



Saturday	September 22
5:30 pm	Blanca Taylor and Roy Cardona and Intention of Phyllis Bennett 80 th birthday
Sunday	September 23 <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am	Anita and Bob Shaw and Our Parishioners
9:30 am	Walter Barrett and Michael Katzenberger
11:30 am	Philip Clark, Michael Simpson, Dr. Rodolfo Narag and Sr. Mary Urban Harrer, SSM
Monday	September 24
6:45 am	Michael Kelleher
Tuesday	September 25
6:45 am	Patricia Arcaro
Wednesday	September 26
6:45 am	Sylvester Joseph
Thursday	September 27 <i>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>
6:45 am	Lee Brody
Friday	September 28
6:45 am	Rita Barclay
Saturday	September 29 <i>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>
8:00 am	Joseph Schiotis
5:30 pm	John Campbell and Concetta Cocuzza
Sunday	September 30 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am	Our Parishioners
9:30 am	Eric and Mary Joseph and Rob Long
11:30 am	Ann Becker and Larry Ekler

SEPTEMBER 29/30 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. Jared Brogan

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

STEWARDSHIP

September 17, 2017 Collection & PP	\$ 11,081
MASS ATTENDANCE	692
September 16, 2018 collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,679
ParishPay	1,192
Total	\$ 9,871
MASS ATTENDANCE	712
Weekly operating expense	\$ 15,156

Scripture Readings
September 30, 2018
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

In honor of St. Francis, we will have the **Blessing of Animals on Saturday, October 6 at 12:00 pm** in the prayer garden. Bring your pets for a special blessing on that day.

Fall 2018 Spiritual, Service, & Social Opportunities
See bulletin for details

Spiritual

- Scripture Study** - Mondays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Library
- Prayer Group Book Study** - Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the Parish Center
- RCIA** – Monday evenings beginning September 24 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Library
- Adult Faith Enrichment** - Beginning Tuesday, October 2 at 7:30 pm & Thursday, October 4 at 10:30 am in the Parish Center
- Youth Night** – October 11 at 7:30 pm

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

- Moms & Tots** – Tuesdays from 9:30-11 in the gym
- 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.
- After Mass Socials** – Following 11:30 Mass Sept 30; 9:30 Mass Oct 7; 11:30 Mass Oct 14, Oct 21 and Nov 4; 9:30 Mass Nov 18.



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

It is said that insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. That could be applied to many different aspects of our lives. It can be applied to the life of a parish as well. Sometimes we get caught in a routine, either out of convenience or contentment, and we do the same thing over and over again. When we look at the life of a Catholic parish in general, we see different routines that repeat themselves year in and year out. That is not necessarily a bad thing because some things are successful time after time. However, after a while the needs of people change, so we have to change our approach...not our content...but our approach. The way in which we pass along the faith is part of a long tradition and has varied in degrees of success. The way in which we celebrate the liturgy even has changed over the years (homilies, music, etc.). We of course keep the fundamentals, but the way in which we touch the lives of our people is different.

National statistics (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate [CARSA]) are staggering: 26% of Catholics worship weekly, 45% on Ash Wednesday, 52% on Easter, 68% on Christmas, 50-70% of our confirmed Catholics do not return to actively participate, and for every person that enters the Church, seven (7) leave. In 1958 for example, 74% of Catholics attended Mass weekly. These statistics are an indication that the majority of Catholics do not understand or appreciate the value of the sacramental life of the Church. We are a sacramental Church. The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian faith." Astonishingly, only about half of Catholics believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is evident that we have to transform our catechetical model.

Religious Education is an important part of our parish family. It is where the majority of our families are linked. We have always had and continue to have a large, active, and successful Religious Education Program. For decades, the catechesis was done in a traditional classroom model. We are at a point in the history of the Church that we have to recognize that what worked in the past, is not working today. It seems that in the past (and it worked) we taught people how to *behave* (do this and do that, go to Mass, etc.), then tell them what to *believe*, then they could *belong*. I suggest that we have to reverse that order: it is not behave, believe, belong. People need to belong, then believe, and finally behave.

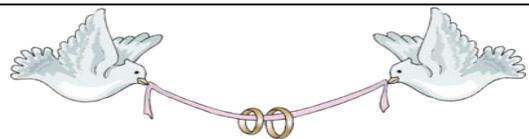
This Fall we are introducing a new format for our First Grade Religious Education. It is approved by the Diocese and encouraged by Bishop Serratelli. It is a Faith Formation involving the whole family. Parents are the primary teachers of the faith. At Baptism parents are "accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith" (*Rite of Baptism for Children* 77). Beginning with our first grade, families will be actively involved in their child's faith formation. Commencing on September 30, our *first-grade families* will *worship together* at 9:30am Mass which will then be followed by thirty minutes of instruction for *both* the students and families. Throughout the year, special sessions will be planned for the families especially in the season of Advent and Lent.

This new model is one way to form missionary disciples; that is, learners of Christ. The family is the domestic Church. The family is at the heart of catechesis. We look forward to this new catechetical endeavor and are excited about the fruit it will bear.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

SUCCESSFUL PARISH PICNIC

I would like to thank all of you who participated in our parish picnic last week. It was a wonderful afternoon. Thank you to Whitney DuBose and all her assistants. The Knights of Columbus did a phenomenal job with the food, as always. Thank you to the countless people who set-up, carried out, and cleaned up. A special thank you to our catechists and 9th and 10th graders who volunteered for the entire day. It is greatly appreciated. The beautiful liturgy and the picnic was the perfect image of what we are as a Catholic community.



Congratulations and blessings to
Riley Schott Miller and Matthew Ambrusch
who were recently married at St. Catherine's



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



**NEWS FROM
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

UPCOMING DATES:

September 26, 6:30 pm

Home Study parent meeting in gym

Sunday, Sept 30

Religious Ed begins for 1st grade with 9:30 Mass – 11:00

2nd grade family Mass and social

October 6, 5:30 Mass

7th grade family Mass

followed by Living Rosary led by the class

October 7, 9:30 am Mass

6th grade family Mass and social

October 11, 7:30 pm

Youth Night

October 14, 11:30 am Mass

5th grade family Mass and social

October 15, 7:00 pm

First Reconciliation parent meeting

October 21, 11:30 am Mass

10th grade Rite of Acceptance for the
Sacrament of Confirmation and social

October 28, 11:30 am Mass

All Saints Day and Family Faith session # 1
following 11:30 am Mass

November 4, 11:30 am Mass

4th grade family Mass and social

November 15, 7:30 pm

Youth Night

November 17, 5:30 pm Mass

9th grade family Mass. Meet at 4:00
for lesson before Mass

November 18, 9:30 am Mass

3rd grade family Mass and social

December 1

First Reconciliation, 11:00 am

December 2, 11:30 am Mass

Advent Family Day and Family Faith session # 2
following 11:30 am Mass

Religious Ed needs teachers for the following classes:

Monday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm. 8th grade – 2 teachers

Contact Lisa in the Religious Ed office if you can help.



Join us for the Living Rosary

Saturday, October 6

led by the 7th grade class

following the 5:30 Mass

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

MOMS & TOTS

The Moms & Tots playgroup meets every **Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:00** 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.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

This fall, our Adult Faith Enrichment Series will commence on **Tuesday evening, October 2 at 7:30 and Thursday morning, October 4 at 10:30.** We will be reading *Divine Renovation* by Fr. James Mallon. The author helps cultivate parish communities of discipleship filled with a vibrant and dynamic faith. All adults are invited to participate in this six week session. Books are available on Amazon.

GIVE SCRIPTURE STUDY A TRY!

All are invited to explore *The Gospel of John on Mondays* in the parish library. **We meet at 1:00 and break by 2:30.** 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) for further information.

ST. CATHERINE'S PRAYER GROUP BOOK STUDY

St. Catherine's prayer group is reading and discussing the book *"The Ignatian Workout, Daily Spiritual Exercises for a Healthy Faith"* by Tim Muldoon. You are asked to obtain your own book (available at Amazon). A notebook for journaling will also be useful. Meetings are held **Tuesdays from 1:30 – 2:30 pm** in the parish center. For further information please call Lee Maute (973-299-7016) or Joyce Mathur (973-625-0826).

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 Rockaway River Country Club. This year's guest speaker is Fr. Patrick Flanagan, CM, Professor at St. John's University. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule, or you may call Cretia Rotella 973-989-9901. **Tickets are \$20 and must be prepaid. Please drop checks in a marked envelope into any weekend collection basket.** *No tickets will be sold at the door.* Open to all women and teens of our parish. Friends and family members welcome.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join Morris County Right to Life at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Ave, Morristown. Hours are 7 am – 7 pm, 7 days a week. Campaign begins Sept 26 and ends Nov 4. To participate call 973-627-1654 or email 44lifeus@gmail.com.

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 in the parish center library.**

ANNUAL 5K COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN HUNGER WALK

Join over 1,000 walkers for a 5K pledge walk to raise funds for the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center.

When: Sunday, October 14, 1:00 pm. Rain or shine!

Where: Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center
36 South Street, Morristown

Visit www.cskmorristown.org to register or sponsor a walker. Invite family, friends and co-workers along, or ask them to sponsor your walk.

A COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTMAS

You're invited to join St. Ann Parish, 781 Smith Rd., Parsippany November 30 - December 2 to visit Colonial Williamsburg decorated in Christmas finery. The trip includes: 2 nights lodging; 2 breakfasts; dinner at Captain George's Seafood Smorgasbord; dinner and Dickens-style Christmas at the Boxwood Inn; full-day pass to Colonial Williamsburg; Berkeley Plantation Tour; Newport News Celebration in Lights; Virginia Living Museum; tax, gratuities and transportation all for only \$409. **Payment deadline is October 1.** Please call Ginny for reservations at 973-884-1986.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Boonton invites you to join their bereavement support group for six consecutive **Thursday evenings beginning September 27 from 7:00 – 8:15 pm**. Sessions will cover:

The Grieving Process – Your Relationship with God
Your Journey – the Healing Power of Prayer

Life Changes – Memories and Coping with the Holidays

Meetings will be held in the OLMC rectory, 910 Birch St, Boonton. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like more information, please call Grace Ryerson 201-650-2424.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES "WALK-IN" SESSIONS

Wednesdays from 6:30-9:15. \$20 per session

- 9/26 Catholic Liturgy in the 21st Century
Rev. Thomas Dente
- 10/3 Building or Recommitting to a Bridge for LGBT Community
Rev. Jared Brogan
- 10/10 Catholic Social Teaching
Russ Raffay
- 10/17 Spiritual Direction-Deepening Our Journey with God
Sr. Josita Marks, SCC
- 10/24 Life Issues (capital punishment, euthanasia, assisted suicide)
Sr. Mary Joseph Albright, SCC
- 10/30* A Clinician's Perspective of Controversial Issues (Tues) in Healthcare
Sr. Elizabeth Kovacs, SCC
- 11/7 Spirituality: Pray All Ways
Sr. Anita Constance, SC
- 11/14 The 3 Ds of Addiction
Sr. Bernadette McCauley, SCC
Sr. Donna Marie Kemberling, SCC

**Classes are held at Assumption College for Sisters
200A Morris Ave, Denville 973-957-0188**

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.** Couples married 60 or more years are also invited. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

SAVE THE DATE: Solemn Pontifical Mass in the traditional Latin Rite with Bishop Serratelli **Saturday, October 13 at 9:30 am** at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 381 Grand St, Paterson. *Missa St. Crucis* by Rheinberger will be sung by the combined voices of the Northern Jersey Catholic Chorale, Metropolitan Catholic Chorale and Schola Cantorum of St. John the Baptist. For more information call Dr. Joseph Daly 973-464-2954.