



Saturday August 24
 5:30 pm Christopher J. Rooney and Antonio Garbini

Sunday August 25 *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Bertha Mae Casey and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Gene Caulfield and Patrick DiMartino
 11:30 am Paul Pfreundschuh, Gertrude Vona and Wayne Collett

Monday August 26
 6:45 am Wayne Collett

Tuesday August 27 *St Monica*
 6:45 am Ralph Porzio

Wednesday August 28 *St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
 6:45 am Philip Clark and Nicholas Silvestri, Sr.

Thursday August 29 *Passion of St. John the Baptist*
 6:45 am Deborah Morrison

Friday August 30
 6:45 am Rosemary Cusano

Saturday August 31
 8:00 am Rev. Joseph Glynn
 5:30 pm J. Victor and Sophronia Lynch

Sunday September 1 *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Gene Caulfield and Marie Suk
 11:30 am Patrick DiMartino

Note: There will be one Mass at 8:00 am on Labor Day, September 2. The noon Mass will resume Tuesday, September 3.

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, Ann Gerhardt, Pat Flannery, Pat Pongracz, Rob Leavy, Carol Campbell, Winifred Pierce, Phil Cibiniak, Rachel Agzigian, Terry Chavelez, Tracy Tovo, Gary Marcello, Gerald Hoy, Barbara Dietrick, Kelly Ramirez, Peggy Hoff, Christian Ramirez, Thomas John, Lorraine Alicia, Mark Gerard, Dorothy McCoy, Robert Plucinsky, Sr., Kathy Covert, Alexander Scherman, Joyce Huebsch, Sr. Joan Phillips, Gus, Stephen and Peggy Mitchell, and Ed Waite.

STEWARDSHIP

August 19, 2018 collection & PP	\$ 9,839
MASS ATTENDANCE	569
August 18, 2019	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 6,439
ParishPay	1,407
Weekly total	\$ 7,846
MASS ATTENDANCE	567
Assumption	\$ 2,399
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 1,947
Weekly operating expense	\$15,156

**Scripture Readings
 September 1, 2019
 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
 Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
 The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14
 Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

August 31/Sept. 1 Celebrant Schedule

5:30 pm	Fr. Michal Rybinski
7:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski
9:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski
11:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski

We welcome our recently baptized new member to the church and our parish community.

Luke James Laki
son of Kelly and Franz

The Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a ministry for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. There are several groups of people who are able to participate in this ministry:

- * Adults who have never been baptized (members of other religions or no religion at all)
- * Adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition
- * Adults who were baptized Catholic but have had no instruction in the faith or have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- * Catholic adults who have a desire to learn more about the faith and a desire to accompany others on their journey towards initiation

RCIA is about growth in faith and growth in a relationship with God. Please contact Fr. Jared if you or someone you know would be interested or would like to have more information. The RCIA will begin in the fall.



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Parish Renewal: Building Forward In Our Faith

(This letter was sent to all of our Religious Education families. However, it is for all of our parishioners.)

This fall we as a parish will embark on a parish renewal rooted in missionary discipleship. This renewal will be parish wide and therefore impact our Religious Education program, which each year serves 500+ students. The delivery of Religious Education has been changing over the past two decades. The classroom model of catechizing children, a model used by the Church for decades, no longer is effective because the culture has changed so significantly. As a society we face a crisis of faith and the breakdown of the family unit. Many Catholic families universally desire to “get the sacraments” for their children (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) without being offered a path of true spiritual growth and active engagement in the faith. Simply “getting the sacraments” has little to no impact. We trust in God’s grace, but that grace builds on our nature. We have to participate in that grace. **As families**, we need to be present and participate in the community (*belong*), learn about our faith (*believe*), and then live it (*behave*).

The parish exists to form disciples of Jesus Christ, offering a path of true spiritual growth and opportunities for committed engagement in the faith. Achieving such engagement suggests that parents/families should seek to:

- Pursue a personal relationship with Jesus
- Develop a regular rhythm of participation in Mass and in the life of the parish
- Pursue opportunities to learn and grow in the fullness of our faith
- Recognize Christ’s presence in ordinary moments of daily life.

As parishioners, we enter into relationship with the other committed disciples who are on this spiritual journey. Clear expectations are at the heart of every healthy relationship.

What can you expect from your parish?

- Dynamic and uplifting liturgies.
- A place where you will be loved and supported, regardless of the messiness and struggles of your life, through a transformation to become more and more the person God has created you to be
- A place where you will be valued and recognized as having unique gifts and talents for the service of God and others
- A place where your financial contributions will be honored and put to work for building up the Kingdom of God with transparency and accountability

What is expected of you as a parishioner of St. Catherine Parish?

- To connect (belong)
- To worship and grow (believe)
- To serve and give (behave)

We exist as a parish in order to form disciples of Jesus Christ. We will travel together on this new and exciting spiritual journey. As part of this renewal, you and your families are asked to participate in one of three *Building Forward In Our Faith* “get-togethers” starting with Mass and followed by a gathering:

September 14 @ 5:30pm
September 29 @ 9:30am
September 29 @ 11:30am

At these gatherings you will hear more about our vision and have an opportunity to commit to ministries that will enable you and your family to flourish in the faith. I look forward to embarking on this renewal with you.

Trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre

On **Saturday, September 21**, the parish will be traveling to Lancaster, PA to see *Jesus*. This show is an action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside Christ and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. A bus will leave St. Catherine’s at 7:30 am for an 11 am show. Following the 2 hour and 30 minute show, we will have a late lunch at *Good ‘N Plenty Restaurant* and the bus will return to St. Catherine’s at 6 pm. The cost of the trip is \$135 for adults (ages 13 & over) and \$80 for children. This includes transportation, show, and lunch. For tickets, contact Whitney DuBose at 973-586-2777 or email her at queendubose@aol.com.

Parish Celebration of Significant Wedding Anniversaries

On **Sunday, September 22** at the 11:30 am Mass, we will celebrate and pray for couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. We invite couples celebrating 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years and over to participate. At the Mass we will have a renewal of wedding vows and a special blessing. Following the Mass, all are invited to a social in the gym. Please contact the parish office if you wish to participate.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

HAITI MINISTRY - NEWS FROM DAME MARIE

Opportunities to support St. Catherine of Siena School in Dame Marie are ongoing. Available for purchase are Tote Bags & Wine Caddies made in Haiti from recycled plastic. Please visit our parish website to download the order form or pick up one from the vestibule and return to the parish office. The Haiti Ministry will then be in touch with you. Thank you for your support!



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

September 4 at 7:00pm

1st and 3rd grade parent gathering to go over the format of the "class attached to Mass".

September 4 at 7:30pm

Catechists gathering for grades 9 and 10

September 5 at 11:00 am or 7:30 pm

Catechists gathering for grades 1-6

September 5 at 7:30pm

Catechists gathering for grades 7 and 8

In the upcoming 2019/20 school year, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades will be using the new format that we used with the 1st grade last year, "Class Attached to Mass". It will be offered on Sundays at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. This format allows families to make a connection from classroom catechesis to Mass. First grade families said that they loved being at Mass with other families and becoming a part of the St. Catherine community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS:

Monday, September 9

7th grade – 7:30-9:00 pm

Tuesday, September 10

5th grade – 4:00-5:15 pm

6th grade – 7:00-8:15 pm

Wednesday, September 12

4th grade – 4:00-5:15 pm

10th grade – 7:30-9:00 pm

Sunday, September 15

1st, 2nd and 3rd grades – 9:30 & 11:30 am

We look forward to a new year of getting to know our friend Jesus better and His great family.



THE WORK OF ANGELS

St. Catherine's is searching for people like you to sow the seed of God and transform the children at St. Catherine.

Is God calling you to be a catechist for religious education classes?

Isaiah 43:1 *"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."*

Our Religious Education program exists because of dedicated volunteers. Please consider joining God's Angel Corps here at St. Catherine's!

At this time, we need Angels/Catechists for the following classes:

Sunday: Class-Attached-to-Mass

9:30 am and 11:30 am

1st grade – 3 teachers

3rd grade – 1 teacher

Monday: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

7th grade – 2 teachers

8th grade – 3 teachers

Wednesday: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

9th grade – 1 teacher

The vocation of the Catechist calls us to be "on fire" for Christ. The following are reasons for becoming a catechist:

- You will grow in your own faith
- Learn the teachings of the Church
- Deepen your relationship with Christ
- Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

Please pray about becoming a catechist and then give me a call; I would be happy to answer any questions.

Thanks and God bless,

Lisa Gervasio

Religious Education office (973) 334-5257

DRE@stcatherine-ml.org

MOMS AND TOTS

The Moms & Tots playgroup will resume meeting every **Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:00 beginning September 17** in the parish center gym. All are welcome to join us for free play, a snack and craft each week. All we ask is that you bring a small monetary (\$1) or canned good donation for the Fr. English Food Pantry. Please contact Lauren Ficara 201-213-2723 or Lauren.m.ficara@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing all of our friends!



***** LAST CALL TO REGISTER *****

for the CYO 2019/20 Basketball Season

Open to all boys and girls entering grades 3-

8 Forms are available on the parish website www.stcatherine-ml.org under "ministries and activities".

Mail registration to:

Mark Langlois

8 Magnolia Ln

Boonton Twp, NJ 07005

Volunteers Needed to help with coaching, scheduling, scoring, concessions, registration, and uniform & equipment distribution. Contact Mark for details. 973-590-4984, aspe26@optonline.net

MONDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Monday Scripture Study will resume **September 9 from 1-2:30 pm** in the Parish Library to study the *Revelation to Saint John*. This is a participatory group with text and commentary to read and consider prior to each weekly discussion session. Whether new to scripture study or experienced, enrich your faith journey in the company of a dozen or so of your peers. Please contact Debra Dewing (debra@dewing5.net) or Barbara Bailey (barbara.t.bailey@gmail.com) with any questions and to register.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

St. Catherine's Prayer Group will be meeting for 10 weeks this fall beginning **September 18 at 1 pm** in the parish center. We will continue to study the book *"The Ignatian Workout"* by Tim Muldoon picking up at Part 2. The book is available at Amazon. You are asked to read/review Part 1 before our first meeting. For further information or to register, please call Lee Maute (973-299-7016) or Joyce Mather (973-625-0826).

SAVE THE DATE:

Women's Breakfast:

Saturday, October 12 following 8:00 am Mass
Rockaway River Country Club

Young Adult Pub Night on the Patio

St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Ave, Madison

Wednesday, September 11, 7:30 – 9:00pm

All young adults in their 20's or 30's are welcome to attend and bring friends! Visit www.insidethewalls.org for details on this and other events.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Sept. 12** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program presenter is Lisa Athan, MA, Grief Specialist and National Speaker. For more information, contact Lily Capriglione 973-568-4164, lilycap@optonline.net

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Couples celebrating 60+ years are also invited. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held Sunday, November 3 at 3:30 pm. **Please submit the registration form found in the vestibule to the parish office no later than Friday, October 11.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous event!*

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES SESSIONS

Open to the public:

Assumption College for Sisters in Denville is offering **Special Topics in Theology: Contemporary Issues**

These sessions offer a wide variety of current and relevant social topics and will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:15 pm beginning Aug 28 and continuing through Dec 11. **You have the option to select only the sessions that interest you.** Please see the flyers in the vestibule for a complete schedule of topics and presenters. Visit www.acs350.org or call 973-957-0188.

Celebration of Marriage Retreat September 27 - 29 Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point

This weekend is intended for couples married at least 10 years. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. We strike a deliberate balance among participation/reflection, liturgy, free time, fun activities and plenty of "couple time" for walks on the nearby beaches.

Cost: \$280 per couple (includes all meals & room)

Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

Sisters of Christian Charity 6th Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, September 26 at the beautiful Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club in Livingston.

Golfers and sponsors can register online at www.sceast.org/golf-outing or contact Casey Dolan at dev.director@sceast.org or 973-230-5355.

28th Annual Loyola Jesuit Center Golf Outing

Monday, September 30

Spring Brook Country Club, Morristown

A day of fun, community and support of Loyola.

Dinner and silent auction to follow golf.

Non-golfers welcome for dinner only.

Visit www.loyola.org.

CATHOLIC TRAVEL

Blue Army Shrine

St. Peter the Apostle, Parsippany is sponsoring a bus trip to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ on September 28. The bus will depart at 9:00am and return at 2:30pm. \$20 per person. Contact Liz at 973-335-4091 or Lynn at 973-432-4807.

Holy Land 10-day Pilgrimage

February 15-24, 2020

Accompany the Paterson Diocesan Choir with Spiritual Director Rev. Daniel O'Mullane on an *"In the Footsteps of Jesus"* tour of the holy land.

Sites include Nazareth • Cana • Sea of Galilee

• Jerusalem • Bethlehem • Ein Karem • Emmaus

For details, visit www.petersway.com or email or call

amy@petersway.com; 516-605-1551 x13