

St. Catharine

Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, December 9, 2018

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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: Jan. 13th, Mar. 3rd, May 19th and June 23rd. 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 - 8th 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.

A Lost Art or a Curse

There is an aspect of Advent that is very challenging to people in our culture in the 21st century. I am referring to the idea of waiting. If truth be told, we don't wait very well. There is an instant quality that we all seek, if not demand, brought on largely by the advances in technology. We don't only want things, we want things now, if not sooner.

When people visit my office, they often comment how slow my computer is in bringing up a website, or anything else it is supposed to do. As a matter of fact, I find myself apologizing for that. That slow computer might take 3-4 seconds or maybe even a tad longer at times, and to us, that is too slow.

It is one thing to demand that kind of speed in some aspects of our life, but it does not work that way across the board. Things of value often take time. There is a process and it cannot always be instant. I am reminded of one of the most important books in my life, *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. In the story, the fox would want to know when the little boy was coming so that he could enjoy the anticipation, as much as the actual arrival, of his friend.

That is the kind of waiting we speak of in the Advent season, to enjoy and celebrate the baby born in Bethlehem but to also enjoy all the days that lead up to that holy event. It is not idle waiting, like at a train or bus station, simply passing time until it arrives. This waiting involves preparation, namely, preparing our hearts so that we can embody the Christmas message by the way we live.

So I am not criticizing the ways we make our lives more efficient and less wasteful, but cautioning that things of real value do involve time and investment in order to receive the fullness of joy that comes with things of lasting value. We have a little more than 2 weeks to get ready to celebrate mightily the true gift and meaning of this holiday time. It is not enough to put Christ in our Merry Christmas; we need to put Christ at the center of all we do. When that happens, we will that a well spent Advent will make it worth the wait.

I do not want to close without thanking the individuals and ministries that added to the blessing and lighting of our Christmas tree this past Sunday. Generous individuals gave of their time and money, whether it be in the decorating of the trees, the 38 or so parishioners who home baked approximately 600 cookies, and all those who came out as individuals, couples and families to make a joyful celebration. Between our beautiful crèche and magnificent lit trees, we are proclaiming Christ and Christmas to all who pass by!

Fu. Tom



Welcome We're glad you're here!



December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.

- Baruch 5:7

Today's Readings

First Reading Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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Awaiting the Salvation of God

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Bambinelli Sunday - Next Weekend

Each year, on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for Bambinelli Sunday. Each family brings with them the figure of the Christ Child - the "Bambinelli" - from their family's Nativity scene. During the Noontime Angelus prayer, the Pope blesses the children and the figurines they have brought.



All are invited to bring the Christ Child figurine from your home crèche for a blessing next weekend, Dec. 15/16. The blessing will take place at all masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 8

5:30 p.m. Geraldine M. Barry *req. Cynthia & Ron Barry*
 Nancy Rizzi *req. Ken & Denise Trynosky*
 Lorraine Foltz *req. Burns Family*
 Roberta Maguire (Living Intention)
req. Morel Family

Sunday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Catherine White *req. Mary & Peter Weinstein*
 10:00 a.m. Arthur Thompson (10th Anniversary)
req. Joe, Kathy and Kids
 Helen Fazio *req. John & Eileen Kennedy*
 Nancy Rizzi *req. Shekari Family*
 Muriel McHugh *req. Lesso Family*
 12:00 p.m. Joseph Tizio *req. Ilenko Family*

Monday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Robert Brennan *req. Kevin & Anne Brennan*
 11:30 a.m. Romualdo DeSensi *req. Vila Family*

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Edward & Dolores Bennett *req. Estate*
 11:30 a.m. Bob Fleissner *req. Ken & Denise Trynosky*

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention *req. Robert Bernabeo*
 11:30 a.m. Armand & Diana Adorino *req. Hirschberg Family*

Thursday, December 13

8:00 a.m. All Parishioners
 11:30 a.m. Richard B. Fischer *req. Vila Family*

Friday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Robert Fleissner *req. Tracey Morin & Family*
 11:30 a.m. Robert Walshe *req. Dorothea Zurla*

Saturday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Daniel E. Torpey *req. Rose Marie Barone*
 5:30 p.m. Peter Tracy *req. Audrey Tracy*
 Carrie Lemieux *req. Lemieux Family*
 Jay, John Sr., & John Jr. Orrico
req. Stephanie Orrico
 Deacon Salvatore Licata *req. Ilenko Family*

Sunday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Peter S. O'Brien *req. Bernadette C. O'Brien*
 10:00 a.m. John Bogovich *req. Bogovich Family*
 Valentina Turley *req. Ilenko Family*
 Protection of babies in the womb & their families
req. Pro Life Ministry
 Mark Klein *req. Shawn Emery*
 12:00 p.m. Margaret Mary Kennedy Salzano
req. Salzano Family



Christmas Giving 2018

Gift tags have been distributed for the following three groups. Please place gifts, with the gift tag you received, on the outside of the package and place your gift in the Church Rotunda in the marked place. Gifts for New Bridge (formerly Bergen Regional) and St. Mary's Parish may be wrapped, but gifts for Eastern Christian please use individual gift bags or store bags.

Adults at:

New Bridge Medical Center (formerly named Bergen Regional Med. Center)
Eastern Christian Children's Retreat (ECCR)

➔ **Adult Groups must be returned THIS WEEKEND, Sunday, Dec. 9th or they will miss delivery for Christmas.**

Children at:

St. Mary's Parish, Jersey City

➔ **Children's gifts must be returned NEXT WEEKEND, Sunday, Dec. 16th or they will miss delivery for Christmas.**

May God Bless you and thank you so much for your generosity!

All Are Invited!

The St. Catharine Youth Ministry Presents

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



A beautiful, spiritual Christmas gift to our parish community.

Please join us in the Church Next Sunday, Dec. 16th at 7PM to prepare for the birth of our Savior!

Please Support Our **Advent Monetary Collection**

Please consider supporting our Advent Monetary Collection that benefits our **St. Catharine Reach-Out Ministry**. This collection helps our Ministry team feed the hungry and poor in our inner-cities. **Look for the Reach-Out Ministry collection boxes in the Narthex throughout Advent.** God Bless You and thank you!

Prayers for the Sick

We remember those who are ill, especially: Pasquale Amato, Jim Bull, Cathy Dargento, Richard Dolan, Connie Dooner, 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, Hank Thissen, Mary Thumann, Audrey Tracy and Mary Wilson.



Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Theresa Wesolowski, Bob Fleissner and Catharine Felicity Arcede
 Our parish community extends its deepest sympathy to the families on their loss.

Eucharistic Bread and Sacramental Wine

Donated this weekend in loving memory of
 Bob Fleissner
 by St. Catharine AMPs





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www.academyofourlady.org

Teacher Feature My name is Tricia Messler, and I am delighted to be part of the faculty at AoOL this year! I have a wonderful 5th grade homeroom class and teach 5th & 6th grade Language Arts. This month, my colleagues Mrs. Conniff, Mr. Palmerini, and I have been preparing the 5th graders for a presentation of the **Annual Christmas Pageant**. The students are very excited to share the joy of the night of Jesus's birth **this Thursday, Dec. 13th at 7pm** in St. Catharine Church. All are invited!

Congratulations! The AoOL RoboNation team competed in the Regional Robotics Qualifying Event and won the honor advancing to the State Robotics Tournament this weekend. The Academy team also received the Champions Award recognizing overall excellence across all categories of the competition: robot design, research project, core values, and the robot challenge. The team was particularly recognized by the judges for demonstrated excellent in the core values of teamwork and respect.

Please support AoOL's Calendar Raffle! There are 99 chances to win! Prizes include: (84) \$50 prizes; (11) \$100 prizes; (3) \$300 prizes, and (1) \$4,000 prize! Tickets are available Dec. 1 through Feb. 28. Drawings will be held March 1 through June 7. Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend and the weekends of January 19/20 & 26/27, February 9/10 and 23/24. Please email academyraffle@gmail.com for more information. Thank you for supporting our parish school!

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.

Safe Environment Policy
Attention Parish & AoOL Volunteers:

A Protecting God's Children Workshop will be offered in Community Hall on Friday, Jan. 11 at 9:30am.

Pre-registration is required. If this is your first time registering for PGC, go to www.virtusonline.org and follow directions for registration. If you have previously attended PGC and need to recertify (every 5 yrs), please call the rectory for instructions. All volunteers who work with children in our parish must attend a PGC Workshop. PGC Workshops are part of the Archdiocese's Safe Environment Policy, educating church volunteers to create child-safe environments, empowering caring adults to protect children.

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

Join us.... for Coffee & Community

Next Sunday, Dec. 16th after Mass!



Monday CCD will meet on Dec. 10 & 17

Family Catechesis Advent Activity Sunday is TODAY, Sunday, December 9th. We

will have two sessions beginning in the church: Last names **A-L from 1:15-3pm**. Last names **M-Z from 3-4:45pm**.

First Reconciliation Experience Workshop will be on **Saturday, Dec. 15th for last names M-Z**. We meet in the Church at 11am. A parent should attend with student.

Grade 7 Student Meeting on **Tuesday, Dec. 18th from 7:30-8:45pm** in Community Hall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We welcome all children, ages 4½ through 4th 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: December 16 and 23

Please consider volunteering! For more information contact the Rel. Ed. Office at 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!

CYO Tonight - Christmas Crafts!

7-9PM in the gym

Next Sunday: Festival of Lights

It's not too late to join CYO! To register or find out more information visit stcatharinechurch.org, under the "youth" tab. Contact Youth Ministry Leader Megan Breitenbach with any questions at meganbreitenbach@gmail.com or 551-579-0173.

Ride Needed

A parishioner is in need of a ride to the 5:30 Mass on Saturdays. Her aid does not drive so the requirements would be to drive her wheelchair accessible car from Oak Street in Fair Lawn to mass & back, no lifting is required. If you can help please call Frank at 201-445-6318 or Fr. Bogumil at 201-445-3703.



Advent Prayer

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for His coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.



Join the Shawl Ministry this December! **We will meet this Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 10AM AND Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 7:30PM in the Ministry Center.** Our ministry fashions, blesses & donates hand-made 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 or call the rectory 201-445-3703. Recipients need not be parishioners, our creations have literally been sent around the world!

Adults in their 20s & 30s are welcomed to come together to meet people their age who share in the Catholic faith.

Inspire Young Adult Ministry Advent Evening of Reflection

Come together to enter into the season of Advent! Holy Hour with reflection and confessions, followed by fellowship.

Please join us on Monday, Dec. 17 at 7:30pm

Theme: "The People were Filled with Expectation"

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Ridgewood, NJ

Join us and bring a friend - adults ages 21-35 are welcome!

No registration required. For more info email Fr. Bogumil at frbogumil@gmail.com OR olmcyoungadults123@gmail.com.

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St. Catharine's Reach-Out Ministry

Our special monthly food collection for the hungry poor in our inner-city parishes will take place **this weekend**. Donations will be delivered to St. Mary's Emergency Food Pantry. Please remember the hungry as you shop and bring a bag filled with your generosity in Jesus' name to the Narthex. **Thank you!**

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, Dec. 15th at 12noon. Our celebrant will be Cardinal Tobin.**

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.

Advent Confession Opportunities in Church:

Wednesday, December 19th from 7- 8 PM

Thursday, December 20th from 7- 8 PM



Christmas Eve - Monday, Dec. 24th

4:00 PM Family Liturgy

6:00 PM Liturgy

9:30 PM Sacred Songs & Carols

10:00 PM Solemn Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Day - Tuesday, Dec. 25th

8:00 AM Liturgy

10:00 AM Liturgy

12:00 PM Liturgy



Candlelight Carol Sing



The **48th Annual Candlelight Carol Sing** will be held at the **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark this Wednesday, Dec. 12th and Thursday, Dec. 13th at 8pm** (two performances). Doors open at 7pm. The Carol Sing has become one of the most significant Christmas concerts in northern New Jersey. The ambiance of candle light and season décor, along with the Cathedral Choir, organ, brass, percussion and thousands of participants, combine to create an event that must be experienced. Free will donation. Call 973-484-2400 or visit www.cathedralbasilica.org for more info.

Faith and Grief Luncheon

Open to all faiths, Faith & Grief Luncheons are opportunities for those mourning the loss of a loved one to gather together and be strengthened through sharing, scripture, prayer & reflection. In cooperation with Valley Hospice, CHCC offers these gatherings on the third Wednesday of the month and include a complimentary lunch. Faith & Grief is a ministry of compassion that provides an opportunity for people dealing with grief and loss to share a meal and talk with trained facilitators and others who are experiencing the same issues.

The next luncheon is **Wednesday, Dec. 19th** from 12noon - 1pm at the Christian Health Care Center Auditorium, 700 Mountain Ave., Wyckoff. Register at www.faithandgrief.org. Contact CHCC Pastoral Care Dept. at 201-848-5839 for more info.



Save the Date - March for Life

All are invited to join the St. Catharine Respect Life Ministry's bus pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for

March for Life on Friday, January 18th.

Please watch for details & sign up information in upcoming bulletins.



Sharing the Gift of Treasure

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”
- PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Thank you for your generosity to St. Catharine!



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. Our parish code is NJ708.

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.
-St. Nicholas

Homebound Visits

Physical injury, old age, or debilitating disease can prevent our parishioners from participating regularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. During such times, contact with your community of faith is needed more than ever. We can arrange for you to receive the Eucharist in your home on a permanent or temporary basis. Visits can be weekly or monthly and may be done any day of the week. For more information please contact Frank Mikos at 201-445-6318 or f.mikos62@yahoo.com.



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 Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Brownstone in Paterson will be held in December.

Our next AMPs monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday, Jan. 17th at 1:30PM** in the Holmes Rec Building. **We hope you will plan on joining us!** Dues of \$20 for the year may be paid 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, Dec. 20: St. Catharine's Ministry Center (1st floor meeting rm)
Sat, Dec. 22: St. Anne's Faith Center, Fair Lawn (rectory, lower level)
Meeting times: Saturdays from 10am - 12noon; Thursdays from 7-9pm

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.



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Next Weekend's Presiders

Saturday, 12/15	5:30 p.m.	Fr. John
Sunday, 12/16	8:00 a.m.	Salesian of Don Bosco
	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Tom
<i>Always subject to change</i>	12:00 p.m.	Fr. Bogumil



Christmas Flowers Dedication

All are invited to dedicate flowers to adorn the Church during the Christmas season in honor of a living or deceased loved one.

Dedicated to _____

Who is _____ living (In Honor of)

_____ deceased (In Memory of)

Amount of Dedication: _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 \$_____ Other

Type of payment: _____ Check _____ Cash _____ Online Payment at Faith Direct*

*Faith Direct users: <http://bit.ly/FDFlowers>

*Non-Faith Direct users: <http://bit.ly/cflowers>

Dedication made by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Return this form and your donation in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the rectory:

St. Catharine Church
905 South Maple Avenue, Glen Rock, NJ 07452
Attn: Christmas Flowers

Please make checks payable to St. Catharine Church.

Donations should be received by December 21st . Thank you!

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

As the members of St. Catharine's Finance Council, we are pleased to furnish you with the enclosed Summary of Revenues and Expenses for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018. To ease comparison year over year, this Summary includes revenues and expenses for Fiscal Year '17 as well.

These numbers speak for themselves, but we'd like to bring a few things to your attention. You'll see that the parish's annual "ordinary expenses" are now almost \$1,100,000, yet our "faith giving" (that which goes in the basket or via Faith Direct) during the course of the year falls well short of that. Our ordinary income is still \$50,000 shy of what we need to cover ordinary expenses.

This fiscal year the \$50,000 shortage was covered by a boost from "special gifts and bequests," which amounted to just over \$87,000. The parish deeply appreciates this generosity, but we're mindful of the fact that we can't count on this kind of income to continue in the years to come. By their very nature, "special gifts and bequests" are non-recurring and can vary substantially from one year to the next, as is evidenced with the falloff from FY'17 to FY'18 of \$50,000. Most special gifts are earmarked for special projects or non-recurring capital projects, as was the case again in FY '18.

Of our total capital expenditures of \$53,410 in FY '18, the largest expenditures were the much-needed new steps to our front entrance and the Holmes Building renovation due to the fire. The majority of these costs were covered by what we received from the Archdiocese for the Living Stones campaign and insurance reimbursements. However, their total costs exceeded the incoming funds. Rather than cutting corners on these projects to get short-term savings, we concluded that using the best materials, employing the best workmanship, and including much needed upgrades for these projects made the most sense in the long term, insuring that these upgrades would last and provide benefit to the parish for years to come.

A final thought: while we normally don't like to think of it this way, doing the Lord's Work is, in some respects, a business like any other. Any business requires regular income. As a parish we need to keep that in mind, and to be as generous as we possibly can in our faith giving, not just on special occasions like Christmas and Easter (as important as they are), but throughout the year as well. Therefore, we ask for your continued support to help eliminate the ordinary income shortage, so we can continue to serve our parishioners well and maintain our many wonderful parish ministries.

Many thanks for your generosity and for all you do for St. Catharine.

Respectfully,

Michele Theuerkauf

Ann Boyle

Bill Hansen

Bob Hemmer

Bob Stickle

Dennis Looney

Father Tom

Mary Ann Galati (Trustee)

Marty Petrais (Trustee)

St. Catharine R.C. Church
Comparative Summary of Revenues and Expenses

	July 1 - June 30		
	FY 2018	FY 2017	Change
<u>Faith Giving:</u>			
Sunday Offertory Collection	\$ 683,625	\$ 684,600	\$ (975)
Christmas Collection	119,487	100,966	18,521
Easter Collection	53,673	56,330	(2,657)
Monthly Maintenance Collection	99,248	96,514	2,734
Total Faith Giving	956,033	938,410	17,623
<u>Other Income:</u>			
Religious Ed Tuition & Fees	64,710	65,830	(1,120)
Other Income	7,420	12,720	(5,300)
Total Other Income	72,130	78,550	(6,420)
<u>Ordinary Expenses:</u>			
Salaries / Benefits	604,328	613,346	(9,018)
Archdiocesan Assessments	156,744	152,988	3,756
Repairs, Maintenance & Insurance	114,639	116,414	(1,775)
Contracted & Professional Services	43,301	50,752	(7,451)
Supplies & Equipment	82,384	89,062	(6,678)
Utilities	77,471	75,820	1,651
Total Ordinary Expenses	1,078,867	1,098,382	(19,515)
Net Ordinary Deficit	(50,704)	(81,422)	30,718
<u>Non-recurring Revenue & Expenses:</u>			
Special Gifts and bequests	87,041	137,223	(50,182)
Capital Projects expense	(53,410)	(1,100)	(52,310)
Interest income	5,775	4,112	1,663
Other revenue & expense (net)	(3,003)	(3,638)	635
Total Non-Recurring Revenue & Expenses	36,403	136,597	(100,194)
Total Net (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (14,301)	\$ 55,175	\$ (69,476)