



**Scripture Readings**  
**January 28, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday January 20**  
 5:30 pm Neil Henning and Pershottam Mathur

**Sunday January 21** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 am Our Parishioners  
 9:30 am Diane Girona, Larry Rea and Sergio and Noemi Wong  
 11:30 am Paul Schmidt, Jean Savercool and Michael Wallin

**Monday January 22**  
 6:45 am Blanca Taylor, Roy Cardona and a Private Intention

**Tuesday January 23**  
 6:45 am Richard Kaden

**Wednesday January 24** *St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
 6:45 am Rosina Boissonault

**Thursday January 25** *Conversion of St Paul, Apostle*  
 6:45 am Margaret Kelleher

**Friday January 26** *Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops*  
 6:45 am Joseph and Elsie Selvaratnam

**Saturday January 27**  
 8:00 am George and Rosalee Murray  
 5:30 pm Florence McEntyre and John Generoso

**Sunday January 28** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 am Our Parishioners  
 9:30 am Margaret Murphy and Belle Norris  
 11:30 am Diane Girona and Kevin Cunniff

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**  
 Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**  
 Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

**Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**  
 As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.

***The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Ida and Alphonse Portanova***

<b>THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH</b>	
<b>Monday, January 22</b>	
Scripture Study	1:00 – 2:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>	
Moms and Tots	9:30 – 11:00 am
<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	
Choir Practice	7:00 - 9:00 pm
<b>Friday, January 26</b>	
Mystery players practice	6:00 –10:00 pm
<b>Saturday, January 27</b>	
Catechist Day of Reflection	9:30 – 11:30 am
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> grade class Mass	9:30 am
Mystery players practice	5:00 pm

<b>JANUARY 27/28 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE</b>	
5:30 pm	Fr. Patrick Flanagan, CM
7:30 am	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB
9:30 am	Fr. Jim Termyna
11:30 am	Fr. Jim Termyna

**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, Ann Gerhardt, Sr. Joan Phillips, Andrew Andresko and Christopher Stitt.

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	
January 15, 2017 collection & PP	\$ 8,877
	MASS ATTENDANCE 632
January 14, 2018	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,520
ParishPay	1,147
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,667</b>
	MASS ATTENDANCE 706
Christmas to date	\$ 46,525
Weekly operating expense	\$ 12,885

**ST. CATHERINE'S WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT**  
**Friday, March 9 - Sunday, March 11**

Please join us at Villa Pauline Retreat House in Mendham on March 9, 10, & 11. Cost for the entire weekend is **\$175** and includes sleeping accommodations for 2 nights, 5 meals, & 5 conferences. Confession, Masses, social time and free time are also a part of the weekend. Cost for 1 night only is **\$125** and attendance on Saturday only is **\$75**.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact:  
 Cretia Rotella @ 201-919-1060, [cresinger@aol.com](mailto:cresinger@aol.com) or  
 Cheryl Clark @ 973-885-0908, [clclark@optonline.net](mailto:clclark@optonline.net)



## ***From the Desk of Fr. Jared***

Forty-five years ago the landmark (and most recognized) Supreme Court Decision *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion in our nation. The Court's decision was based on a defense of personal liberty and privacy and not the sanctity of the unborn human life. Since January 23, 1973, on or around its anniversary, women and men of all faiths march in Washington, DC to protest this decision. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, representatives from St. Catherine's traveled this past Friday to "stand up for life." Over the years the court has attempted to balance its decision with the state's right to control abortion and "protect women's health." This has not been without lethal consequences. In protecting a right to privacy and women's health, more than 50,000,000 unborn children have died. To put that in perspective, our state of New Jersey has approximately 9 million people and our entire country 319 million. Many people see these consequences as insignificant, but we, as people of faith, cannot.

As people of faith, we believe that every human life is sacred because it has been created in the image and likeness of God. No matter how old, young, sick, healthy, sexual orientation, race, ethnic background, rich, poor, legal citizen or not; every human life has dignity and deserves the respect that the image of our God deserves. Jesus Christ himself was a baby in the womb, born into a needy family, a refugee, who suffered the pains and trials of all humans. All human life bears the loving imprint of God.

The "Pro-Life" cause often is understood as restricted to the *Roe v. Wade* decision, but is not limited to abortion only. Life is threatened, abused and terminated in many different ways. Issues include abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, conscience protection, embryonic stem cell research, IVF/reproductive technology, capital punishment, racism, poverty, health care, just war, and discrimination of any kind. Other issues such as gossiping, lying, and disrespect of any kind also are all threats and abuse to life. All of these issues are important in that they do not respect life, but some do to a greater degree than others. Denying healthcare to someone is graver than lying. Aborting a full-term baby is graver than gossiping. I think we can all agree on that.

A slippery slope is created though when we are indifferent to the killing of the unborn. If we do not respect the life of a baby, either by outright support of abortion or support of legislation that permits it, how can we be surprised when we are indifferent to the environment, capital punishment, racism, poverty, and

health care policies? We need to cultivate a consistent ethic of life, being mindful of the most basic and fundamental part of life...the child in the womb. There are some who say "a 'fetus' is not a human being." Science has proven this wrong. Surgery is performed on babies in the womb. Others claim that "nobody can tell me what to do with my body." The truth is we are dealing with the body of another human being. In no other situation are we legally able to terminate the life of another human being based on "choice" or "privacy." If we terminate the life of a baby, differences of opinion on issues like health care and poverty pale in comparison. Human life is a gift from God and therefore cannot be subject to a human choice.

St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign" (*Wall Street Journal* 2/25/94). Let us continue to pray for an end to this grave act. Let us pray for the babies, mothers, fathers, and grandparents who have been affected by abortion. There is a haunting and lasting effect to this "choice" that many people do not comprehend. The Church is present to pray for and accompany in the healing of all those affected.

Peace,  
Fr. Jared



## **NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

**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

**February 25** – Lenten Family Day following 11:30 Mass

### **Giving Tree Thank You**

Dear Parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena,

Thank you very much for your continued support to the Saint Agnes Community and for your generosity these holidays. With deep appreciation for your support, you and your loved ones will be remembered in prayer.

Rev. Enrique Corona

**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)

**IGNATIAN 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).

The parish of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, 75 Ridgedale Ave. in Cedar Knolls, invites and welcomes participants to the following upcoming events:

**MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT:**

**TAKE MY HAND AND WALK January 26 -- 27**

A great opportunity for men to revitalize and deepen their spiritual life! The retreat lasts approximately 26 hours, beginning on Friday evening at 6:30pm, and ending with a Closing Mass on Saturday evening at 7:30pm. All participants are provided sleeping accommodations at the parish, which helps ensure the spiritual continuity of the experience for everyone involved. Be sure to visit our website for video of personal testimonials from past participants. There is a \$50 donation per participant.

**MARRIAGE RETREAT: THE GREAT ADVENTURE:  
BOUNDARIES, BALANCE & BLESSINGS**

**Saturday, February 10, 8:30 am to 12 pm**

Marriage is an *adventure*, one that is often riddled with some sharp turns and pot holes! During our retreat, we will define what it means to have healthy boundaries in our relationships. We will provide practical suggestions for maintaining harmony in an often "out of balance" journey. Participants also will leave with a keener awareness of God's blessings in our marriages, and ways to help ensure they last. There is no charge. All are welcome! For more information and to register, please visit us at [www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com) or contact Cristina Folan at 973-538-1358 ext 105.

**Save the Date: Lunch with a Leprechaun**  
**Saturday, March 3 from 12-2 in the gym**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Boonton** will hold an Open House **Sunday, January 28** from 10am-1pm. Meet current students and graduates, tour the school, and chat with faculty about what makes OLMC the right choice for so many families. OLMC offers Montessori preschool and kindergarten and a classical education for grades 1-8. OLMC is conveniently located at 205 Oak St. in Boonton, where children from all over the region receive an authentically Catholic and academically excellent education. Come and get to know us. All are welcome, and babysitting will be available. Visit us online: [www.olmc.academy](http://www.olmc.academy)

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.

**TRAVEL TO ITALY**

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

Limited spots available!

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is "Sharing Precious Memories" (bring photos and/or momentos). For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

**MORRIS CATHOLIC ST. PATRICK'S 5K RUN**

Morris Catholic High School will hold its 7th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on **Saturday, March 17** at 9:00 am at its Denville campus. Registration opens at 7:30. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. \$25 registration fee up to March 9; \$30 after.

For more information, visit:

[runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K](http://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K)  
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