



Saturday February 20
 5:30 pm Paul McEntyre and Robert Halm

Sunday February 21 *Second Sunday in Lent*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:00 am J. Victor and Sophronia Lynch
 10:30 am Tricia Coniglio
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag

Monday February 22 *Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*
 6:45 am Rose Razzano
 12:00 pm Blanca Taylor

Tuesday February 23
 6:45 am Alyce Falduto
 12:00 pm Eric and Mary Joseph

Wednesday February 24
 6:45 am Allen Feehan
 12:00 pm Jo-Mary Vieira

Thursday February 25
 6:45 am Alyce Falduto
 12:00 pm Robert Dircks

Friday February 26
 6:45 am Theresa Kenworthy
 12:00 pm James Bergen

Saturday February 27
 8:00 am G. Douglas and Marilyn Humphrey
 5:30 pm Adeline Annese and David Pierce

Sunday February 28 *Third Sunday in Lent*
 7:30 am Mary Sekel
 9:00 am Jude Selvaratnam
 10:30 am Msgr. Edward Hajduk and Herbert A. Young
 12:00 pm Our Parishioners

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Kristin Petrsek, Connie Ingrassia, Christopher Fraclose, Kevin Cunniff, Arline Forte, Nancy Huber, Gene Caulfield, Jeanine Niehoff, Saskia Kane, Joy Skubic, Edward Sotelo, Sr. Bernadette Weller, Joan Kellenberger, Marie Cardone, Robert Walsh, Fran Wolf, Jack Boyland, Christa Fairclough, Bob Noonan, and Shannon Halm.

STEWARDSHIP

Collection for February 15, 2015	\$ 2,920.
MASS ATTENDANCE 363	
February 14, 2016 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,272
ParishPay	520
Total	\$ 7,792
MASS ATTENDANCE 526	
Collection for Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,387.
God bless you for your generosity.	

**Scripture Readings
 February 28, 2016
 Sunday of Lent**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

FEB 27/28 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

5:30 pm	Fr. Jared Brogan
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9:00 am	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin
10:30 am	Fr. Michael Sullivan (mission)
12:00 pm	Fr. Jim Termyna

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 22

CCD Grade 2 and Parents	4:00 to 5:15pm
CCD Grade 8	7:30 to 9:00pm
Welcome Home Reconciliation	7:00 to 8:30pm

Tuesday, February 23

CCD Grade 1 & 3	4:00 to 5:15pm
CCD Grade 6	7:00 to 8:15pm

Wednesday, February 24

<i>Lent & Easter</i> class with Sr. Bernadette	11:00 to 12:00pm
Prayer Group	1:00 to 2:00pm
CCD Grades 1 & 4, and Mrs. Abel's Grade 2	4:00 to 5:15pm
CCD Grade 9	7:30 to 9:00pm

Thursday, February 25

CCD Grades 1 & 5	4:00 to 5:15pm
Choir practice	7:00 to 9:00pm

Friday, February 26

Soup Supper	5:45 to 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm

Saturday, February 27

CCD Gr 2 Retreat	10:00am to 12:30pm
Confession	4:00 to 5:00pm

Sunday, March 28

Parish Mission	7:30 to 8:30pm
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From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Pope Francis' Lenten Message cont'd

3. *The works of mercy*

God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged. For this reason, I expressed my hope that "the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; this will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty, and to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy" (ibid., 15). For in the poor, the flesh of Christ "becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us" (ibid.). It is the unprecedented and scandalous mystery of the extension in time of the suffering of the Innocent Lamb, the burning bush of gratuitous love. Before this love, we can, like Moses, take off our sandals (cf. Ex 3:5), especially when the poor are our brothers or sisters in Christ who are suffering for their faith.

In the light of this love, which is strong as death (cf. Song 8:6), the real poor are revealed as those who refuse to see themselves as such. They consider themselves rich, but they are actually the poorest of the poor. This is because they are slaves to sin, which leads them to use wealth and power not for the service of God and others, but to stifle within their hearts the profound sense that they too are only poor beggars. The greater their power and wealth, the more this blindness and deception can grow. It can even reach the point of being blind to Lazarus begging at their doorstep (cf. Lk 16:20-21). Lazarus, the poor man, is a figure of Christ, who through the poor pleads for our conversion. As such, he represents the possibility of conversion which God offers us and which we may well fail to see. Such blindness is often accompanied by the proud illusion of our own omnipotence, which reflects in a sinister way the diabolical "you will be like God" (Gen 3:5) which is the root of all sin. This illusion can likewise take social and political forms, as shown by the totalitarian systems of the twentieth century, and, in our own day, by the ideologies of monopolizing thought and technoscience, which would make God irrelevant and reduce man to raw material to be exploited. This illusion can also be seen in the sinful structures linked to a model of false development based on the idolatry of money, which

leads to lack of concern for the fate of the poor on the part of wealthier individuals and societies; they close their doors, refusing even to see the poor.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

WORDS OF MERCY AND HOPE BY POPE FRANCIS

To this end, it is important that the Church in the United States also be a humble home, a family fire that attracts men and women through the attractive light and warmth of love. (*Meeting with Bishops of the US*)



Lent 2016

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Daily Eucharist:

6:45 am & 12 pm (Monday-Friday)
8:00 am (Saturday)

Sunday Eucharist:

5:30 pm (Saturday)
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Lenten Parish Mission

Fr. Michael Sullivan, OSA
February 28th – March 2nd at 7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 pm

February 26th Fr. Jared
March 4th 8th & 9th grade
March 11th Religious Education
March 18th Fr. Jared

Lenten Soup Dinner

February 26th at 5:45 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Mondays: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (through March 14)

Adult Formation

Presentation on Pope Francis'
The Name of God is Mercy
Tuesday, March 8, 15, & 22 at 7:30 pm with Fr. Jared

"Lent & Easter: A Historical Perspective"

Wednesdays at 11:00 am with Sr. Bernadette Weller
February 24; March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6



**NEWS FROM
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OFFICE**

The Religious Education office is looking for someone to catechize / teach three young girls who are in 2nd and 4th grades on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:15. Please call the religious education office at (973) 334-5257 for more information.

- 1st through 6th grade classes resume February 22 – 25
- 8th grade classes begin Monday, February 22 7:30- 9:00 pm
- 9th grade classes begin Wednesday, February 24 7:30- 9:00 pm
- First Holy Communion retreat with the Salesian Sisters at St. Catherine's 10:00 am– 12:30 pm Saturday, February 27

Thanks and God bless,
Lisa Gervasio



St. Catherine's will be holding a **Way of the Cross for Children and Families** on **Friday, March 11 at 7:00 pm**, with a practice on March 3 at 7:00 pm. We are looking for families to participate. The families will do a scripture reading and a reflection. We

have beautiful poster that reflect the Stations of the Cross and music will be played. What a beautiful way to learn about Jesus' with your family. Come renew and deepen your relationship with God and the whole Church.

For more information or to sign up to participate, call the Religious Education office at (973) 334-5257, or email at DRE@stcatherine-ml.org



**Following Jesus
the Light of the World**

Make your summer ROCK! Come dig deeper with us at Vacation Bible School at St. Catherine's.

SAVE THE DATE: June 27 – July 1, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Registration opens March 5th.

ST. CATHERINE'S LENTEN MISSION

A Parish Retreat... A Time of Grace
Fr. Michael P. Sullivan, OSA
Sunday, February 28 – Wednesday, March 2

Ordained in 1967, Fr. Sullivan spent eight years in parish ministry in New York. He has been a member of the executive board of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and in 1980 was appointed to full time retreat work and parish renewal preaching. In March 2006, Father received the 2006 St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal, the highest award granted by the Alumni Association, in recognition of his support of the Villanova mission.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, February 28, 7:30 pm***
To Be Born Again
- **Monday, February 29, 7:30 pm**
The Healing Love of Jesus
There will be opportunity for individual confessions following the presentation.
- **Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 pm**
The Call to be Church
- **Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 pm**
Our Response to the Call
A social will follow in the parish center

**Babysitting will be provided*

SOUP AND STATIONS

On **Friday, February 26**, St. Catherine's will hold a Lenten Soup Supper in the gym at 5:45 pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. It is a great opportunity to share a simple Lenten meal and pray with the family. There is a sign-up sheet in the church for those who are interested in coming to the supper.

ST. CATHERINE'S WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Annual women's retreat, *Letting Go and Letting God: Women on Journey this Jubilee Year*, will be held at Villa Pauline Retreat House in Mendham **March 11, 12, & 13**, led by Fr. Rocco Danzi, SJ, Director of Campus Ministry at St. Peter's University in Jersey City. Cost is \$175 and includes sleeping accommodations, six meals, five conferences, two Masses, stations of the cross, recitation of the rosary, confession, meditation and socializing. Can't make the whole weekend? Come Saturday from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm for \$80, or 1-night and day for \$125. Cost includes meals. To make your reservation, please call Cretia Rotella @ 201-919-1060 or Cheryl Clark @ 973-885-0908.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The Appeal is essential to the work of the Church in reaching out to those in great need who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner-city area education and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. May God bless you for your support!

Tax statements will be sent upon request. Please note records are kept only for those who use envelopes.

LUNCH WITH A LEPRECHAUN

Saturday, March 5 Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council #3359 will host **Lunch with a Leprechaun** from noon to 2:00 pm in the parish center. Enjoy corned beef, hot dogs, soda, coffee, tea, scones and cupcakes while being entertained with Irish dancers and musicians, plus a visit from our honored guest, the leprechaun. Children age 3 to 12, \$8. Adults \$12. Tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds benefit our troops.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP

Pizza Night with Bishop is **Tuesday, March 1 at 7pm** at Morris Catholic High School. All young men of high school age and older are invited to participate in this evening of prayer, discussion and fraternity with Bishop Serratelli and other young men as well as priests from around the diocese. Please contact Fr. Jared if interested.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, March 10** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program will be, "*Spring forward with New Hope*" (sharing photos of our children). For more information, please call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Join Morris County Right To Life at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, **8:00 am to 8:00 pm seven days a week now through Palm Sunday, March 20**. Bring signs to hold (except graphic type) or they will be supplied as needed. Register at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/morristown/>, call 973-933-2800, or email info@morriscountyrighttolife.org.

"THE JOY OF GOD'S MERCY" LENTEN RETREAT

The Rosary Society of St. Cecilia Parish will host a Lenten retreat, "*The Joy of God's Mercy*" at St. Francis Residential Community, 122 Diamond Spring Rd, Denville at **9:00 am, Saturday, Feb 27**. Retreat leader Fr. Jhon Madrid has been chosen by Pope Francis to be a "Missionary of Mercy", and will present "The Joy of God's Mercy" – a talk that combines both central messages of Pope Francis: the Joy of the Gospel and God's tender mercy. Open to men and women. Cost is \$25. Call Lesley at 973-586-3130 for more information or to register.

ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

Programs are held at St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Ave., Madison

Please visit www.insidethewalls.org for more information

Catholicism from Scratch: Ashes, Palms, Lilies, and Mangers (Celebrations and Sacramentals)

A course in basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter. **Saturday, February 27 from 10:00 am-noon**

Women's Health and Fertility Awareness

Learn an effective, healthy, moral and inexpensive system that integrates health with moral family planning for couples who are trying to achieve pregnancy, who have infertility concerns, or who need to regulate pregnancy. Materials are included.

Saturday, March 5 from 10:00 am-noon.

HOLY DOOR PILGRIMAGE

Pope Francis encourages each of us to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door in our diocese some time during this Jubilee of Mercy. Being committed to the journey of pilgrimage helps us focus our attention on our spiritual journey and walk closer with God.

The Holy Door in our diocese is at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Morristown. Each Tuesday during this year is known as "Mercy Tuesday" which allows pilgrims to go to St. Margaret and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and celebrate Mass. The schedule of events for "Mercy Tuesdays" is as follows: Mass is celebrated at 8 am in English and 7 pm in Spanish. There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3:45 pm-6:45 pm. Confessions will be heard from 4 pm-6:45 pm. A Mass for the Sick will be held each first Saturday at 10 am.

Sacred Heart School, Rockaway presents *Seussical Jr. the Musical*, **Fri, March 4 at 7:00pm, and Sat, March 5 at 3:00 and 7:00pm**. Reserved tickets \$10 each, \$12 at the door. Performance location: St Mary's School, 371 So. Main St, Wharton. For tickets, contact Johanna Bizub at 973-714-3408 or jcbizub@verizon.net

