



Saturday January 5
 5:30 pm Shaun McMenemy and Carlos Ribeiro

Sunday January 6 *Epiphany of the Lord*
 7:30 am Elizabeth Henderson and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Rose Onorati and Ann Williams
 11:30 am Kevin Cunniff and Diane Gironda

Monday January 7
 6:45 am Belle Norris

Tuesday January 8
 6:45 am James Schiotis

Wednesday January 9
 6:45 am Robert Darcy

Thursday January 10
 6:45 am Bishop Frank Rodimer

Friday January 11
 6:45 am Cheryl Marier

Saturday January 12
 8:00 am Pauline Zahuta
 5:30 pm Robert Halm and Henry Mola

Sunday January 13 *Baptism of the Lord*
 7:30 am Hilly Wesselius and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Alice Marcello
 11:30 am Joyce McNeill

JANUARY 12/13 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, Terry Chavelez, Tracy Tovo and Gary Marcello.

STEWARDSHIP

December 31, 2017 collection & PP	\$ 14,790
MASS ATTENDANCE 573	
December 30, 2018	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 6,797
ParishPay	1,337
Total	\$ 8,134
MASS ATTENDANCE 544	
Weekly operating expense	\$ 15,156
Christmas to date	\$ 47,684

**Scripture Readings
 January 13, 2019
 The Baptism of the Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

Scripture Study resumes Monday, Jan. 7 at 1:00 pm
Prayer Group resumes Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 1:30 pm

**Blessing of the homes
 on the Epiphany, January 6**

Some communities have the custom of blessing homes with recalling the visit of the Magi. The household gathers at the manger scene to read Matthew 2:1-12. The light of the star guided the Three Kings on their journey. We too, must be lights for each other. Think of ways we can help others as we journey along in life.

House blessing: *Lord, God of heaven and earth, you revealed our only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

With chalk, mark the lintel over the main door of the house: 20 + C + M + B + 19

(The numbers are those of the New Year (2019), the first initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The crosses stand for the four seasons.



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Today is the 12th Day of Christmas, the Solemnity of the Epiphany. We celebrate the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem. The meaning of this feast is summed up well in the Preface (the prayer that begins the Eucharistic Prayer, preceding the Holy Holy): *“For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”* Those words capture for us the meaning of Christmas, and of all the liturgical celebrations, including the Epiphany, that occur during Christmas Time: because God became human, because the Word became flesh, human nature — you and I — have been made new because we have been made sharers in the divine! What a powerful, yet challenging, truth to reflect upon!

Thank You

As the Christmas Season concludes next weekend on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I want to express my gratitude to all who have enabled us to have a prayerful and uplifting Advent and Christmas Season. Thank you to our Music Ministry, liturgical ministers, decorators, Giving Tree coordinators, social organizers, staff, and all of you for making St. Catherine’s a part of your celebrations. On behalf of Fr. Michal and our seminarians Sebastian and Carlos, thank you for all of the gifts that you shared with us over these past few weeks.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

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

Why does the priest raise the Body and Blood of Jesus after the Consecration?

The Host and the chalice are raised to the people for the purpose of adoration. The Host and chalice are usually held aloft for a few seconds so that people have time to make an act of adoration. This is a very important moment in the Mass, when Christ is now truly present in the Eucharist on the altar. Sometimes, bells are rung to indicate the moment of elevation.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Catherine’s annual women’s retreat will be held March 8-10 at Villa Pauline. Details to follow.

BUILDING OUR VISION

As shared in the Parish Survey Summary report, there was great interest in building up our Music Ministry. Music is such an important part of our worship and it is evident that many of the survey respondents recognize this. Nearly half were “satisfied” and a little less than half thought that improvement was needed. The 50 attendees at the Visioning Sessions worked together to shape the vision for the music ministry. In general, it was thought that the music could be more upbeat, familiar, and contemporary.

Insights into Action: Music Ministry

Since September, Fr. Jared has been working with David, our new Music Minister, to enhance our music. The Church has a very rich and varied tradition of music. All within the tradition of the Church are styles such as chant, traditional hymns, contemporary hymns, organ, piano, and other instruments. The vision for our music ministry now is to incorporate all of those styles throughout the liturgies. All parishioners are encouraged to sing when appropriate. At other times it may be more appropriate to listen and reflect; for example, during Communion. When we approach the altar together at Communion, it is not always easy to sing. Recently, more contemporary compositions have been chosen for Communion. This allows us to listen/reflect and sing along with, without looking at lyrics due to the repetitive nature of the lyrics. David is also working on forming a children’s choir which will sing at Christmas and throughout the year. More initiatives will be in the works to have many people involved in music ministry, children and adults alike.



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

- January 10** – Youth Night, 7:30-9:00 pm
- January 13** – 1st grade Rel Ed class and Mass resume
- January 13** – 7th grade family Mass & social – 11:30am
- January 27** – 5th grade family Mass & social – 9:30am
- January 28** – 2nd grade Bible presentation during class. Parents are invited.
- February 2** – Catechist Day of Reflection, 9:30-11:30am
- February 4** – 2nd grade parent meeting for 1st Holy Communion, 7:30pm in the conference room.
- February 10** – 2nd grade family Mass & blessing 9:30am
- February 18** – No Religious Education
- February 23** – 2nd grade First Holy Communion retreat, 9:00am – 11:30am

KARAOKE



YOUTH NIGHT

Open to all 9th – 12th grade students!

Thursday, January 10, 7:30 – 9 pm
in the conference room

What song will you sing?!?!

Bring a friend!

Pizza and popcorn will be served!

Bring a donation for the Community Soup Kitchen!
We are collecting winter hats and fleece blankets.

9th and 10th graders will receive 1 hour of service for attending and 1 additional hour for bringing a donation.



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

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Jan. 10th at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is "*Coping-Moping-Hoping, In the New Year*". For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

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.

ST. CATHERINE'S PAINT AND SIP

On **Thursday, January 24**, the parish will host a *Paint and Sip* at 7pm in the gym. All you need to bring are friends, snacks, and your preferred drink (soda and water will be provided). Lots of laughs and poor painting is guaranteed. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Everyone is invited! If you have a group, tables of eight can be reserved **through Whitney** 973-586-2777, queendubose@aol.com. Cost is \$30 and is **due by Jan. 20**. Payment can be left at the parish office or given to one of the priests.

St. Catherine's prayer group will be studying the book, *Station to Station: An Ignatian Journey through the Stations of the Cross* by Gary Jansen. The group will meet Wednesdays at 1:30 from Jan. 9 – Feb. 27 in the parish center. For details contact Lee Maute 973-299-7016.

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. 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.

46th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus Councils 514 and 3359 invite you to join the bus trip to the 46th March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 18th**. The bus will depart at 6 AM from the Gardner Field Park and Ride in Denville. Mass will be celebrated at 5:15 AM at St. Mary's, Denville prior to departure. There is no charge for the bus, but please bring \$10.00 to cover DC Metro cost and a tip for the driver. Please contact Jim Rizos [973.627.2596](tel:973.627.2596), jrizos10@gmail.com to reserve your place. If you are unable to join the march, please keep the cause for life in your prayers

LIFELINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Catherine's on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for blocked arteries: Carotid Artery Screening (plaque); Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation); Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms; Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening; and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. All five screenings together take 60-90 minutes to complete. Pre-registration is required. Flyers are in the vestibule. For more information or to register call **888-653-6441** or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle