for more information and any questions regarding earning Confirmation hours. ([www.mysteryplay.org](http://www.mysteryplay.org))

### COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

A food safety course for St. Catherine's soup kitchen volunteers interested in being cleared to help prepare food is being offered at the Soup Kitchen from 2-3pm on **Tuesday, January 9**. If interested, please call Carol Kennedy 973-402-1503.

### 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus Councils 514 and 3359 will be selling Roses for Life after Mass this weekend. They invite you to join the bus trip to the 45th March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19th. The bus will depart at 6 AM from the Gardner Field Park and Ride in Denville. Mass will be celebrated at 5:15 AM at St. Mary's, Denville prior to departure. There is no charge for the bus, but please bring \$10.00 to cover DC Metro cost and a tip for the driver. Please contact Jim Rizos [973.627.2596](tel:973.627.2596), [j.rizos@verizon.net](mailto:j.rizos@verizon.net) to reserve your place. If you are unable to join the march, please keep the cause for life in your prayers

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

sponsored by the Diocese of Paterson.

**Friday, January 26-Sunday, January 28**

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The weekend retreat offers a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, call 973-377-1004 xt 425 or email [RVPaterson@gmail.com](mailto:RVPaterson@gmail.com)

### SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

**Friday, March 9 - Sunday, March 11**

### COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is "*Learning to Cope in the New Year.*" For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359 is looking for new members. If you are a gentleman over 18 and are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish and growing in faith, then the Knights of Columbus is for you. For more information, visit [www.KOFC3359.org](http://www.KOFC3359.org) or contact Dennis Corbisiero 973-945-9467; [dennisarc25@gmail.com](mailto:dennisarc25@gmail.com) or Guy Mariani 973-586-0098; [guy.mariani@kofc.org](mailto:guy.mariani@kofc.org)

### IGNATIUS SILENT RETREAT

sponsored by Knights of Columbus,  
Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359

**February 2 at 7:15 pm – February 4 1:00 pm** at Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown. Join us for a Men's Weekend Retreat led by Fr. Tom Marciniak, S.J. The retreat will focus on the topic, *Surrender???* - *Learning How to Yield Lovingly to our God*. Open to all men of the parish (18 or older). Membership in the K of C is not necessary. Details at [www.kofc3359.org](http://www.kofc3359.org), or contact Damiano Servidio at (973) 407-0186 / [dservidio@fordham.edu](mailto:dservidio@fordham.edu).

### TRAVEL TO ITALY

Are you interested in making a spiritual pilgrimage to Italy and to the Shrine of St. Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo? Travel to Italy September 20-29 with Fr. Owen Moran and St. Rose of Lima Parish of East Hanover. Included sites: San Giovanni Rotondo, Avellino, Pompeii, Naples and Rome. In Rome - Attend a papal audience, tour famous monuments and attend an Ordination to the Diaconate. For details, please contact Tanya D'Souza [tdsouza@saintroseoflimachurch.org](mailto:tdsouza@saintroseoflimachurch.org) / [973.599.2944](tel:973.599.2944)  
Limited spots available!

Join St Ann Parish of Parsippany on a bus trip to Sight and Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster County, PA to see "**JESUS**" on March 20. Cost of the trip is \$135 which includes shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village and dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. For tickets call Ginny at (973) 884-1986. Deadline 2/1.