



**Saturday February 17**  
 5:30 pm Stanley Skora, Peter Mowinski, and Irmgard Tomczak

**Sunday February 18** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*  
 7:30 am Thomas Quinn and Our Parishioners  
 9:30 am Belle Norris, Tom Johnson and Joseph McLaughlin  
 11:30 am Diane Gironda, Michael Wallin, Barry Rankin and Jerry and Alyce Falduto

**Monday February 19**  
 6:45 am Margaret and Robert Price  
 12:00 pm Michael Wallin

**Tuesday February 20**  
 6:45 am James and Shirley Bergen  
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt

**Wednesday February 21**  
 6:45 am Porfiria Bautista  
 12:00 pm Diane Gironda

**Thursday February 22**  
 6:45 am Rose Razzano, Blanca Taylor and Roy Cardona  
 12:00 pm Pershottam Mathur

**Friday February 23**  
 6:45 am Marguerite Fulda  
 12:00 pm Barry Rankin

**Saturday February 24**  
 8:00 am Patsy Sinisi  
 5:30 pm Paul and Joan McEntyre and Jessica Dessault

**Sunday February 25** *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent*  
 7:30 am Rosemary Haas and Our Parishioners  
 9:30 am Kevin Cunniff, Belle Norris, and Sergio and Noemi Wong  
 11:30 am Jerry and Alyce Falduto, Kevin Cunniff And Robert Dircks

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Arline and 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 Andrusko and Christopher Stitt.

**STEWARDSHIP**

February 12, 2017 collection & PP	\$ 8,739
MASS ATTENDANCE	674
February 11, 2018	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,832
ParishPay	1,052
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,884</b>
MASS ATTENDANCE	764
Weekly operating expense	\$ 12,885

**Scripture Readings**  
**February 25, 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**  
 God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34**  
 Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**  
 Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.' Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Jerry and Alyce Falduto*

**FEBRUARY 24/25 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

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

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, February 19**  
 Offices closed  
 Adoration 12:30 – 8:30 pm  
 Confession 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 20**  
 Religious Education office closed  
 Moms and Tots 9:30 – 11:00 am  
 Adult Enrichment Class with Fr. Jared 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, February 21**  
 Stations of the Cross 12:30 pm

**Thursday, February 22**  
 Adult Enrichment Class with Sr. Bernadette 10:00 am  
 Choir Practice 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Friday, February 23**  
 Prayer group stations of the cross 12:30 pm

**Saturday, February 24**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Retreat 9:00- 11:30 am  
 Ministry Day of Reflection & Lunch 9:00 -12:30 pm

**Sunday, February 25**  
 Lenten Family Day following 11:30 am Mass  
 Parish Mission 7:00 pm



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

This year in our parish we have the opportunity to accompany and pray for one catechumen and four candidates. A catechumen is someone who is preparing for their full initiation in the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. A Candidate is someone who has already been baptized (either in the Catholic Church or other Christian denomination) and now wishes to complete his or her Christian initiation through Confirmation and Eucharist. They participate in a process which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This process begins in September and continues until Pentecost. The Sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. The RCIA is intended for all those individuals who have reached the “age of reason” and older. This ancient process is the origin of the season of Lent.

What has come to be called Lent developed in the fourth century, when three practices merged. The first was a paschal fast that developed from two days (Good Friday until Easter Sunday) into a forty-day observance. The second was the pattern of initiation that slowly developed into a full catechumenate with an intense period of spiritual formation leading to the sacraments at Easter. At that time, only adults were baptized, as it was the one way for sins to be forgiven. People waited until adulthood so that they would be in a state of grace at the time of death. However, this proved to be impractical as people continued to sin after baptism and before death. It is out of this that the third practice emerged. It was called the order of penitents, which sought a “second conversion” for those who sinned seriously after baptism.

The forty-day fast was understood as the final stage of preparation for those called to baptism and also as a time for reconversion for the already-baptized. As the whole community accompanied the elect (catechumens in the last stage of preparation) and the penitents through this season, it came to be seen as a time for baptismal renewal for all the members of the Church. Over the centuries, both the catechumenate and the order of penitents gradually disintegrated. Lent was still seen as a penitential season, but the emphasis was more individual rather than communal. Lent was still a preparation for Easter, but the baptismal focus was largely lost, and the communal nature of conversion was ignored. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were held up as Lenten activities, but they became private rather than communal. The Second Vatican Council called for a recovery of the communal understanding and practice of Lent.

The goal for us in 2018 is to journey together as though we were all catechumens. We are asked to have an awareness of our need for conversion and the waters of life. We seek to be more deeply converted to Christ and then at Easter to renew our baptismal promises with conviction. The ashes that were imposed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday were a sign of a commitment. The ashes are a sign that together we are all enrolled in the “order of penitents” and that we are committing ourselves to cooperate with God on the road to conversion. Ashes should not be passively received, but actively accepted— a challenge to die and to rise with Christ, a challenge to embark on the Lenten journey with our parish family, a challenge to seriously undertake the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As part of this journey we pray as a parish for peace (PACEM) in our hearts, our families, our community, and our world. PACEM has five components: Prayer, Abundance, Contrition, Encouragement, and Mission. There are different styles of prayer. Some are formal in the sense that we use ritualistic prayers like the Sacraments or devotions. Others are informal in the sense that we speak from our heart and there is no set order. Furthermore, the Church provides room for different movements like the Charismatic movement or the Extraordinary Form of the Eucharist. All are legitimate and should be respected. Prayer is our way of communicating with God. It allows us to have an encounter with Christ and therefore bring about peace in our life. This Lent we have the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist twice daily (Monday to Friday), adore the Blessed Sacrament for eight hours on Mondays, give public witness to our prayer and faith on our property on Mondays “standing and praying for peace”, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons, praying the Stations of the Cross weekly as a community, and spending time in private prayer. The purpose of our Lenten practices is to be brought into relationship with God. How are we praying this Lent to be brought into communion with God and experience true peace?

Peace,  
Fr. Jared

### **LENTEN MISSION: FEBRUARY 25-28**

This year our Lenten Mission will take place February 25-28. Father Ken Beale, our mission presenter, will be presenting a concert entitled, “*Go Into the World: Faith on Fire Missions Concert*”, on Sunday, February 25 at 7:00 pm. Three days of scripture woven with story and song will follow on that Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 pm each evening in the church. A social will follow each presentation. All are invited to attend.

## MINISTRY REFLECTION DAY Saturday, Feb 24

Our parish is blessed with many ministries and service organizations; all of them carried out entirely by men and women like yourselves. You have recognized that you have gifts from God and you want to express your gratitude by helping others. The problem, however, is that we may get tired, begin to burn out, or lose our motivation. We all need a spiritual lift from time to time, and I know this program can give us that.

The focus of the workshop is the parish family growing in prayer and faith. The aim is to foster spiritual renewal and growth for those who serve in our parish. Every person involved in ministry, at any level, should attend. Please make plans to join us on Saturday, February 24 at 9am in the church. In appreciation for all that you give in love, a luncheon will be provided by the parish. Closing prayer and dismissal after lunch. Please sign up for this wonderful morning on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

2017 envelope contribution statements are available upon request.

Please email [parishoffice@stcatherine-ml.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcatherine-ml.org) to request a copy.

## LUNCH WITH A LEPRECHAUN

**Saturday, March 3** Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council #3359 will host **Lunch with a Leprechaun** from noon to 2:00 pm in the parish center. Enjoy corned beef, hot dogs, soda, coffee, tea, scones and cupcakes while being entertained with Irish dancers, a bagpiper and other musicians, plus a visit from our honored guest, the leprechaun. Children age 3 to 12, \$10. Adults \$15. Tickets will be sold at the door.

## 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. The weekend includes sleeping accommodations for 2 nights, 5 meals, & 5 conferences led by Fr. James Platania. Fr. Platania is a priest of the Diocese of Paterson who is a professor of Biblical Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University. This year we have slightly changed the structure of the weekend to include break-out sessions and additional prayer and meditation time. As always, Confession, Masses, social time and free time are also a part of the weekend. Cost for the 2 night weekend is **\$175**. A one night only option is **\$125** and attendance from 8 am-9 pm 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)



## NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

### UPCOMING DATES:

**February 24** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Holy Communion retreat, 9:00am – 11:30am

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

**March 1** – Practice for The Way of the Cross for Families, 7:00pm

**March 2** – The Way of the Cross for Families, 7:00pm



### Gathering

This week our children who are preparing for First Holy Communion reflected on gathering together as a church family; the Church is the assembly of those people,

belonging to the Lord Jesus, whom God has called together. How do we as a parish come together to pray and care for one another?

### LENTEN FAMILY DAY

**Sunday, February 25**  
following the 11:30 Mass.  
**Mac 'n Cheese, cookies, crafts,**  
**Lenten activities.**

**Join us for the fun! Cash donation at the door.**



St. Catherine's will be holding **Way of the Cross for Families** on **Friday, March 2 at 7:00 pm**, with a practice on March 1 at 7:00 pm. We are looking for families to participate by doing a scripture reading and a reflection. We have beautiful posters and music that reflect the Stations of the Cross. What a beautiful way to learn about Jesus with your family. Come renew and deepen your relationship with God and the whole Church. For more information or to participate, call the Religious Education office at (973) 334-5257, or email at [DRE@stcatherine-ml.org](mailto:DRE@stcatherine-ml.org)

### COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

Thank you to those who shopped for and served 202 meals on February 12 at the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown: *Katherine Di Ricco, Michele Gregorek, Kathie Hegarty, Layna Kearns, Pat Kelleher, Carol Kennedy, Pat & Dom Miliano, Erin Plante, Jen Scarpati, Anne Smith, Libby & Tom Vona, Lillian Wagner and Lisa Ward.* Thank you also to *Rose Ann Coutreau-Hastings and friends, and Liv & Molly Sentowski* for the dessert treats. To volunteer, please contact Denise Ramirez at 973-299-1554.

**MASSACRE IN EL SALVADOR:  
A PRIEST REMEMBERS AND FORGIVES  
Rev. Raimundo Rivera, M.Div.**

Father Rivera was born and raised in El Salvador and became a U.S. Citizen in 2006. His journey to the U.S. was dangerous and difficult. Extremists in El Salvador murdered his family during the country's civil war in the 1980s. With his experiences, Father Raimundo has an incredible witness of forgiveness to share.

Join Assumption Parish in Morristown from 7-8:30 p.m. on **Thursday, February 22**, in Rauscher Hall for this free event. To register visit [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org), or call Theresa Miller at Immaculate Conception School of Theology at (973) 761-9575.

**FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE**

Throughout Lent (February 14-March 24) there will a "40 Days for Life" daily prayer vigil around the world outside various venues where women can procure abortions. Consider joining the Morris County Right to Life at Planned Parenthood of Morristown, 196 Speedwell Avenue, to give peaceful witness and prayer. Groups will be gathering Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12pm and 7pm and Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8am to 4pm. To sign up, contact the local coordinator, Frances Spillman, at 973-627-1654 or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns>. All are welcome!

**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) or contact [MC5KRace@gmail.com](mailto:MC5KRace@gmail.com)

**Assumption College for Sisters  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual Caring Basket Gala**

Thurs, March 22 at 6:30 pm at the Hanover Marriott. Features a 50/50 cash raffle, basket raffle and a silent and live auction. **Sister students will be selling 50/50 tickets after Mass next weekend.** Please consider attending the gala or placing a message in the journal. Your support will make a difference in the lives of many. Contact 973-597-0188 xt101 or [gala@acs350.org](mailto:gala@acs350.org) or visit [www.acs350.org/events](http://www.acs350.org/events)

**An Evening with Sisters**

**Friday, Feb 23 from 7-8:30 pm Morris Catholic HS**

This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! To RSVP and for more details, contact Sr. Bernadette McCauley [sbernadette@scceast.org](mailto:sbernadette@scceast.org)



**2018**

**St. Catherine of Siena Church**

**Daily Eucharist:**

6:45 am & 12 pm (Monday-Friday)  
8:00 am (Saturday)

**Sunday Eucharist:**

5:30 pm (Saturday)  
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

**Stations of the Cross**

Wednesdays following noon Mass  
February 21, March 7 and March 28

Fridays at 7:00 pm

March 2 Family Stations of the Cross  
March 16 4<sup>th</sup> grade Living Stations  
March 23 Youth Night

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Mondays: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (February 19-March 19)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mondays: 12:30 pm - 8:30 pm (February 19-March 19)

**Lenten Parish Mission**

*Faith on Fire Missions*  
February 25 - February 28 at 7:00 pm

**Adult Faith Enrichment\*\***

Discussion of Jerome K. Williams'  
*True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation*

Tuesdays, Feb 13, 20, March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:30 pm  
with Fr. Jared

OR

Thursdays, Feb 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 at 10:00 am  
with Sr. Bernadette Weller

**\*\*Each participant is asked to acquire his or her own book.**

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is *"I'm Only Happy When I'm Sad"*. For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.