



Saturday December 1
 5:30 pm Robert Halm and Josephine Lonisin

Sunday December 2 *First Sunday of Advent*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Emilia Martino and Marylynn Furth
 11:30 am Carmen and Charles Franke

Monday December 3 *St Francis Xavier, Priest*
 6:45 am Msgr. James McDonald
 12:00 pm Ann Williams

Tuesday December 4
 6:45 am Donald Kennelly
 12:00 pm Msgr. Leo Carey

Wednesday December 5
 6:45 am Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm James Ammann

Thursday December 6
 6:45 am Henry Mola
 12:00 pm Pam Kiener

Friday December 7 *St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
 6:45 am Carmal and Christie Hunt
 12:00 pm Nicholas Silvestri, Jr.

Saturday December 8 *Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 8:00 am Belle Norris
 12:00 pm Charles Havlik and Paul Schmidt
 5:30 pm Felicia Leo and Rose Onorati

Sunday December 9 *Second Sunday of Advent*
 7:30 am Isabella Norris and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Sergio and Noemi Wong and Grace Cipriani
 11:30 am Louis and Alfred Tuzzi

Daily Meditation booklets for Advent, *The Word Among Us*, are available in the vestibule

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, Rob Leavy, Trina Carlson, Carol Campbell, Winifred Pierce, Phil Cibiniak, Frank Zabriskie, Yvonne Querrard, Albert Oravetz, Rachel Agzigian and Lorraine Deleski.

STEWARDSHIP

November 26, 2017 collection and PP	\$ 9,983
MASS ATTENDANCE: 759	
November 25, 2018 collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,610
ParishPay	1,277
Total	\$ 10,887
MASS ATTENDANCE: 715	
Weekly operating expense	\$15,156

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be held at 8:00 am and 12:00 noon.

**Scripture Readings
 December 9, 2018
 Second Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

There will be a second collection for the Religious Retirement Fund next weekend

DECEMBER 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. Jim Termyna

!!! IMPORTANT GIVING TREE REMINDER !!!

It is important to return your gifts **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9**. If you took a tag and cannot fulfill the request, it is also important that you return the tag so that we can ensure that no child goes without. Please place items on the stage in the gym. Gifts for St. Anthony's and St. Agnes **should be wrapped** with the tag taped to it. Gifts for Straight & Narrow **should NOT be wrapped**, but please attach the tag.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING: SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday, December 6

Youth Night Cookie Baking and Decorating

Friday, December 7

Youth Night Caroling and Pizza and a Movie Night

Saturday, December 8, 9:00-11:00 am

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 15, 8:00 pm

Will & Anthony Joys & Blessings of the Season Concert

Tuesday, December 17, 7:30 pm

Children's Christmas Pageant

Thursday, December 20, 7:00 pm

Women's Benediction and Ornament Exchange



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Advent Opportunities

Happy Advent! As we enter into the holy season of Advent, we desire to grow closer to Emmanuel (God with us). As a community of missionary disciples, we seek to have encounters with the living God together. On this First Sunday of Advent, the Collect (the opening prayer), sets the mood for the new liturgical season: "Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming..." There is a great sense of urgency, of expectation, and of longing to encounter Christ. Christ has come already and he continues to come to us each day, and we prepare for his coming again. How do we prepare for his coming into our lives? The best way for us to meet him is through our deeds of love, mercy, community, and prayer.

This Advent we have many opportunities to encounter Christ each day and to prepare our hearts for his coming again. You are invited to: celebrate the Eucharist daily (Monday-Friday) at 6:45am and 12pm and Saturdays at 8am, adore the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays (December 3, 10, and 17) from 12:30pm – 8pm, and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Mondays at 7pm and Saturdays at 4pm. In addition to these spiritual opportunities we invite you to participate in the service and social components of the parish. All of these opportunities are listed elsewhere in the bulletin. Please be part of our community as much as possible.

Celebrating the Joys & Blessings of the Seasons Concert

Our fourth annual Christmas concert will take place on **Saturday, December 15th at 8 pm.** This year we welcome internationally renowned tenors *Will & Anthony*. Twin brother tenors and songwriters Will & Anthony Nunziata have headlined in major performing arts centers, theaters and symphony concert halls across the country and around the world. The renowned singers, songwriters, Netflix-bound comedians and Carnegie Hall headliners are the Brooklyn-born, classically trained singing and comedy brother duo hailed by The Huffington Post as "a nearly impossible pairing of talent, stage presence and charisma." They recently headlined Carnegie Hall for two sold-out concerts with the New York Pops Symphony Orchestra.

The brothers have brought their distinct take on classic and contemporary songs as well as their movie-bound original tunes to performing arts centers and theaters, as well as intimate jazz clubs and symphony concerts with orchestras such as the New York Pops, Detroit Symphony, Cleveland Pops, Colorado Symphony, Lancaster Symphony, Annapolis Symphony, Plymouth Symphony, Cape Cod Symphony, Toledo Symphony,

and Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. The brothers studied music, acting and directing at Boston College, and trained in improv comedy at the famed Upright Citizens Brigade in New York City.

You can connect with Will & Anthony on social media @willandanthony and visit www.WillandAnthony.com. Videos of their performances can be found on their website and on YouTube. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Masses and by contacting Whitney at 973-586-2777; queendubose@aol.com. Tickets cost \$60 and include the concert and post-concert reception.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2018	
Celebration of the Eucharist	
Saturday Evening Vigil Mass	5:30 pm
Sunday Masses	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am
Weekday Mass	6:45 am, 12 pm
Saturday Morning Mass	8:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturdays	4:00 – 5:00 pm
Mondays, December 3, 10, 17	7:00 – 8:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Mondays, December 3, 10, 17	12:30 – 8:00 pm
Immaculate Conception, Saturday, December 8	
8:00 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski
12:00 pm	Fr. Jared Brogan
Christmas Eve Masses, Monday, December 24	
4:00pm	Fr. Jared Brogan <i>Children's Choir, Cantor, Instrumentalists</i>
6:00pm	Fr. Jared Brogan <i>Cantor, Instrumentalists</i>
10:00pm	Fr. Michal Rybinski <i>Cantor, Instrumentalists</i>
Christmas carols will be sung before each Mass.	
Christmas Day Masses, Tuesday, December 25	
7:30am	Fr. Michal Rybinski <i>Cantor, organist</i>
9:30am	Fr. Michal Rybinski <i>Cantor, organist</i>
11:30am	Fr. Jared Brogan <i>Cantor, organist</i>
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	
Tuesday, January 1	11:00 am Fr. Jared Brogan

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next weekend we welcome Sister Mary Beth Lloyd who will speak to us about women and men religious who are retired. Each year the diocese has a special collection to support these women and men who have given their lives in so many ways to serve God and the Church. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and kindness.

BUILDING OUR VISION

As shared in the Parish Survey Summary report, there was great interest in improving the church facilities so that they can better serve the needs of our parish. Nearly half of the survey respondents rated "Having a larger church vestibule to accommodate flow of traffic and enable pre and post Mass interaction" as the #1 priority.

The 50 attendees at the Visioning Sessions worked together to shape the vision for a larger vestibule. They wanted the function to drive the space, and determined what was most important was to create a transition prior to entering the church, enabling after Mass socializing, providing room for the priests and ushers to greet Mass attendees, and having space for the communication of parish events and programs.

Insights into Action: Facilities Improvements

Over the next few months, the Building Our Vision Committee will be identifying options to bring these desired improvements to life. We look forward to providing regular updates in this section of the bulletin.

TEENS:

We want to hear from you!

A special Teen Vision session will be held
Wednesday, Dec 5 from 6:30-7:30 in the gym.
Come share your thoughts!



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

December 6, 7:30 pm

Youth Night – Cookie Baking

December 7, 6:15 & 7:45 pm

Youth Night – Caroling at Boonton Care followed by pizza and a movie at St. Catherine's

December 9, 9:30 am Mass

8th grade family Mass and social

December 17 – Christmas Pageant Practice 4:00-5:00

December 18 – Christmas Pageant – 7:30 pm

December 20 – January 1 – No Religious Education.

Christmas break

January 2, 2019 – Religious Education classes resume



St. Catherine's Annual Christmas Pageant

What better way for our children to learn the story of our Savior's birth than to be part of it?

This year's pageant will take place on **Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 pm**. All 1st through 4th graders are invited to participate. Please contact the Religious Education Office to sign up. Children must attend the practice on Monday, December 17 from 4:00-5:00.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All children up to and including 8th grade are invited to join St. Catherine's children's choir. **Practices are Monday, December 3, 10 and 17 at 6:00 pm in the parish center.** Any questions, please see Music Coordinator David de la Mora after Mass or email musicministry@stcatherine-ml.org.

YOUTH NIGHTS

All 9th through 12th graders are invited to bake cookies, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy pizza and a movie!

(Join us for 1 or both nights)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 at 7:30 PM

Come bake cookies with your friends.
MEET IN THE GYM AT ST. CATHERINE'S

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 6:15 PM

Join us for Christmas caroling with the residents of Boonton Care Center.

MEET AT BOONTON CARE CENTER
(199 Powerville Rd, Boonton)

After caroling, join us **BACK AT ST. CATHERINE'S**
from **7:45 – 9:30 pm**

in the parish center for pizza and a Movie
(Get in the Christmas spirit with *Home Alone*)

EMAIL Gail at youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org
if interested. **Both nights earn service hours.**

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP BOSTON, MA

JULY 14-20, 2019

All high school students are invited to join us on a week-long service trip this summer!

\$380 + transportation ** \$100 and deposit form
DUE JANUARY 7

Registration forms are available in the religious education office and church vestibule.

Questions? Contact Gail

at youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org



The Religious Education classes will be making **Christmas goodie bags** for the **Fr. English Community Center**. If you would like to donate items to fill the

bags, suggested items are below. Please drop off in the Religious Education office **before December 5.**

Suggested Christmas Themed Items:

- *Small stuffed animals (Dollar Tree usually has holiday)
- *Candy (individually wrapped - no loose items)
- *Small bags of snacks (chips, pretzels, cookies)
- *Small crafts items
- *Fruit snacks
- *Small toys

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Ho, ho, ho! "Breakfast with Santa" will be held in the gym **Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 to 11:00 am**. If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the sheets in the Religious Education office or vestibule so we can get an approximate head count.



FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS NEED YOU!

The Franciscan Mystery Players are recruiting student performers (grades 9-12) to participate in their Lenten presentation "*The Way of the Cross*" which will be performed at approximately 10 churches throughout Northern New Jersey. The group is also seeking additional adult advisors. Rehearsals begin in February at St. Catherine of Siena. Time commitment is most Friday and Sunday evenings from February through Good Friday. It is an excellent way to grow closer to God while having fun with a great group of teens! No experience is necessary. Please contact Anne Marie Pikor at [973-876-3440](tel:973-876-3440) for more information and any questions regarding earning Confirmation hours.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Madison's Rae Of Hope with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) presents its 1st community mental health workshop **Saturday, Dec 8, 12 – 4:00 pm** at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, (Gordon meeting room) 910 Birch St, Boonton. Free admission and food will be provided. Appropriate for ages 15 and older. Registration required. Visit MadisonsRaeOfHope.com and click the blue registration button on the home page.

In loving memory of Madison Rae Torres

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is the annual candle-lighting service in memory of our children. Please bring a picture of your child. For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

Christ Corner's Gift Shop at Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church, 75 Ridgedale Ave, Cedar Knolls offers religious mementos, books, jewelry, greeting cards and gifts. Open weekends following their 5:00 Sat, and 7:30, 9, 10:30 and 12:15 Sun Masses.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS... NOT JUST FOR SISTERS

Assumption College for Sisters in Denville offers to the public classes in theology, philosophy, literature and psychology for both credit and audit. Registration deadline for the spring semester (Jan 7-May 8) is December 18. Visit www.acs350.org for details or call or email 973-957-0188 xt 106, academicdean@acs350.org

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE Thursday, December 20, 7:00 pm

It's time for our annual Christmas gathering! We will start with evening prayer and Benediction at 7 pm in the church and then it's off to the parish center for refreshments (BYOB), carols and our traditional ornament "SWAP". Bring a wrapped ornament limited to \$10 and partake in a game of laughter and "swapping". Sign-up sheets will be put out in the coming weeks. If you'd like to help with refreshments, please contact Barbara at 973-263-1758; jbuck973@aol.com or Whitney at 973-586-2777; queendubose@aol.com. We look forward to seeing everyone!

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All are invited to join Bishop Serratelli and the faithful of the diocese for our annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 pm** at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson. It will be an exciting afternoon of music for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Loyola Jesuit Center MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT An Invitation to Personal Discipleship February 1 – 3, 2019

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359 is hosting an Ignatian Silent Retreat for all men of the parish (18+). Non-K of C members welcome. For details please contact Damiano Servidio at dservidio@fordham.edu or go to www.kofc3359.org.



Congratulations to St. Catherine's 2nd grade children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday!

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| Ryan Albanese | Bridget Keyt |
| Shayne Arakelian | Amanda Lascarro |
| Joey Barba | Mia Lascarro |
| Michael Barbarisi | Mia Maione |
| Lindsey Barrows | Ricky Mangone |
| Kevin Boland | Cora McGowan |
| Emerson Bonifacio | Maria Monteiro |
| Ella Boorujy | Derek Olsen |
| Melia Campanaro | Jason Pancik |
| Juliette Claude | Kevin Pancik |
| Luke Danish | Ryan Petersen |
| Mia DaSilva | Rebecca Pikor |
| Alexandra Deones | Broderick Richardson |
| Cullen Dickey | Nicholas Rivera |
| Christopher DisPasquale | Max Russo |
| Jordan DiPompeo | Thomas SanFilippo |
| Scarlett Edwards | Jackson Schultz |
| Matthew Festa | Brady Shetler |
| Dominic Hamilton | Charlotte Sirvent |
| Colton Hulse | Matthew Tize |
| Gunnar Hulse | William Vonah |
| Piper Hulse | Cassandra Zappala |
| Ryleigh Jensen | |