



Saturday September 1
 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
Monday September 3 *St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church *Note time change*
 8:00 am Fr. Patrick Rice
Tuesday September 4
 6:45 am Eileen McCaul
Wednesday September 5
 6:45 am Marion and George Haerer
Thursday September 6
 6:45 am Larry Rea
Friday September 7
 6:45 am Mary Ann Van Dyke
Saturday September 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 8:00 am Rita Costello
 5:30 pm Jennie and Cheryl Olenowski
Sunday September 9 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Debbie Martin and Phillip Pasquale
 11:30 am Diane Girona and Robert Parker

SEPTEMBER 8/9 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

5:30 pm	Fr. Jared Brogan
7:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
9:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski
11:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski

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 Iwasjuk, Ann Gerhardt, Gavin King, Rob Leavy, Natalie Rowell, Trina Carlson, Carol Campbell, Winifred Pierce and Phil Cibiniak.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Diocesan Assessment

STEWARDSHIP

August 27, 2017 Collection & PP	\$ 8,614
MASS ATTENDANCE 734	
August 26, 2018 collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,257
ParishPay	1,662
Total	\$ 8,919
MASS ATTENDANCE 701	
Missionary Cooperative	\$ 7,089
Weekly operating expense	\$ 15,156

**Scripture Readings
 September 9, 2018
 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.

**Labor Day morning Mass
 will be celebrated at 8:00 am**

**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

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

MOMS & TOTS

The Moms & Tots playgroup will resume meeting every **Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:00 beginning September 18** in the parish center gym. All are welcome to join us for free play, a snack and craft each week. All we ask is that you bring a small monetary (\$1) or canned good donation for the Fr. English Food Pantry. Please contact Lauren Ficara 201-213-2723 or keller729@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing all of our friends!

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

Happy Labor Day! With this holiday returns the “old routine.” Schools will be opening, vacations are ending, and even the parish activities begin anew. A large part of that beginning anew in the parish is our Religious Education Program. Over the summer, the parents of our students, that number almost 500, received a letter from me. I attempted to introduce the program and explain the purpose of Religious Education. As Religious Education is only one part of the larger parish, not to be compartmentalized, I share with all of you our vision of Religious Education. Although many of you may not be connected to Religious Education, the vision is for our entire community. In the coming weeks I will explain in depth more of this vision.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Catherine of Siena Religious Education. We are partners with you in forming your children in the Catholic faith. We invite you to be part of our community by being present weekly to encounter the living God in the Eucharist together. At the Baptism of your child you promised to be the *primary teachers* in the ways of faith. We at St. Catherine’s are here to assist you in this great responsibility. Thank you for the trust and confidence you place in us.

What is the purpose of Religious Education? Is it simply to pass along information; albeit the truths of our faith through Scripture and the Tradition of the Church? Is it simply to “get” the Sacraments? Religious Education, in conjunction with the larger Parish Family, exists to form disciples. “Go, therefore,—and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Together, we provide experiences that create a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. You and the parish are two lungs that breathe life into your child’s formation. If any part is lacking, there will be a void in your child’s experience. We exist as a Parish Family to form *families* as disciples to expand the Kingdom of God on earth. Our faith is not individual or private. Rather, it is communal. *Together*, we encounter God.

This year we are introducing some new initiatives in order to form disciples. It involves *belonging*, *believing*, and then *behaving*. We invite you to join the parish community each Sunday for the celebration of the Eucharist. On two special occasions you will be invited to Grade Family Masses. I ask you to be models of the faith for your children. The children know how important, or not, the faith is by your actions. You are part of our community because you desire your family to be disciples. You are surrounded by other families who desire the same. The Eucharist is the *source and summit* of our faith. Weekly participation in the Eucharist is *essential*. Religious Education without the Eucharist is empty. We need to be present and participate in the

community (*belong*), then learn about our faith (*believe*), then be nourished by the Eucharist, then we can live it out (*behave*). Worshipping together as a community is a *hallmark* of Catholicism. Belong to our family. We need you!

I look forward to another year of Religious Education. It is a year of journeying together, growing in the knowledge and love of God, being strengthened by the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, and becoming the people God has created us to be; missionary disciples.

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### **Vivere Christus ... For to me, to live in Christ.... (Philippians 1:21)**

Saint Paul's message conveys an attitude of sacrifice and humble service to be lived by all in proclaiming the Gospel. Essential to this work of the Church are the many dedicated men and women of the Church who continually live as faithful stewards of God's grace and generosity. Each year Bishop Serratelli recognizes the contributions of the many individuals of the diocese who are faithful to the mission of Christ, to His Universal Church and to the local Church of Paterson. Each parish nominates an individual who embodies this mission to acknowledge and express gratitude to those who unselfishly give of themselves for the building up of God's Kingdom.

This year our parish has nominated Wayne Merckling. Wayne has been a good steward of God's gifts and ministers in various ways in the parish. Throughout his life, he has served as an educator and administrator. At St. Catherine's, Wayne is a member of the Lazarus Ministry, creates the Altar Server schedule, volunteers as a Knight of Columbus at the parish picnic, Breakfast with Santa, Lunch with the Leprechaun, offers his assistance for buildings and maintenance, and has served as a catechist. His faithful service to us at St. Catherine's is very much appreciated. Wayne will receive this recognition at a ceremony which will place at St. John the Baptist Cathedral on Sunday, September 9. Please join me in congratulating Wayne for this well-deserved honor. We thank him for his model of stewardship which is essential to the life of a Christian. Congratulations Wayne and may God continue to bless you!

Peace,  
Fr. Jared



### **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](mailto:frmichal@stcatherine-ml.org)

**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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8:00am Mass.

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

**PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

Our annual parish picnic will take place on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:queendubose@aol.com).

**WOMEN'S ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

St. Catherine's women's Communion breakfast will be held **Saturday, October 13** beginning with Mass at 8:00 am. A full breakfast follows immediately at the Rockaway River Country Club, 39 Pocono Rd, Denville. This year's guest speaker is Fr. Patrick Flanagan, CM, Professor at St. John's University. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold after Masses beginning September 15/16. You may also call Cretia Rotella at 973-989-9901. *No tickets will be sold at the door.* Open to all women and teens of our parish, including friends and family members.



**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**

1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> grade – 4:00-5:15

6<sup>th</sup> grade – 7:00-8:15

**Wednesday, Sept 12** 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 4:00-5:15

10<sup>th</sup> grade – 7:30-9:00

**Thursday, Sept 13** 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 4:00-5:15

**Monday, Sept 17** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 4:00 - 5:15

7<sup>th</sup> grade – 7:30 – 9:00

**Sunday, Sept 30** 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 4:00pm – 5:15pm**

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 1 teacher

**Thursday: 4:00pm – 5:15pm**

5<sup>th</sup> 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



**Thank you to all who helped with the Confirmation retreat August 25 and 26.** The Peer Leaders helped the candidates to discover the beautiful and joyful friendship that we find with Jesus. Many of the candidates learned that God accepts all people and is always there to talk to, no matter the circumstance; and that the Church is a community. The Holy Spirit has taken root in their hearts and increased their joy as they await the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you for your prayers.



As we get ready to begin a new school year, we ask the Holy Spirit to be with us in our religious education here at St. Catherine of Siena by giving us blessed minds and warm hearts, and helping us to open ourselves to God and to do His work.

Let us pray that we will be symbols of love and that the community will keep us together in the unique way in which we are blessed.

To assist us as we begin the new school year, we will be blessing the children's backpacks and supplies **September 16 at the 11:30 am Mass.** Children are invited to bring their backpacks to Mass for this special blessing.

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

### Give Scripture Study a Try!

All are invited to explore *The Gospel of John* **beginning on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:debra@dewing5.net)) or Barbara Bailey ([barbara.t.bailey@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

### COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, September 13** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30 pm in room 101. Speaker will be Lisa Athan, MA, Grief Specialist and National Speaker. For more information, please call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164

### Relics of St. Padre Pio and St. Anthony of Padua are coming to the Diocese of Paterson!

#### St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

**Thursday, September 20 8:30 am – 6:30 pm**  
Mass at 7:00 pm will follow veneration  
St. Peter the Apostle Church, 179 Baldwin Rd,  
Parsippany

#### St. Anthony of Padua

**Thursday, October 4 10 am – 1:30 pm and 6-8 pm**  
Masses at 12:10 pm and 6:00 pm  
St. Anthony of Padua Church, 65 Bartholdi Ave, Butler  
**Sunday, October 14 from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm**  
Holy Mass at 3:00 pm, veneration from 3-7 pm  
Sacred Heart of Jesus, 63 E. Main St, Rockaway