



Saturday December 8
 5:30 pm Felicia Leo and Marilyn Morlock

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

Monday December 10
 6:45 am Marco and Susannah Lee
 12:00 pm Ronald Tully

Tuesday December 11
 6:45 am Veronica Heslin
 12:00 pm Marie Silvestri

Wednesday December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 6:45 am Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt

Thursday December 13 *St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*
 6:45 am Ulderico DeLuca and Rose Razzano
 12:00 pm Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR

Friday December 14 *St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*
 6:45 am Elsie Selvaratnam
 12:00 pm Marco and Susannah Park

Saturday December 15
 8:00 am Charles Kenworthy
 5:30 pm John O'Herron and Shaun McMenany

Sunday December 16 *Third Sunday of Advent*
 7:30 am Patricia Carroll, George Murray and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Virginia Cassinis and William O'Dowd
 11:30 am Josephine Lonisin and Thomas Johnson

DECEMBER 15/16 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

5:30 pm	Fr. Michal Rybinski
7:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski
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, Rob Leavy, Trina Carlson, Carol Campbell, Winifred Pierce, Phil Cibiniak, Frank Zabriskie, Yvonne Querrard, Rachel Agzigian, Lorraine Deleski and Terry Chavelez.

STEWARDSHIP

December 3, 2017 collection and PP	\$ 12,577
MASS ATTENDANCE: 706	
December 2, 2018 collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,335
ParishPay	2,032
Total	\$ 11,367
MASS ATTENDANCE: 712	
Weekly operating expense	\$15,156

**Scripture Readings
 December 16, 2018
 Third Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
 Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18
 John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

Food Collection for the Fr. English Food Pantry is next weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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
 Monday, December 10 and 17 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Monday, December 10 and 17 12:30 – 8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Masses, Monday, December 24
4:00pm Fr. Jared Brogan
Children's Choir, Cantor, Instrumentalists
6:00pm Fr. Jared Brogan
Cantor, Instrumentalists
10:00pm Fr. Michal Rybinski
Cantor, Instrumentalists

Christmas carols will be sung before each Mass.

Christmas Day Masses, Tuesday, December 25
7:30am Fr. Michal Rybinski *Cantor, organist*
9:30am Fr. Michal Rybinski *Cantor, organist*
11:30am Fr. Jared Brogan *Cantor, organist*

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
 Tuesday, January 1 11:00 am Fr. Jared Brogan



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Each year on the second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist appears on the scene. John is one of the major personalities of Advent in addition to Isaiah, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph. Included here is a reflection on John.

John the Baptist's first major theme is: Reflect, repent, convert! In every age people fall prey to the temptation to over-turn the proper order of values. What is important is degraded to a minor matter, what is minor or even wrong is raised to a principal theme, the central issue of one's life. It can be greed. It can be ambition with its exhibitionistic and ruthless careerism. It can be quarrelsomeness and the insistence on always being right, or envy and a desire to dominate, or the unmastered desire for pleasure that Paul at one point so powerfully describes: "their god is their belly" (Phil 3:19). These are all products of egoism, which places one's own self in the center and degenerates into idolatry. John sees this clearly and therefore calls for reflection: Admit your offense, confess your sin and let yourself be cleansed. As a symbol of such purification he offers a baptism of repentance in the Jordan.

—from *The Key to Faith: Meditations on the Liturgical Year* by Adolf Adam

Advent is the perfect time of year to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Celebrate the sacrament at St. Catherine's or elsewhere. Experience God's mercy. What are those barriers that prevent us from experiencing God's love totally and sharing that love with others? It is those barriers that we bring for healing in the sacrament. Make that one of our Advent practices.

Our brokenness is the wound through which the full power of God can penetrate our being and transfigure us in God. Loneliness is not something from which we must flee but the place from where we can cry out to God, where God will find us and we can find God. Yes, through our wounds the power of God can penetrate us and become like rivers of living water to irrigate the arid earth within us. Thus we may irrigate the arid earth of others, so that hope and love are reborn.

—Jean Vanier

Peace,
Fr. Jared

GIVING TREE

Giving Tree gifts are due back **no later than Dec. 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.



~~ NEXT WEEKEND ~~

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. Then can also be picked up in the parish office. Tickets are \$60 and include the concert and post-concert reception.

LITURGICAL Q & A

Each week we will post a question and answer about the liturgy. If you would like to submit a question, please do so to lisahward@aol.com

What should I do after receiving Holy Communion?

After receiving Holy Communion, you should spend time with Jesus in personal and intimate prayer; either in silence or song. You may sing with the community to express the joy of your heart and communal thanksgiving. You may listen to the lyrics as a meditation. You may sit or kneel in silence. What is most important is the expressing of gratitude and adoration of the Lord whom you have received.



**NEWS FROM
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

UPCOMING DATES:

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 then 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 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.

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

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.

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.

**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". You're invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. Seating is limited. Any questions, please call Barbara at 973-263-1758 or Whitney at 973-586-2777. We look forward to seeing everyone!

With gratitude to our parishioners, we acknowledge those who are remembered with Advent candles, wreaths, and lights. Please keep them in your prayers.

From ... in loving memory of

Advent Wreath

Dr. Bednar and Family ... Eugene "Buck" Bednar

Advent Candles

Ron Gironda ... Diane Gironda

Rudy and Jane Katzenberger ... Michael Katzenberger

Nancy Vella ... Hector Vella

Barbara Girz ... Jean and Joseph Girz

Extra Large Wreath

The Alberts Family

Large Wreaths

John and Rosemary Cusano ... Jake Cusano,

Joseph Smith, Jay Rizzuto, and Pierce Jarck

Tara and Brian Luig ... Edward, Larry and Millie

Small Wreaths

Jeanne Clark ... Philip Clark

Peggy Fitzpatrick ... Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR and

Sister Margaret William, OP

Peter Bolo ... Robert T. Bolo, Jr.

Lights

Anonymous ... Rosemary Burrows Haas and

1st Lt Peter Brian Haas, USMC

John and Susan Rogers ... Gonda Thornburg,

Charles Christiano, Mary and John Rogers, Sr.,

Chad Cutler, John Ferrara and in thanksgiving for our family, friends and St. Catherine's

Frank Nogues ... Isabel Miguez

Sharon Iuorio ... JoAnn Iuorio, Grace and Joseph Iuorio,

Vincent, Madeline, Brant, Sam and Josephine

James and Barbara Frawley ... Frawley, Waska and

Yost Families

Peter Bolo ... Robert T. Bolo, Jr.

If you would like to make a donation for a poinsettia for Christmas, you may do so by using the envelopes in the church vestibule or in your envelope packets.