



Saturday December 15
 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
Monday December 17
 6:45 am Jo-Mary Vieira
 12:00 pm Margaret Russo
Tuesday December 18
 6:45 am Barbara and Joseph Lee
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt and the Intention of Eleanor and Bruce Noel
Wednesday December 19
 6:45 am Porfira Bautista and Michael Wallin
 12:00 pm Nancy Burkart
Thursday December 20
 6:45 am Mary Coogan
 12:00 pm Piotr Nowack
Friday December 21
 6:45 am Domenica Lori
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt
Saturday December 22
 8:00 am Mary V. Joyce
 5:30 pm Blanca Taylor and Roy Cardona
Sunday December 23 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Joseph Mancuso
 11:30 am Diane Girona and Ann Williams

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP

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| December 10, 2017 collection and PP | \$ 9,473 |
| MASS ATTENDANCE: 658 | |
| December 9, 2018 collection | |
| Envelopes/Cash | \$ 10,604 |
| ParishPay | 1,622 |
| Total | \$ 12,226 |
| MASS ATTENDANCE: 692 | |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ 2,001 |
| Religious Retirement | \$ 5,599 |
| Weekly operating expense | \$15,156 |

Scripture Readings

December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

DECEMBER 22/23 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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| 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

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| Saturdays | 4:00 – 5:00 pm |
| Monday, December 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 pm |

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, December 17 12:30 – 8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Masses, Monday, December 24

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| 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 Day Masses, Tuesday, December 25

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| 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



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday marks an important point in the season of Advent. Advent joy is the overwhelming and prominent theme of this Sunday, which is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Some expressions of that joy can be found in the lighting of the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath and in the rose-colored vestments the priest wears. This theme of joy is also evident in the Liturgy of the Word, both from the Prophet Zephaniah saying "Shout for joy O daughter Zion" and St. Paul in his first letter to the Philippians saying "rejoice always." The theme of rejoicing is echoed in the Collect (opening prayer) of the Mass, as we pray that as we are faithfully awaiting the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, we may be enabled "to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing." During the Third Week of Advent, specifically December 17, the liturgy turns its focus to the first coming (advent) of Christ. We begin to read from the infancy narratives in the gospel.

I invite everyone to take some quiet time this next week to make room for God. There are many things going on these days, all good things, but sometimes it is difficult to keep our focus on God. Take advantage of our two daily Masses, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, and Reconciliation on Monday evening and Saturday afternoon. Two priests will be hearing confessions this coming Saturday afternoon, December 22 from 4-5pm. Come experience God's mercy and love. That is the best way to make room for Jesus to enter our lives.

Christmas Pageant

This Tuesday night, December 18, is our annual Christmas Pageant, run under the auspices of Religious Education, and involving the children of the parish. This is always such a fun-filled and heart-warming presentation. It starts at 7:30 in the gym. All are invited.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

The Women's Ornament Exchange is this Thursday, Dec 20 beginning with prayer and benediction at 7:00 pm in the church, followed by the ornament swap in the parish center. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

GIVING TREE

Our parish family has once again responded to the Giving Tree appeal with outstanding generosity. Together with Kim Sgro's group, "Nana's Gift", St. Catherine's was able to provide much appreciated gifts for the children of St. Agnes and St. Anthony Parishes. Thank you for helping make Christmas more joyful for

those less fortunate! A special thank you to Joni Cabassa and Michele Gregorek who sorted and bagged all the gifts.

ST. CATHERINE'S GOES TO BROADWAY

On Sunday, January 6 the parish will be heading to Broadway to the Shubert Theatre to see Jeff Daniels star in Aaron Sorkin's play, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The show is based on Harper Lee's American classic Pulitzer prize winning book. Tickets are \$70 and include bus. Space is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. The bus will depart St. Catherine's at 10:00 for a 1:00 pm show. **For tickets and more information please contact Whitney DuBose at 973-586-2777 or queendubose@aol.com.**



**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
Tuesday, Dec 18 at 7:30 pm
Practice Monday, Dec 17 from 4:00-5:00**



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Christmas bags that went to two schools in Paterson. Bags for the Christmas service project were filled by our Religious Education children. Your donations made the holiday special for these children, many of whom grow up without the special treats that we put in the bags. Thank you for making a child's Christmas a little brighter and putting a smile on their faces.



**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

Our annual Breakfast with Santa was a jolly success! A special thank



you to Jerry Napolitano and the Knights of Columbus for providing breakfast; to our very own Santa, Rich Westerman; and to all those who helped.
