



Saturday October 1
 5:30 pm Robert Dircks and Sergio and Noemi Wong
Sunday October 2 *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 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
Monday October 3
 6:45 am Irene and Gerald Glynn
Tuesday October 4 *St Francis of Assisi*
 6:45 am Andrew and Pauline Zahuta
Wednesday October 5
 6:45 am George Costello
Thursday October 6
 6:45 am Antonia Cusack
Friday October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*
 6:45 am Al Donohue
Saturday October 8
 8:00 am Rita Costello
 5:30 pm Carl Allieri and Angela McGinn
Sunday October 9 *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Jeannine Niehoff and Our Parishioners
 9:00 am Marie Cardone
 10:30 am Coleen McLaughlin Butchko and Harold Becker
 12:00 pm Vincent Nardone, Dr. Rodolfo Narag, and the intention of Rosa and Gaetano DiMaggio

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, Frank Razzano, Louise Risely, Karen Lang, Benjamin LeFebvre, and Lisa Gallagher.

STEWARDSHIP

Collection for September 27, 2015	\$ 6,280
MASS ATTENDANCE	626
Sunday, September 25, 2016	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,910
ParishPay	550
Total	\$ 9,460
MASS ATTENDANCE	674

God bless you for your generosity.

Scripture Readings
October 9, 2016
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Elisha cures Naaman of leprosy, which convinces Naaman that there is only one God. Naaman then asks to take some loads of soil from Israel, so that he can worship and make sacrifices to one true God on his own land.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Paul reminds Timothy that Christ rose from the dead so that many people could be saved. Paul was being treated as a criminal and kept in chains but says, "There is no chaining the word of God!" Paul also says, "if we die in Christ, we will live in him. But if we deny him, he will deny us."

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus cures ten lepers, but only one returns to express gratitude for being healed. Jesus is disappointed that only one gave thanks to God, but tells that one, "Your faith has been your salvation."

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
This Weekend
Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm

OCTOBER 8/9 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 3

Scripture Group	1:00 to 2:30pm
1 st Reconciliation Parent Meeting	4:15pm
RCIA	7:30pm

Tuesday, October 4

Moms & Tots	9:30 to 11:00am
Family Fun Night Meeting (library)	7:00pm
1 st Reconciliation Parent Meeting	7:30pm

Wednesday, October 5

Prayer Group	1:00 to 2:00pm
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Thursday, October 6

Choir Practice	7:00 to 9:00pm
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Friday, October 7

Living Rosary	7:00 pm
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Saturday, October 8

All Sports Mass	5:30pm
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Sunday, October 9

Library open after all Masses

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, cont'd

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. This obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. (13)

Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. (14)

Clergy and lay people have complementary roles in public life. We bishops have the primary responsibility to hand on the Church's moral and social teaching. Together with priests and deacons, assisted by religious and lay leaders of the Church, we are to teach fundamental moral principles that help Catholics form their consciences correctly, to provide guidance on the moral dimensions of public decisions, and to encourage the faithful to carry out their responsibilities in political life. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Church's leaders are to avoid endorsing or opposing candidates or telling people how to vote. (15)

How Does the Church Help the Catholic Faithful to Speak About Political and Social Questions?

A Well-Formed Conscience

The Church equips its members to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience. Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church. Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil. Conscience always requires serious attempts to make sound moral judgments based on the truths of our faith. As stated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right" (no. 1778). (17)

The formation of conscience includes several elements. First, there is a desire to embrace goodness and truth. For Catholics this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various choices. Finally, prayerful reflection is essential to discern the will of God. Catholics must also understand that if they fail to form their consciences they can make erroneous judgments. (18)

Peace,
Fr. Jared



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING DATES:

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.

October 16-1st grade class Mass at 10:30 am

October 23-10th grade received as Confirmation candidates at 10:30 am 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

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.cskmorristown.org

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

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

If you can't walk, but still want to help, donations can be made online at www.cskmorristown.org or mailed to Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center, 36 South St., Morristown, NJ 07960

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 **Mondays 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 meets Mondays 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.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Paterson Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 15 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm** at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz; Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries; and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries will present. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. Visit www.insidethewalls.org for more information.

HEALING MASS

Our Lady of Mercy in Whippany invites all to a Healing Mass on **Saturday, October 15 at 11 am** in the church. The liturgy addresses physical, spiritual and emotional healing. There will be an opportunity for individual blessings. 973-887-0767.

Assumption College for Sisters, 200 Morris Ave, Denville, will host a lecture and evening prayer: "*A Merciful Heart: Blessed Pauline and the Year of Mercy*" **October 23, 2:30-4:30pm**. Admission is free, but registration is requested. 973-957-0188 x102

2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Catholic Charities agencies, the largest recipient of funds from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, serve tens of thousands of people each year, from seniors and disabled adults to those with addictions and in need of counseling. In fact, a record number of people have been seeking the services of Catholic Charities over the years. Please be as generous as you are able to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal so we can continue to serve those in desperate situations. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2016appeal.org.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will meet on **Thursday, October 13** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: *Coping Strategies for Stressful Times (Holidays, Remembrance Days, etc.)* For more information, please call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164

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

DePaul Catholic High School 1512 Alps Rd, Wayne
Wed, Oct 5 at 7:00 pm and Sun, Oct 23 at 12:30 pm

Mary Help of Christians Academy
659 Belmont Ave, North Haledon. **Fri, Oct 7 8am-12pm.**

Oratory Prep 1 Beverly Rd, Summit
Thurs, Oct 20 from 6:45 - 8:15 pm