



Saturday August 25
 5:30 pm Paul Schmidt and Marge Wilkins
Sunday August 26 *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Charles Davies and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Alice Marcello
 11:30 am Gertrude Vona and Wayne Collett
Monday August 27 *St Monica*
 6:45 am Ralph Porzio
Tuesday August 28 *St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
 6:45 am Joseph Noel and Nicholas Silvestri, Sr.
Wednesday August 29 *Passion of St John the Baptist*
 6:45 am John Mola
Thursday August 30
 6:45 am Philip Clark
Friday August 31
 6:45 am Elsie Selvaratnam
Saturday September 1
 8:00 am Private Intention
 5:30 pm Robert Halm and Antonio Garbini
Sunday September 2 *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:30 am J. Victor and Sophronia Lynch
 11:30 am Joyce Savastano

SEPTEMBER 1/2 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

5:30 pm	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB
7:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski
9:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski
11:30 am	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB

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, Christa Fairclough, Pat Flannery, Pat Pongracz, Gus Mitchell, Jennie Iwasiuk, Ann Gerhardt, Sr. Joan Phillips, Gavin King, Rob Leavy, Natalie Rowell, Trina Carlson, Carol Campbell, Winifred Pierce and Phil Cibiniak.

STEWARDSHIP

August 20, 2017 Collection & PP	\$ 8,100
MASS ATTENDANCE	780
August 19, 2018 collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,517
ParishPay	<u>1,322</u>
Total	\$ 9,839
MASS ATTENDANCE	569
Assumption	\$ 2,149
Weekly operating expense	\$ 15,156

Scripture Readings

September 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observe some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed, among others, come from within and make a person impure.

SAVE THE DATES:

Parish Picnic:

Sunday, September 16 beginning with 11:30 Mass

Women's Breakfast:

Saturday, October 13 beginning with 8:00 am Mass

PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

If you were photographed, **please pick up your complimentary directory in the ushers room after Mass.** A limited number of directories are also available for \$20 for those who were not included.

Thank you to all who pledged to sponsor a student in Dame Marie, Haiti. **Please pick up your child's picture from the box in the vestibule.**

For those who would still like to do so, the cost for one year's support is \$300.

Please return by August 31 when this year's campaign will close.

FLOCKNOTE: An Efficient Way To Communicate

As part of opening up the lines of communication in the parish, you are invited to subscribe to a service called **FLOCKNOTE**...like sending "notes" to the "flock." It is free to use and makes it easy to stay plugged in to the activities of the parish via text message. **FLOCKNOTE** is very simple. Text the letters **SienaML** to the 5-digit phone number **84576**. Once you send that, **FLOCKNOTE** will send you back a confirmation message and a verification code with a link to enter the code. That's it! You can also subscribe online by visiting **flocknote.com/SienaML**.



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Confirmation Retreat

This weekend we are running the 10th grade Confirmation retreat. It began Saturday morning and ends on Sunday afternoon. It has been the tradition to hold the retreat on this weekend as it is most convenient for the majority of students and their families. It is very difficult to organize a weekend retreat once the school year begins, and we want to be as accommodating as possible. The weekend is directed by our peer leadership team who are 11th and 12th graders under the direction of our Youth Minister, Gail Egan and Director of Religious Education, Lisa Gervasio. The candidates take time out of their busy schedules to focus on improving their relationships with others and their relationship with Christ. Candidates, although sometimes anxious or cynical at first, always report back on what an incredible weekend of fun and faith it is. As always, it depends on how open the individual is. For half of the summer the peer leadership team has been meeting weekly to organize the retreat. I am very grateful to them for all of their hard work, commitment, and sacrifice. The weekend involves talks on specific topics related to one's relationship to God, small group break-out sessions, spontaneous prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharist, free time, music, and food. Please pray for the candidates, their families, and the team that leads them this weekend. They will all be joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist at 11:30.

This weekend retreat is just one part of our Confirmation preparation. Sacramental preparation for Confirmation is a two-year process. It is a combination of classroom multi-media presentations (as opposed to lecture), large group presentations, service opportunities, introduction to different styles of prayer, celebration of Reconciliation and Eucharist, optional but encouraged monthly Youth Nights, and retreat experiences. These are varied and important experiences for our teenagers as they *continue* their journey of faith. Although the parish provides these opportunities, one of the most important roles in this process is the family. Support and participation of family is irreplaceable. I am grateful to our families who are actively engaged in the religious formation of their children. We are all formed in the process. Our formation never ends. We are in it together, being formed into missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Bernard Viagappan from the Diocese of Salem, India as part of the annual Missionary Cooperative Plan. Thank you for your kind support of the missionary work of the Church.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

Fall 2018 Spiritual, Service, & Social Opportunities

Watch the bulletin for details

Spiritual

Scripture Study - Mondays beginning September 17 at 1:00 pm in the parish library

Prayer Group - Tuesdays beginning September 18 at 1:30 pm

RCIA – Monday evenings beginning September 24

Adult Faith Enrichment - Beginning Tuesday, October 2 at 7:30 pm & Thursday, October 4 at 10:30 am

Service

Soup Kitchen – 2nd Monday of the month. To volunteer, see front cover of bulletin for contact information.

Fr. English Food Pantry - Food collection every third weekend

Social

Parish Picnic - September 16 starting with 11:30 am Mass through 4:30 pm

Moms & Tots – Tuesdays from 9:30-11 in the gym beginning September 18

Broadway Show - September 23. **Sold out!**

Women's Communion Breakfast - Saturday, October 13 at Rockaway River CC beginning with 8:00 am Mass

CYO Basketball – Teams being formed now. Play begins in November. See bulletin cover for contact info.



Altar Servers Needed!

Any boy or girl grade 4 and up and who has received First Communion is invited to become an Altar Server. Please email Fr. Michal: frmichal@stcatherine-ml.org

St. Catherine's CYO basketball program **needs coaches for this year** and also an athletic director for the following 2019/20 season. **In order for the program to continue, we need your help.** Any man or woman college age or older is invited to consider volunteering. Contact Mark Langlois for details 973-590-4984, aspe26@optonline.net

PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Our annual parish picnic will take place on Sunday, September 16th beginning with 11:30 Mass until 4:30. It will be a great afternoon of fun along with traditional picnic fare: hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, water, soda, beer, wine, and desserts. Entertainment for all ages will include games, face painting and a bouncy house. Face painters and volunteers needed. A link to RSVP has been sent to you via *Flocknote*. **Admission is \$10/per person (age 8 and older). Children under 8 are free.**

Admission will be collected the day of the picnic. Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Picnic Coordinator Whitney DuBose at [973-586-2777](tel:973-586-2777) or queendubose@aol.com.



**NEWS FROM
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

UPCOMING DATES:

September 5, 10:00 am or 6:30 pm

Catechists gathering for grades 1-6

September 5, 7:30 pm

Catechists gathering for grades 9-10

September 6, 7:00 pm

1st grade parent gathering

September 6, 7:30 pm

Catechists gathering for grade 7

September 16, 11:30 am Mass

Blessing of Catechists and Backpacks

September 22, 5:30 pm

Blessing of athletes at Mass

September 26, 6:30 pm

Home Study parent meeting in gym

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN:

Tuesday, Sept 11	3 rd grade – 4:00-5:15
	6 th grade – 7:00-8:15
Wednesday, Sept 12	4 th grade – 4:00-5:15
	10 th grade – 7:30-9:00
Thursday, Sept 13	5 th grade – 4:00-5:15
Monday, Sept 17	2 nd grade – 4:00 - 5:15
	7 th grade – 7:30 – 9:00
Sunday, Sept 30	1 st grade – 9:30 – 11:00

***** **WE NEED YOU!!** *****

I heard a priest once say, "God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called." At our parish, we qualify those who are called to the ministry of catechesis by sending you to local workshops on how to teach religion and on the catechism. We often run these classes right here at our parish. You're not out there on your own; we are here to help you in any way we can.

We cannot put together classes without catechists for the following classes:

Monday: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

7th grade – 2 teachers

8th grade – 2 teachers

Wednesday: 4:00pm – 5:15pm

4th grade – 2 teachers

Thursday: 4:00pm – 5:15pm

5th grade – 3 teachers

Please pray about this and then give me a call. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Thanks and God bless,
Lisa Gervasio, Director, Religious Education

Give Scripture Study a Try!

All are invited to explore ***The Gospel of John*** beginning on Monday afternoon, September 17th in the parish library. We will meet at 1:00 and break by 2:30 to encourage and accommodate parents with school pickups. The Ignatius Commentary, Notes and Study Questions will guide weekly preparation and discussion. Whether new to scripture study or experienced, enrich your faith journey in the company of a dozen or so of your peers. Please contact Debra Dewing (debra@dewing5.net) or Barbara Bailey (barbara.t.bailey@gmail.com) with any questions and to register.

St. Catherine's Prayer Group Book Study

St. Catherine's prayer group will be meeting for 8-9 weeks beginning Tuesday, Sept. 18 to read and discuss the book "*The Ignatian Workout, Daily Spiritual Exercises for a Healthy Faith*" by Tim Muldoon. You are asked to obtain your book in advance (available at Amazon), and to read the introduction before our first meeting. A notebook for journaling will also be useful. Meetings will take place Tuesdays from 1:30 – 2:30 pm at the Maute home, 102 Hanover Rd., Mt. Lakes. For further information and registration please call Lee Maute (973-299-7016) or Joyce Mathur (973-625-0826).

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary with Bishop Serratelli during a special Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson **Sunday, November 4 at 3:30 pm. Please submit the registration form found in the vestibule to the parish office no later than October 15.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA is a ministry for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. There are several groups of people who are able to participate:

- * Adults who have never been baptized (members of other religions or no religion at all)
- * Adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and now desire entrance into the Catholic Church
- * Adults who were baptized Catholic but have had no instruction in the faith or have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- * Catholic adults who have a desire to learn more about the faith and a desire to accompany others on their journey towards initiation

RCIA is about growth in faith and growth in a relationship with God. Please contact Fr. Jared if you or someone you know is interested or would like more information. The RCIA will begin Monday, September 24 at 7:30 pm.