

# St. Catharine

## Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, October 14, 2018



### Eucharist - Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:30 PM  
Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 NOON

### Daily Masses

Monday-Friday 8 AM and 11:30 AM (July & August, 8 AM only)  
Saturday 9 AM  
Daily Masses are held in the Ministry Center Chapel.

### Holy Days

Consult the bulletin.

### Penance

Saturday at 4:30 PM in the Church or by appointment.

Rectory Hours Mon. - Thur. 8:30AM-8PM; Friday 8:30AM-4PM  
Saturday 9AM - 5PM; Sunday 9AM - 2PM

### Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated at a ceremony following the 12 NOON Mass on the following Sundays: Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call the rectory to schedule a Baptism. If this is your first child, please schedule several months in advance so that you can attend the required Pre-Baptismal class which takes place on a bi-monthly basis.

### Marriage

Arrangements must be made at the rectory ONE YEAR prior to date of Marriage.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

A process for non-Catholics who wish to experience parish community and join the Catholic Church. Also for Catholics who wish to return to the Church or have not celebrated Eucharist.

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is in the Ministry Center Chapel following the 8AM Liturgy until Benediction at 11AM (except July & August).

### Anointing of Sick

Communal celebration as scheduled or individual Anointing at home by appointment.

### Visitation to Homebound

Contact the rectory to arrange for a visit to home, hospital or nursing home.

### Education

Academy of Our Lady 201-445-0622

Pre K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, including before school and after school care.

Religious Education 201-444-5690

For children in grades K-8 who attend a public school.

### Parish Registration

New parishioners and those not registered, please take a Welcome Packet from the Narthex and return the registration form to the rectory. Registration forms are also available on our website. Please inform the rectory if you move or change phone number.

## Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Catharine, are dedicated to spreading the Good News by word and example. Nourished by the Eucharist, we seek to advance God's Kingdom by enriching spiritual life, increasing parishioner involvement, deepening commitment to social justice, fostering communication, and building community.

## Being Heard

If you have bought or leased a car, had a recent hospital stay, or were involved in any transaction involving interaction, you were likely asked about your experience in some kind of online survey. The hope is that the shared information will help shape our future, and other people's future dealings, in similar occurrences.

Ten years ago, when I first arrived, we did a survey at all Masses. We asked about scheduling, as well as certain specific areas of ministry within the parish. I said it then, and I still believe it more than ever, this is your parish. Fr. Bog and I have been assigned to be here for a time, but this is your home and what you think about all that goes on here matters a great deal to me.

"We Want to Hear From You" is a custom-made survey meant to examine all areas of the parish and the ministries that we engage in. Developed with an organization called CARA, a church research group affiliated with Georgetown University, the Pastoral Council has designed a survey to find out what you are thinking. It is mostly a check off set of questions which allows results to be more concrete. We started with a question bank totaling nearly 900 and chose about 100 questions we consider to be the most important when it comes to getting a picture of how our parishioners feel about their parish.

CARA will analyze the results and prepare a formal, written report. It is our hope to make that report available to anyone who wants to read it. In addition, we will hold an open forum town meeting to follow up on the survey as we talk about how to implement it and make necessary changes here at St. Catharine. The survey is meant to be filled out by anyone 16 years of age or older and it is anonymous so everyone can say whatever is on their mind.

We have invested time and resources to prepare the best possible survey, but that which makes it successful is maximum participation. The more results we get back, the better we can count on getting an honest picture. Our hope is to complete as many as possible in person next weekend. If you must, they can be brought home and returned the following weekend. There will also be an on line version with the link being made available on October 20<sup>th</sup> and all returns within 2 weeks.

This is your parish; please make your voice heard. Many churches do not afford these opportunities to their members but WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

*Fr. Tom*

## What Happens at Mass?

### Join us on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM in Church

Why do we do what we do at Mass? How can we get more out of Mass? Why is it the bedrock of our faith? How can it truly transform us? Join us as Sister Marlene Milasus of the Benedictine Sisters of Saint Walburga Monastery shares her wonderful insights into the Mass. No registration required. Questions? Contact Deacon George at [geocarbone@gmail.com](mailto:geocarbone@gmail.com) or 201-218-8555.

 **Rosary Missing:** A one Decade Rosary, green beads with a shamrock, is missing. It was in church last Sunday at 8am. It is very precious to its owner—if you found it, please call the rectory office. Thank you.



*We're glad  
you're here!*

October 14, 2018

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The word of God is living and effective,  
sharper than any two-edged sword.*

- Hebrews 4:12a

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. (Wisdom 7:7-11).

**Psalm** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

**Gospel** It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30).

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The spirit of wisdom, as we discover in today's first reading, comes to those who pray for her. Wisdom, like the word of God, carries a message of consolation as well as of great challenge. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God, infused with the wisdom of God, is "sharper than any two-edged sword." We cannot shrink from the wisdom of God, or from the word that has the power to penetrate our hearts and minds. Jesus, the living word of God, the embodiment of wisdom, has strong, deeply penetrating words for the rich young man who comes to him seeking answers to his most profound questions. Just when the young man thought he had done enough to fulfill God's commands, more was asked of him. This is no less true for us. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16;

Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]



## Children's Mass

Next Sunday at the 12 noon Mass

Bring your Family for a Special Homily  
Intended for Children!

St. Catharine Health & Wellness Ministry  
**Blood Pressure Screenings Today**  
**During the Ministry Fair**

Know Your Numbers! Get your FREE blood pressure screening on the first Sunday of the month after masses in Community Hall.

## Mass Intentions and Schedule

### Saturday, October 13

- 5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of Geyer & Vetter Families  
*req. Ellen Geyer*  
Joseph & Helen Meehan *req. Lorraine & Janet Moore*  
Richard Dubois *req. Elaine & Steve Ricchiuto*  
Julian Groeller *req. Loretta & Jim McKenna*

### Sunday, October 14

- 8:00 a.m. Thomas J. O'Keefe *req. Cassidy Family*  
10:00 a.m. Jack Mattsson *req. Donohue Family*  
Evan Bunkie Beynon *req. Doubet Family*  
Lourdes Marasigan *req. Yolanda & Ed Cabrera*  
Jim Cuozzo *req. Tom & Dolores Floyd*  
12:00 p.m. Al Escalante *req. Ann & Mike Casella*

### Monday, October 15

- 8:00 a.m. Jack Mattsson (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
*req. Ilenko Family*  
11:30 a.m. Patrick O'Gorman *req. Doris Moore*

### Tuesday, October 16

- 8:00 a.m. All Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Kerrie Anne Prettitore *req. Ramos Family*

### Wednesday, October 17

- 8:00 a.m. Catherine White *req. Pam Biggs*  
11:30 a.m. Vivian Castaneda *req. Kelvin, Mary, Emily & Corey*

### Thursday, October 18

- 8:00 a.m. For the Protection of Babies in the Womb and  
their Families *req. Respect Life Ministry*  
11:30 a.m. Robert Armbruster *req. Marge Andrews*

### Friday, October 19

- 8:00 a.m. Patsy Velasquez *req. DeGregorio Family*  
11:30 a.m. Rosemarie Andreana *req. Ramsay Family*

### Saturday, October 20

- 9:00 a.m. Van Mai *req. Mary Connolly*  
5:30 p.m. Debbie Grammer *req. Mary Ann Joyce*  
Joseph & Julia O'Donnell *req. Ken & Denise Trynosky*  
Frances S. Fajardo McCabe  
Raymond Mayer *req. Teresa Yip & Prescott Scofield*

### Sunday, October 21

- 8:00 a.m. Mariano Depasucat *req. Gonzaga Family*  
10:00 a.m. John Coughlin *req. Cassidy Family*  
Philip R. Bernabeo *req. Mary Doreen DiGiacomo*  
Edward Dargento *req. Lou & Pat Walden*  
Anna Mondello *req. John & Lorraine Casey*  
12:00 p.m. Leonard Maselli *req. Cassidy Family*

## Prayers for the Sick

**We remember those who are ill, especially:** Pasquale Amato, Cathy Dargento, Richard Dolan, Connie Dooner, Bob Fleissner, Fred Gaudart, Joe Giannelli, Brandon Higgins, George Hull, Paul David Johnson, Erma McCarthy, Steven McDonnell, Joseph Neri, Alexis Nunez, Louise Pacos, Joe Rorro, Nicole Salzano, Paul Schimpf, Mary Thumann, Audrey Tracy and Mary Wilson.

Join us....for Coffee & Community   
**this Sunday after Mass during the Ministry Fair!**

**Connect with fellow parishioners over a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Stop into Community Hall after Mass!**



## St. Catharine's Reach-Out Ministry

*"Whatsoever you do for the least of my people, that you do for me..."*

Our special monthly food collection for the hungry poor in our inner-city parishes will take place at all masses **this weekend**. Donations will be delivered to St. Mary's Emergency Food Pantry.

## St. Catharine's Reach-Out Ministry Eva's Kitchen Volunteers

**Our next trip to Eva's Kitchen in Paterson will take place on Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> and we need your help!**

- **We need 14 volunteers** to make Apple Crisp dessert for Sunday's dinner. We supply the recipe and ask that you deliver it to the Ministry Center kitchen at 6:30pm on Saturday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

- **We need many volunteers** to help prepare **1200 meatballs** and to package our dessert on Saturday evening, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Ministry Center kitchen. Many hands make light work and we usually finish our preparation in 1 hour.

- **We need 18 volunteers** to journey with us to Paterson on **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** where we will cook and serve our hungry guests at Eva's Kitchen. We leave St. Catharine at 10am and are usually back in Glen Rock by 1pm.

**If you can help us in any way, please call:** Lorraine Casey 201-447-0639, Erma McCarthy 201-652-1460 or Michele O'Neill 201-794-1463.

**Clothing Drive - Time to Clean Out Your Closets!**  
**Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 8AM - 1PM - Drop Off at Holmes Rec Building**

**Needed Items:** clean and wearable men's, women's & children's clothing, shoes, accessories, handbags, belts, scarves, ties, hats, bedding, curtains, tablecloths, towels & stuffed animals!

This year also collecting SMALL toys (2ft or less), bikes & scooter, car seats-only w/base, & strollers. **Please NO:** sports equipment, pots/pans, games, books, puzzles, electrical devices, glass, large toys, high chairs or cribs.

**Please bag & tie items in strong garbage bags.** Contact Monika with any questions at [monika.rocks4@gmail.com](mailto:monika.rocks4@gmail.com).

*Clothing Drive sponsored by Academy of Our Lady's HSA.*

**AoOL receives 20 cents per pound - Thank you for participating!**



– The Eucharistic Presence of our Lord in the Tabernacle –

## The Sanctuary Lamp

Burning this weekend in loving memory of Edward Egan  
Donated by Susan & Jim Bull.



## Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Frances Murphy and Rose Pappagallo

Our parish community extends its deepest sympathy to the families on their loss.



Consider our parish school and the Academy advantage:  
Faith-Based Environment with a Strong Academic Curriculum

**Academy of Our Lady**  
www.academyofourlady.org

**Join us for our fall adult social: Comedy Night!**

Saturday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Community Hall. Dinner by Best of Everything & beer sponsored by Brooklyn Brewery. \$55 per person. For tickets visit: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/V2dLalae>

If you are interested in enrolling your child in a nurturing environment that combines academic excellence with a faith-filled experience, AoOL is for you! Please contact the school office at 201-445-0622 for more info or to arrange a visit.



Please support Academy of Our Lady this October by collecting Box Tops for Education from many popular products such as General Mills Cereals, Hefty, Ziploc and more!

**Look for the 'Box Tops for Education' logo on your home products - clip & drop them into the collection box in the entrance of the church this month. Each one is worth 10¢ for the school!**

Feel free to keep collecting throughout the year! Look for the Box Tops Robot in the school lobby. Thanks for your support!

**Safe Environment Policy**

**Attention Parish & AoOL Volunteers:**

**Make sure you are all set to volunteer this school year!**

Please contact the rectory for more information about our parish and school volunteer requirements.

**Questions? Call 201-445-3703 (Mon-Fri, 9AM - 3PM) or email [parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org)**

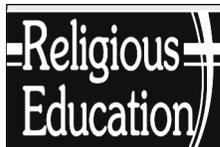
Compliance of the Archdiocese of Newark's **Safe Environment Policy** is required for all volunteers/employees (18 years/older) who work/volunteer with children in our parish or at Academy of Our Lady. This includes all CCD teachers/aides, CYO chaperones, AoOL classroom, lunch & library volunteers, class parents, HSA members, coaches, Scout leaders, etc.

**Safe Environment Policy requirements include:**

- 1) Attend a **Protecting God's Children Workshop**  
See below (recertification of PGC is required every 5 yrs)
- 2) Complete a **Volunteer Application** and **Archdiocesan Code of Conduct**
- 3) Complete **Criminal Background Check** (online, facilitated by rectory)

Volunteers that are **NEW** to PGC: Please register for a workshop online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

Volunteers who have **PREVIOUSLY TAKEN PGC**: Recertification is required every 5yrs. **Contact the rectory** (M-F 9am-3pm) at 201-445-3703 or [parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org) for your original VIRTUS 'user ID', which is needed to register online for another workshop. You may attend PGC again or you may choose the condensed class, *Keeping the Promise Alive Recertification Training*.



**Sunday Family Catechesis:** The first meeting for families with last names M-Z is next Sunday, Oct. 21. Please gather in church at 1:15pm.

**First Penance Parent Meeting:** (choose one)

Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 7:30pm **OR** Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 7:30pm  
Both meetings will be in Community Hall.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word - Starts Today!**

We welcome all children, ages 4½ through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, to participate in our Liturgy of the Word for Children program. No pre-registration is required, simply attend the **10AM Mass** on the following dates. The children will be led out of church into classrooms after opening prayers by LOTW teachers and will return to their parents in church after the Homily & Prayer of the Faithful.

**Upcoming Dates: Oct. 28, Nov. 11, 25**

Please consider volunteering! For more information contact the Rel. Ed. Office at [religiouseducation@stcatharinechurch.org](mailto:religiouseducation@stcatharinechurch.org) or 201-444-5690. Volunteers must be compliant with the Archdiocese of Newark's *Safe Environment Policy* (see this page).

Calling All High School Students!



**No CYO Tonight**

**CYO Next Sunday - Mass & Challenge**

**7 - 9PM in the Church**

**Join CYO This Year!** Visit [stcatharinechurch.org](http://stcatharinechurch.org), under the "youth" tab for registration information. Contact Youth Ministry Leader Megan Breitenbach with any questions at 551-579-0173 or [meganbreitenbach@gmail.com](mailto:meganbreitenbach@gmail.com).

Attention Young People of the Parish!

**Junior CYO**

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend our first Junior CYO event of the year! Junior CYO provides a fun, faith-based place for our middle school parishioners to get together for community, friends, faith & service!

**Join us this Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm in Community Hall** for music, games, and a community service project. We ask that each student bring 4-5 travel size toiletry items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.) which we will stuff into decorated bags that will be given to Children's Aid and Family Service of Bergen/Passaic County or to Family Promise when they temporarily shelter in our Parish. Registration is required and a parent must be present at drop off to sign in the child.

Please RSVP to [religiouseducation@stcatharinechurch.org](mailto:religiouseducation@stcatharinechurch.org).

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders Interested in Attending  
Catholic High School in September 2019**

The Catholic High School Placement Test (COOP) for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders applying to Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.njcoopexam.org](http://www.njcoopexam.org) to register or for more information. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program visit [www.catholicchoolsnj.org](http://www.catholicchoolsnj.org) or call 973-497-4260.



### Attention Students in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Altar Servers Wanted!



Becoming an Altar Server is a great way to serve our parish and learn more about your faith. Training will be held in the Church.

**Candidates must attend one training session each week:**

Monday 10/15, 6-7pm **OR** Friday, 10/19, 4-5pm **AND**

Monday 10/22, 6-7pm **OR** Friday, 10/26, 4-5pm

All students in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

**Training begins this week—sign up now!!** Please email parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org the following information by Monday morning: Student Name, Grade, School, Address, Parent Name, Phone, Parent email, and the weekend mass time that you regularly attend (we try to accommodate requests).

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another..." - 1 Peter 4:10*

### St. Catharine Food Pantry

Did you know that St. Catharine's has a Food Pantry? Since November 2011, the pantry has been helping numerous people/families in the community by providing bags of groceries to those in need, while ensuring privacy and confidentiality. If you or someone you know has an immediate or recurring need for groceries, please call or text Mary at 201-661-3651. We are grateful for the support of our many benefactors, who keep the pantry a reliable source of food for those in need.

### St. Ann's Knights of Columbus

**Italian Night Dinner Dance This Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.** Buffet dinner, dancing, beer, wine, soda & raffles. \$35/person. For more info contact Joe "T" at 201-377-8108.

**Karaoke Night** Can you carry a note? It doesn't really matter! Join us on **Friday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm** for a night of Karaoke and fun at St. Ann's K of C with DJ Marty Herman.

*K of C located at 16-16 Maple Ave in Fair Lawn.*

### Catholic High School Open Houses

**Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township: Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm and Thursday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm.** For more information please visit [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com).

**Paramus Catholic: Wednesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm.** For more info call 201-445-4466 ext. 104.

**Mary Help of Christians Academy in North Haledon: Sunday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.** Visit [maryhelp.org/open-house](http://maryhelp.org/open-house) for info.

**Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest: Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm.** For more info please visit [www.holyangels.org](http://www.holyangels.org).

**Saint Peter's Preparatory in Jersey City: Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm.** For more info call 201-547-6389 or visit [www.spprep.org](http://www.spprep.org).

**Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey: Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm.** For more info visit [www.donboscoprep.org](http://www.donboscoprep.org) or call 201-327-8003.

**Bergen Catholic in Oradell: Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-9pm.** Visit [www.bergencatholic.org](http://www.bergencatholic.org) or call 201-634-4151 for more info.

**Saint Joseph Regional in Montvale: Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-9 pm.** For more info call 201-391-3300 or visit [www.sjrmj.org](http://www.sjrmj.org).

**Immaculate Conception in Montclair: Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm.** Visit [admission@ICHSpride.org](mailto:admission@ICHSpride.org) or call 973-744-7445, ext. 24.

**Seton Hall Prep: Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm.** Call 973-325-6640.



Mothers Organized to Help, Educate, Recreate & Support

### M.O.T.H.E.R.S.

St. Catharine's MOTHERS was founded more than 25 years ago as a support group and social outlet for moms with children of all ages. The group offers weekly playgroups, family activities, socials, book group, recipe group, yoga, community outreach and spiritual events.

Join us for fun, reflection, and giving back to our community, become a part of MOTHERS today! Please contact Erin Matyger at [erin.matyger@gmail.com](mailto:erin.matyger@gmail.com) or Kristina Lautermilch at [klautermilch@gmail.com](mailto:klautermilch@gmail.com) for more information.



Join the Shawl Ministry this October! **We will meet this Tuesday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Ministry Center.** Our ministry fashions, blesses & donates handmade prayer shawls and lapghans. These gifts benefit those who face bereavement, illness or other life changing challenges.

**Everyone is invited to join us - No experience is necessary!**

Directions, materials and mutual support are freely offered. Email shawl requests to [stcatharineshawlministry@gmail.com](mailto:stcatharineshawlministry@gmail.com) or call the rectory 201-445-3703. Recipients need not be parishioners, our creations have literally been sent around the world!

**Do you love being married? Would you be willing to share your experiences with young couples preparing for a life time together? If you are blessed with a solid, happy marriage and would like to share your success with others, join our team!** The Pre Cana Ministry offers a 1-day marriage preparation program, sponsored by the archdiocese, for 25 to 30 couples twice a year.

Topics covered during the day include Communication, Family Life, Finances, Spiritual Married Life and more! Our atmosphere is relaxed and casual while providing insight into the building blocks of a successful marriage rooted in Catholic faith and doctrine. And since we only offer Pre Cana twice a year, your time commitment is manageable! Please contact Chris & Tom Ayers for more information at [Ayerstc@optonline.net](mailto:Ayerstc@optonline.net).

We are also looking for help with set up and clean up so if you are a high school student who needs service hours please let us know!

### Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown invites St. Catharine and OLMC parishioners to attend one of their upcoming silent retreats.

A **Silent CO-ED Retreat, Ignatian Spiritual Retreat**, will be offered on Nov. 9-11. Loyola will also be offering a **Silent Advent Women's Retreat, Mary, Our Mother**, on Dec. 7-9.

If you can gift yourself with one of these special, spiritual experiences, please let us know as soon as possible so we can reserve your space on the weekend of your choice. For more info or to reserve your space, call Mary Weinstein 201-773-6239 or Erma McCarthy 201-652-1460. Visit [www.loyola.org](http://www.loyola.org).



### Sharing the Gift of Treasure

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." -MARK 10:25*

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

Sunday Collection September 2017 \$55,902 (4 Sundays)  
 Sunday Collection September 2018 \$61,618 (5 Sundays)

Maintenance & Repair September 2017 \$7,560  
 Maintenance & Repair September 2018 \$6,701

Eastern Europe 2017 \$1,115  
 Eastern Europe 2018 \$1,047  
 Catholic University 2018 \$ 938

**Thank you for your generosity to St. Catharine!**

### Special Mass & Support Group Meeting

A special mass & support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place in Closter on **Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** at 12noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly infected with the abuse of alcohol or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201-768-7565.

Madonna Cemetery in Fort Lee has added a new mausoleum section called "All Saints". It includes several liturgical features of saints and represents the ethnic diversity of our community. There are private and semi-private areas with options of single and double interment. For more information please look for the brochures in the narthex of our church or call 866-392-1951.



Donating to our church has never been so easy! *Faith Direct* allows our parishioners the convenience to make Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account, or through your credit/debit card. You can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make other payments. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. Call 1-866-507-8757 with any questions. **Please enroll online today!**

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is NJ708.



**Prayer for Our Troops** O God of mercy, we ask You to protect in a special way those who are fighting for us and for the country we love. Bless them and take care of them. Give them strength. Give them comfort. Touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them. Hasten the day, dear Lord, when we may all enjoy the blessings of peace once more. Amen.

### Association of Mature Parishioners St. Catharine AMPs



Our next AMPs meeting is this **Thursday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM** in the newly renovated Holmes Rec Building. At this meeting we will have the pleasure of Julie Dellatorre, a professional Story Teller for our entertainment. **We hope you will plan on joining us!** Dues of \$20 for the year will be collected at the meeting.

**New members are always welcome!**

AMPs is a social group for parishioners who are 50 years or older. Our monthly meetings alternate between visiting entertainers and speakers on various topics. Activities also include sharing meals, trips, special events & good works. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month, September - May, from 1:30 - 4PM.

Support for Unemployed / Underemployed

### St. Cajetan Ministry Network

**Attention Unemployed Parishioners** The St. Cajetan Ministry Network (parishes of St. Catharine's and St. Anne's) invites all unemployed/underemployed men & women to join their ministry which provides support through prayer & helpful guidance in the job search process. If you know of someone who is out of work tell them about the St. Cajetan Ministry Network. For more information contact Ed Grzesiak at 201-321-5144, John Lederer at 201-286-9354 or Joe Bonis at 201-390-7169.

#### Upcoming dates:

Thur, Oct. 25: St. Catharine's Ministry Center (1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting rm)  
 Sat, Oct. 27: St. Anne's Faith Center, Fair Lawn (rectory, lower level)  
 Meeting times: Saturdays from 10am - 12noon; Thursdays from 7 - 9pm

**Take a leap of faith and get involved with 40 Days for Life!** Join hundreds of thousands of people in cities worldwide participating in *40 Days for Life* this fall, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. We stand in peaceful, prayer vigil across from Women's Choice abortion facility, 10 Zabriskie St, Hackensack. Join Pro-Lifers from 7AM -7PM, Monday-Sunday. For more info contact at Margaret at 201-805-0937 or [scullyfam@yahoo.com](mailto:scullyfam@yahoo.com) or [www.40daysforlife.com/hackensack](http://www.40daysforlife.com/hackensack). Your presence will make a difference and maybe save a baby's life!

**How to Report Abuse:** The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse also to reach out to the Prosecutor. Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

### Next Weekend's Presiders

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|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday, 10/20                 | 5:30 p.m.  | Fr. John              |
| Sunday, 10/21                   | 8:00 a.m.  | Fr. Tom               |
|                                 | 10:00 a.m. | Salesian of Don Bosco |
| <i>Always subject to change</i> | 12:00 p.m. | Fr. Bogumil           |



*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,  
not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another”  
- Hebrews 10:24-25*

We have all been hearing in recent weeks about the scandal in our church. Fr. Tom has written about it, various priests and deacons have preached about it, and, of course, it has been in all forms of media. As a staff, we wanted to take a moment to assure you, our church family, that our parish is a safe place to be, for our children to be.

The Archdiocese of Newark has strict policies in place that include background checks and training of all employees AND volunteers. We have always, and will continue to, maintain the highest professional standards in conducting the work of the parish.

St. Catharine Parish is our church, our home, our family. Let us all continue to work together to pray for the Church and remain committed to spreading the Good News by our works and actions.

God Bless us all!

The Parish Staff