



Scripture Readings
September 18, 2016
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday September 10
 5:30 pm Paul Schmidt

Sunday September 11 *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am John Carrico, Sr. and
 Our Parishioners
 9:00 am Percy, Amy and Marshall Arul
 10:30 am Coleen McLaughlin Butchko and
 Ann Becker
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag and the Santino Family

Monday September 12
 6:45 am Tannie Choe

Tuesday September 13 *St John Chrysostom, Bishop and
 Doctor of the Church*
 6:45 am Joy Oppenheim

Wednesday September 14 *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
 6:45 am All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*
 6:45 am Sophronia Lynch

Friday September 16 *Saints Cornelius, Pope, and
 Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*
 6:45 am Souls in Purgatory

Saturday September 17
 8:00 am Richard Heller
 5:30 pm Daniel Shuhet

Sunday September 18 *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am John Carrico, Sr. and
 Our Parishioners
 9:00 am Marie Cardone
 10:30 am Sergio and Noemi Wong and
 Jason Harner
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Kristin Petrasek, Connie Ingrassia, Christopher Fraclose, Kevin Cunniff, Arline Forte, Nancy Huber, Gene Caulfield, Jeanine Niehoff, Saskia Kane, Joy Skubic, Edward Sotelo, Sr. Bernadette Weller, Joan MacDonald, Robert Walsh, Fran Wolf, Jack Boyland, Christa Fairclough, Bob Noonan, Martha Jones, Ramona Colao, John Mitros, Louise Risely, Karen Lang, Benjamin LeFebvre, Carmella Brookes, Frank Razzano and Lisa Gallagher.

**WORDS OF MERCY AND HOPE
 BY POPE FRANCIS**

Ours must not be just any kind of prayer, but familiar union with Christ, in which we daily encounter his gaze and sense that he is asking us the question: *"Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" (Mk 3:31-34)*. One in which we can calmly reply: *"Lord, here is your mother, here are your brothers! I hand them over to you; they are the ones whom you entrusted to me"*.
 (Meeting with the Bishops of the USA)

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos expressed disgust over people who take advantage of the poor. He describes businessmen scheming to cheat the poor, then declares that God will "never forget the things they have done."

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul urges the Christians to pray for all people, especially those in authority. Paul even asked them to pray for the kings who denounced Christ's teachings, because God wants all people to be saved through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a story about a servant who tries to cheat his employer. The owner is impressed because he would do the same thing himself. Jesus then describes the importance of being trustworthy in small matters, as well as in greater ones. He then states that no one can serve two masters faithfully, so people cannot give themselves completely to both God and money.

**Next weekend we will take up a special collection
 for the victims of the Louisiana floods.**

**Food collection for the Fr. English Food Pantry is
 next weekend, September 17-18**

SEPTEMBER 17/18 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

5:30 pm	Fr. Jared Brogan
7:30 am	Fr. Jim Termyna
9:00 am	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin
10:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
12:00 am	Fr. Jared Brogan

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 12

CCD Grade 2	4:00 to 5:15pm
CCD Grade 7	7:30 to 9:00pm

Tuesday, September 13

Moms & Tots (GARDNER FIELD)	9:30 to 11:00am
CCD Grades 1 and 3	4:00 to 5:15pm
CCD Grade 6	7:00 to 8:15pm

Wednesday, September 14

Prayer Group (parish center)	1:00 to 2:00pm
CCD Grades 1 and 4	4:00 to 5:15pm
CCD New Parents Meeting grade 1	6:30
grades 3-6	7:00
CCD Grade 10	7:30 to 9:00pm

Thursday, September 15

CCD Grades 1 and 5	4:00 to 5:15pm
Choir Practice	7:00 to 9:00pm

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

A new year is beginning at St. Catherine's. We kick off this year with our annual picnic this weekend following the noon Mass. This week our religious education begins. Our Religious Education program is such an integral part of our parish. We have over 550 students and 50 catechists (teachers) and others who volunteer in different ways. This fall we have many different opportunities for Adult Faith Enrichment offered at different times. We have a class on "Living the Mass", "The Pivotal Players in Church History", Scripture Study of Mark's Gospel, and a scripture based prayer group. As always we have the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those wishing to enter the Church, or to continue their initiation, or who just want to learn more about their faith and accompany others on this journey into the Church. We also have numerous ministries in the parish for which we need your help...specifically our Music Ministry, Altar Servers, Ministers of Welcome (ushers), Lazarus Ministry, Loaves and Fishes, and Soup Kitchen to name a few. Later this fall our CYO program will begin.

In the Acts of the Apostles we hear about the infancy of the Church. The members existed with and for each other. Likewise, without all of us together, there is no Church and more locally there is no parish. Together we make St. Catherine's a wonderful place to experience the living God in sacrament, word, and action. Without the giving of ourselves in every possible way we would not exist, or certainly not flourish. As we begin this new year together, I encourage us to ask ourselves, "how can I make St. Catherine's flourish?" Each of us has a very special and important role to play. I look forward to another great year of serving and growing with each of you.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

WOMEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The women of the parish are invited to attend the Women's Communion Breakfast on **Saturday, September 24**. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am at St. Catherine's followed by breakfast in the St. Francis Residential Community banquet room. The morning includes guest speaker, Msgr. Robert Wister, Professor at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, door prizes, raffles, and entertainment.

Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the Parish Picnic and after all Masses next weekend, September 17/18.

Questions? Call Cretia 201-919-1060



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

September 11, 12:00 Mass

Catechists and Religious Education students blessing.

September 14, 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm

1st grade parent gathering in the gym, joined by Grades 3-6 new parents at 7:00 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN:

Monday, Sept 12	2 nd grade – 4:00-5:15 7 th grade – 7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday, Sept 13	1 st & 3 rd grades – 4:00-5:15 6 th grade – 7:00-8:15
Wednesday, Sept 14	1 st & 4 th grade – 4:00-5:15 10 th grade – 7:30-9:00
Thursday, Sept 15	5 th grade – 4:00-5:15

We are looking for someone to catechize/teach two 10th grade girls on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 pm beginning November 2. For more information, please contact the Religious Education office at 973-334-5257 or dre@stcatherine-ml.org

Thanks and God bless,
Lisa Gervasio



A Catechist's Prayer

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.

Amen.

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ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ST. CATHERINE'S PRAYER GROUP

On Sept. 14th, Sr. Bernadette will introduce us to another form of prayer, meditation/contemplation. All are welcome. Please consider joining our group of men and women who would like to draw nearer to Our Lord by praying together based on the gospel reading each week. Meetings are held Wednesdays at 1:00 in the parish center. For further information please call Lee Maute at 973-299-7016.

OPEN YOUR EYES TO SCRIPTURE

All are invited to participate in a new Scripture study group. On **Monday, September 26th**, we will begin a class exploring the Gospel of St. Mark. This informal, peer led group will meet at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. This coming Advent as we enter into a new liturgical year, the Sunday gospels will be taken from the gospel of St. Mark. Get a head start reading and contemplating the gospel with others. All are welcome!

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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.

LIVING THE MASS & THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

Two six-week sessions will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please see page 4 of the bulletin for more information.

FOURTH ANNUAL NORTH PORCH CAMPAIGN

This year 3,400 mothers, toddlers and infants in northern NJ will turn to North Porch www.northporch.org to provide an emergency supply of diapers, formula and toddler food. This translates to 170,000 diapers and 6,800 cans of formula needed this year. For the fourth year, St. Catherine's parish will be participating in a "Plus One" program for parishioners to add just one item to your grocery list: a case or package of baby diapers size 4, 5 or 6, Pull Ups, can(s) of Enfamil formula, diaper rash cream, baby wipes (prefer 80 ct.), and/or toddler food and **bring these to church September 17-25**. Dicki Lulay, North Porch Board member (dlulay@aol.com, 973-644-0246) will be speaking at all the Masses on September 17-18.

2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Many parishioners have received, or will soon receive, a letter from Bishop Serratelli requesting support for the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year, the theme of the appeal is *Be Rich in Good Works*.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four very worthy causes: our Catholic Charities agencies; Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence; our inner-city elementary schools, and seminarian education. Last year's Appeal raised a record amount which meant that even more could be done for the people in our Diocese. You can help make this year's Appeal an even greater success by making a generous pledge today. Whatever you can do to help will be a great blessing!

Adorers and substitutes are needed for St. Peter the Apostle's adoration ministry in Parsippany. Please consider spending time before Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Call Kim 973-886-6334

SAINT FRANCIS ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

The Saint Francis Residential Community in Denville is sponsoring its annual Fall Festival on **Sunday, Oct. 2 from 10-5** at the fairgrounds on Pocono Road in Denville. It's a great day of family fun including rides, games, petting zoo, raffles and great German and American food. Admission and parking are free. More information: www.saintfrancisfallfestival.com

MOMS & TOTS

The Moms & Tots playgroup will resume meeting **every TUESDAY from 9:30 - 11:00 BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13**. On the 13th, we will meet at the **Gardner Field playground, weather permitting**. Subsequent playgroup dates will be held in the 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 Kerrie Boland 973-335-5673 or caulfika@hotmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing all of our friends!