



Saturday	September 24
5:30 pm	Robert Halm
Sunday	September 25 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am	Patricia Arcaro and Robert K. Shaw
9:00 am	Sylvester Joseph and Our Parishioners
10:30 am	Joan Kakareka and Coleen McLaughlin Butchko
12:00 pm	Dr. Rodolfo Narag and Michael K. Boylan
Monday	September 26
6:45 am	Elsa Bogdanow
Tuesday	September 27 <i>St Vincent De Paul, Priest,</i>
6:45 am	Lee Brody and Robert Palmer
Wednesday	September 28
6:45 am	Lila Donnelly
Thursday	September 29 <i>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>
6:45 am	Carmella Brookes
Friday	September 30 <i>St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>
6:45 am	Rob Long
Saturday	October 1 <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>
8:00 am	Marian Sicari and Lucille Hammer
5:30 pm	Robert Dircks and Sergio and Noemi Wong
Sunday	October 2 <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am	Laurence Kopp
9:00 am	Richard Heller and Our Parishioners
10:30 am	Ann Rita Manley and Theresa Westerman
12:00 pm	Dr. Rodolfo Narag and the mother of Rustica Doria

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, Saskia Kane, Joy Skubic, Edward Sotelo, Sr. Bernadette Weller, Joan MacDonald, Robert Walsh, Jack Boyland, Christa Fairclough, Bob Noonan, Martha Jones, Ramona Colao, Louise Risely, Karen Lang, Benjamin LeFebvre, and Lisa Gallagher.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 26	
Scripture Group	1:00 to 2:30pm
RCIA	7:30pm
Tuesday, September 27	
Moms & Tots	9:30 to 11:00am
Wednesday, September 28	
Prayer Group	1:00 to 2:00pm
Thursday, September 29	
Choir Practice	7:00 to 9:00pm
Saturday, October 1	
Grade 7 Class Mass	5:30pm

Scripture Readings

October 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The prophet Habakkuk cries out despairingly to God because of the state Jerusalem has fallen into. He asks why God does nothing to stop the violence and misery. God assures him that a time will come when only the just and faithful will live.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Paul writes to Timothy from prison and urges him to continue to spread the gospel without fear or shame. He also tells Timothy to draw upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help him face the hardships he will encounter while preaching.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that "faith the size of a mustard seed could transplant a sycamore," indicating that a person either has faith, strong and complete, or none at all. Jesus also explains that a servant will not receive gratitude for simply following his master's orders. In the same way, we are all God's servants doing no more than our duty when we obey God's commands.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis, we will have the blessing of animals on **Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm** in the prayer garden. Bring your pets for a special blessing on that day. *"May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."*

SEPTEMBER OCT 1/2 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Diocesan Assessment

STEWARDSHIP

Collection for September 20, 2015	\$ 8,014
MASS ATTENDANCE	719
Sunday, September 18, 2016	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,451.00
ParishPay	1,106.67
Total	\$ 8,557.67
MASS ATTENDANCE	687
Louisiana Flood Collection	\$ 2,134
God bless you for your generosity.	

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, cont'd

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ, who offers a vision of life revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition. To echo the teaching of the Second Vatican Council: Christ, the Word made flesh, in showing us the Father's love, also shows us what it truly means to be human (see *Gaudium et Spes*, no. 22). Christ's love for us lets us see our human dignity in full clarity and compels us to love our neighbors as he has loved us. Christ, the Teacher, shows us what is true and good, that is, what is in accord with our human nature as free, intelligent beings created in God's image and likeness and endowed by the Creator with dignity and rights. (9)

What faith teaches about the dignity of the human person and about the sacredness of every human life helps us see more clearly the same truths that also come to us through the gift of human reason. At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. This is the core of Catholic moral and social teaching. Because we are people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square. We are called to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34). We are also called to promote the well-being of all, to share our blessings with those most in need, to defend marriage, and to protect the lives and dignity of all, especially the weak, the vulnerable, the voiceless. In his first encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI explained that "charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as 'social charity'" (no. 29). (10)

Some question whether it is appropriate for the Church to play a role in political life. However, the obligation to teach about moral values that should shape our lives, including our public lives, is central to the mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ. Moreover, the United States Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to participate and speak out without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. (11)

The Catholic community brings important assets to the political dialogue about our nation's future. We bring a consistent moral framework—drawn from basic human reason that is illuminated by Scripture and the teaching of the Church—for assessing issues, political platforms, and campaigns. We also bring broad experience in serving those in need—educating the young, caring for

the sick, sheltering the homeless, helping women who face difficult pregnancies, feeding the hungry, welcoming immigrants and refugees, reaching out in global solidarity, and pursuing peace. (12)

Peace,
Fr. Jared



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING DATES:

October 1, 5:30pm – 7th grade class Mass. Meet in the gym at 4:30 pm.

October 3, 4:15pm OR October 4, 7:30pm (choose a session) First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

October 7– Living Rosary with 6th – 8th grade students.

October 8– All Sports blessing at 5:30 pm Mass.

We are looking for a catechist for two 10th grade girls on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 pm beginning November 2. Please contact the Religious Education office at 973-334-5257 or dre@stcatherine-ml.org

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

Connor James Fabianski
son of John and Pamela

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Couples, were you married in 1966 or 1991? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany on **Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 pm**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **Registrations will be accepted through Monday, October 24**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion.

ANNUAL HUNGER WALK

Join over 1,000 walkers for a 5K pledge walk to raise funds for the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center. Register online at www.cskmorristoryn.org

When: Sunday, October 16, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center
36 South Street, Morristown

(on the side of Church of the Redeemer)

If you can't walk, but still want to help, donations can be made online at www.cskmorristoryn.org or mailed to Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center, 36 South St., Morristown, NJ 07960. Please support the Community Soup Kitchen's Hunger Walk so that we can continue nourishing neighbors in need. Thank you!

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ST. CATHERINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Join 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. All are welcome. For further information please call Lee Maute at 973-299-7016.

OPEN YOUR EYES TO SCRIPTURE

All are invited to participate in a new peer-led Scripture study group exploring the **Gospel of St. Mark** on Monday afternoons, **beginning on September 26th** and ending by December. We will meet in the Parish Center from 1-2:30 pm, breaking in time for school pick-ups. The Ignatius Commentary, Notes and Study questions will guide our preparation and discussion. Whether new to scripture study or experienced, come contemplate this gospel with others. Please contact Debra Dewing with any questions and to register: debra@dewing5.net; 973-627-3344.

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. **RCIA will begin Monday, September 26 at 7:30 pm.**

LIVING THE MASS & THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

Beginning October 11 and 13, two six-week courses will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:30, and Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30. *Living the Mass*, presented by Barbara Buck, will examine how the Mass fits into the context of our lives. *The Pivotal Players*, presented by Sr. Bernadette Weller, will discuss six figures in Catholic history: St. Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Michelangelo, John Henry Newman, and G.K. Chesterton. Contact Barbara Buck 973-263-1758 or Sr. Bernadette Weller 973-586-6296.

2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Did you know that, in addition to returning your pledge card with a check, you can make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal on-line? Simply go to www.2016appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today if it is convenient for you. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is most welcome and greatly needed. Please consider participating in this worthy cause!

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Paterson Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 15** at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Join us from 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. for the opportunity to enhance men's spirituality and encourage them to be more involved with their parishes. Former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz; Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries; and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries will make presentations. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. Visit insidethewalls.org for more information.

PATERSON FEDERATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH ANNUAL DONALD E. RYAN GOLF OUTING

The Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus asks your support for their fourth annual Donald E. Ryan golf outing being held **Friday, October 7** at Minebrook Golf Club. Proceeds from this event will be used to fund Federation scholarships, support the Paterson Diocese Department for Persons with Disabilities and also the Diocesan Seminarian Support Program. Join as a golfer or a sponsor for this event. Contact John Castagna 973-219-2785 or castagna.john@gmail.com for details.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Morris Catholic High School 200 Morris Ave, Denville
Wed, Oct 12 at 7:00 pm and Sun, Oct 23 at 2:00 pm
Visit www.morriscatholic.org or contact
Maureen Costello, mcostello@morriscatholic.org

Villa Walsh Academy 455 Western Ave, Morristown
Sun, October 2 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Visit www.villawalsh.org or call 973-538-3680.

Oratory Prep 1 Beverly Rd, Summit
**Sun, October 2, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and
Thurs, October 20 from 6:45 - 8:15 pm.**
Call 908.273.5771 ext. 1 or visit www.oratoryprep.org