



Saturday March 9
 5:30 pm Henry Gurba, Jr.
Sunday March 10 *First Sunday of Lent*
 7:30 am Frances Louise Warner and
 Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Carlos Ribiero
 11:30 am Jeanne Corcoran
Monday March 11
 6:45 am Jane Myer
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt
Tuesday March 12
 6:45 am -----
 12:00 pm Julianne Law
Wednesday March 13
 6:45 am -----
 12:00 pm -----
Thursday March 14
 6:45 am James Brogan
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt
Friday March 15
 6:45 am J. Victor and Sophronia Lynch
 12:00 pm Rev. John F. Brogan
Saturday March 16
 8:00 am Raymond Brady
 5:30 pm William McEntyre
Sunday March 17 *Second Sunday of Lent*
 7:30 am James Patrick Joyce and
 Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Eileen Durbarow
 11:30 am Diane Gironda

March 16/17 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

The Word Among Us daily meditation booklets for Lent 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, Ann Gerhardt, Rob Leavy, Trina Carlson, Carol Campbell, Winifred Pierce, Phil Cibiniak, Frank Zabriskie, Yvonne Querrard, Rachel Agzigian, Terry Chavelez, Tracy Tovo Gary Marcello, Gerald Hoy, Barbara Dietrick, Kelly Ramirez, Peggy Hoff, Ramona Colao, Thomas Ghilain, Jr, Christian Ramirez, Thomas John, Lorraine Alicia, Mark Gerard, Dorothy McCoy and Clara and Robert Plucinsky, Sr.

**Scripture Readings
 March 17, 2019
 Second Sunday of Lent**

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

Food Collection for the Fr. English Food Pantry is next weekend, March 16/17.

SPIRITUAL, SERVICE, & SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Spiritual

Scripture Study - Mondays at 1:00, *The Gospel of John*

RCIA – Mondays at 7:30 pm

Adult Enrichment Series – Tuesdays, 4 and 7:30 pm

March 12 – April 9

Stations of the Cross – Following the noon Mass Wednesdays and Fridays

Adoration – Mondays, March 11 – April 15
 12:30 – 8:30 pm

Service

Fr. English Food Pantry - Food collection every 3rd weekend (April collection will be the 28th due to Easter)

Soup Kitchen – 2nd Monday of the month.

Pasta Dinner to benefit Haiti – April 27 at 6:30 pm

Social

Moms & Tots – Tuesdays from 9:30-11 in the gym.

After Mass Socials – Following the 7:30 Mass every second Sunday

STEWARDSHIP

March 4, 2018 collection & PP \$ 11,133

MASS ATTENDANCE 800

March 3, 2019

Envelopes/Cash \$ 11,745

ParishPay 2,792

Total \$ 14,537

MASS ATTENDANCE 829

Diocesan Assessment collection \$ 2,173

Weekly operating expense \$ 15,156



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Become a Learner of Christ this Lent

At the moment of our Baptism, God called us into an ongoing encounter with Jesus Christ. He invited us and called us by name to enter into relationship with and follow him. At Baptism, the first words of the Priest/Deacon/Bishop presiding are, "What name have you given your child?" The baptized are identified by name to take on a new identity as disciple. A disciple is a follower and learner of Christ. The whole Christian life is a process of being constantly formed as disciples. We are always learning. Sadly, many Catholics end their learning at Confirmation which at its oldest, recently, is celebrated in tenth grade. Imagine if we stopped learning in tenth grade! So, why are we content with stopping when it comes to our faith? Through the *Adult Faith Enrichment* series offered at St. Catherine's, adults are encouraged to grow in discipleship. Throughout these past few years we have explored many different topics:

- 1) Discussed family topics during the *World Meeting of Families* in Philadelphia 2015
- 2) Read and discussed Pope Francis' book, *The Name of God is Mercy*
- 3) Explored what it means to *Live the Mass*
- 4) Looked at key figures who shaped the Church and changed the world using Bishop Robert Baron's *Pivotal Payers*
- 5) Read and discussed Thomas Merton's *Seven Storey Mountain*
- 6) Explored the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith through Bishop Robert Baron's *Catholicism* series
- 7) Strengthened our apologetics reading *The Case for Christ*
- 8) On the 500th anniversary of the Reformation read, *True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation*
- 9) Read and discussed *Divine Renovation* in order to plant the seeds of renewal in our hearts

This Lent the opportunities continue. There are many topics and issues within our faith that are sometimes confusing, are of great interest, or sometimes just unknown. Therefore, this Lent you are invited to deepen your relationship with Christ and the Church, to grow in your own discipleship, by exploring various topics of the faith. There will be six presentations throughout Lent given by guest speakers who are "experts" in their area. You will see the schedule posted in the bulletin. The presentations will occur on the Tuesdays of Lent in addition to one Thursday. There will be two opportunities to participate in order to accommodate different schedules. The first is at 4pm and the next is at 7:30pm. Each presentation will be one hour with some time for questions and discussion.

Adult Faith Enrichment Week 1

On Tuesday, March 12, Msgr. Bob Meyer, Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila in Summit, will present on the **annulment process**. He is a gifted priest academically and pastorally. Fr. Bob is a Pastor, Professor, Canon Lawyer, and Civil Lawyer. He has served as a Tribunal Judge in the Archdiocese of Newark and was a legal advisor for the Holy See's Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations. Prior to St Teresa in Summit, he served as pastor of St. Peter and St. Paul in Hoboken. Join him on Tuesday at 4pm **or** 7:30pm to explore the often confusing, misunderstood, freeing process of annulments. Please sign up in the back of church for either session.

Men's Communion Breakfast

On Saturday, April 13, the parish will be hosting a Men's Communion Breakfast. The morning will begin with 8am Mass followed by breakfast at the *Rockaway River Country Club* with a presentation. All the men of the parish and from outside are invited. This is a wonderful opportunity for men to get together within the context of faith. It is an even better opportunity for fathers and sons and grandfathers and grandsons to get together for a few hours to pray and socialize. Please sign up in the back of church and submit payment of \$25 per person by April 6. Payment can be put in collection basket or sent to the parish office. Please take the time to participate in this fruitful morning.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

We welcome our recently baptized new members in the church to our parish community:

Wesley Joseph Field
son of Daniel and Kate
and

Seamus Patrick McQuillan
son of Andrew and Erin

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 is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs 46 days before Easter. It is a moveable date, falling on a different date each year because it is dependent on the date of Easter. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. When giving ashes, the Priest will say either 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return' or 'Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel'.



Congratulations to the 8th grade boys CYO basketball team on becoming Morris/Sussex CYO champs! Thank you to all the students and coaches who participate in CYO. A very special thank you to the Athletic Director Mark Langlois for his continued dedication and hard work.



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

March 15 – 24 – No Religious Education classes – spring break

March 30 – 8th grade 4:30 – lesson followed by 5:30 Mass

March 31 – 11:30 – 6th grade Family Mass



Thanksgiving

This week the children preparing for First Holy Communion reflected on their gifts, which are blessings from God. At Eucharist (a word meaning “to give thanks”) we thank God for all his gifts and blessings. How do we as a parish help others develop such a grateful heart?



ROAR Vacation Bible School Camp

where kids learn that life is wild...
God is good!

At ROAR, kids learn one important Bible Point each day. Each day we sing songs, have a wild Bible adventure, play interactive games, learn about the saints, have sciency-fun gizmos, and have faith-building Bible memory buddies. And don't forget the super-fun snack! So join us and meet the Bible memory buddies like Marge the Cape Buffalo.



June 24 – June 28
9:00 am --12:00 pm

Registration forms can be found on our website.

For teens interested in volunteering, please complete a “Notice of Interest” application found on our website and return to the religious education office.

Morris Catholic High School
8th Annual St Patrick's 5K Road Race

Please join the MCHS community **Saturday, March 16 at 9 am** for the 5K road race. The race starts and ends at Morris Catholic High School, 200 Morris Ave, Denville and is professionally timed! Proceeds from the race benefit Morris Catholic Scholarship Funds and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. You can register for the Race at RUNSIGNUP.COM (Crusader Challenge), or at 8:00 am on the day of the race. For additional information, call Mike O'Brien at 973-625-3198



Catholic Relief Services
Rice Bowls

Again, this Lent we are participating in CRS Rice Bowls. Use your cardboard CRS Rice Bowl that were handed out in the Religious Education classes, to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Try to prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls **the week of April 1**, so please bring your CRS Rice Bowls back that week during your Religious Education class time. Please convert your change into a **check made payable to St. Catherine of Siena Church with “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo.**

As we look ahead to our Lenten journey, which began on Ash Wednesday, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms a making of peace, and our prayers the change of humble and grateful hearts. We ask for God's help to put our faith into action, to work in love and to persevere in hope through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

St. Ann Church, 781 Smith Rd, Parsippany invites you to their Lenten Mission **Sunday, March 10 at 7:00 pm.**

Fr. Jared Brogan will present

Conversion: Called, Nourished, Sent.

SACRED RELICS FROM THE VATICAN EXPOSITION

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Rockaway will present a teaching and exposition **of over 150 Sacred Relics from the Vatican** collection on **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm.** A verbal presentation from 7:00 - 8:00 pm will be followed by private veneration from 8:00 - 10:00 pm. Relics include those of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Faustina Kowalska., a portion of the veil of Our Lady, and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. You are encouraged to bring articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

St. Mary's Prep, Denville will host an open house

Wednesday, March 13

from 9:00-11:00 am and 5:00-7:00 pm.

Come see all that we have to offer!

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Throughout Lent (March 6-April 13) there is a “40 Days for Life” daily prayer vigil around the world outside various venues where women can procure abortions. Consider joining the Morris County Right to Life at Planned Parenthood of Morristown, 196 Speedwell Ave, to give peaceful witness and prayer. Groups will gather from 7 am – 7 pm. Contact Frances Spillman 44lifeus@gmail.com, 973-627-1654 or visit 40daysforlife.com. All are welcome!