



Saturday November 19
 5:30 pm Dr. Luis Fernandez and
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Sunday November 20 *Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe*
 7:30 am Marie Dambach and Our Parishioners
 9:00 am Gregory Joseph
 10:30 am Carmen and Charles Franki and
 Donald Maute
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag and Joseph Fattorusso

Monday November 21 *Presentation of
 the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 6:45 am Mary Brady

Tuesday November 22 *St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*
 6:45 am Blanca Taylor and Roy Cardona,
 and Robert Winslow

Wednesday November 23
 6:45 am Joan Doran

Thursday November 24 *Thanksgiving*
 9:00 am Carmine Terrazzino

Friday November 25
 8:00 am William Rosa

Saturday November 26
 8:00 am James McElroy
 5:30 pm Robert Halm and Margaret Gurba

Sunday November 27 *First Sunday of Advent*
 7:30 am Rosemary Carroll Rebele
 9:00 am Antoinette Michael
 10:30 am Theresa Westerman and Elaine Foster
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag and Our Parishioners

~ Note time change on Thanksgiving and Friday ~

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, Robert Walsh, Jack Boyland, Christa Fairclough, Bob Noonan, Martha Jones, Ramona Colao, Frank Razzano, Louise Risely, Karen Lang, Benjamin LeFebvre, Lisa Gallagher, and Shannon Halm.

STEWARDSHIP

Collection for November 15, 2015	\$ 7,697
MASS ATTENDANCE	820
Sunday, November 13, 2016	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,843
ParishPay	695
Total	\$ 8,538
MASS ATTENDANCE	680
God bless you for your generosity.	

Scripture Readings

November 27, 2016 First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

Daily Meditation booklets for Advent, The Word Among Us, are available in the vestibule

NOVEMBER 26/27 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 21
 Scripture Study 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Tuesday, November 22
 Moms & Tots 9:30 - 11:00 am

Wednesday, November 23
 Offices Closed

Thursday, November 24
 Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop 9:00 am

Friday, November 25
 Offices Closed

THANKSGIVING DAY

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 am on Thanksgiving Day, where we will be joined by Bishop Serratelli. You are invited to write petitions of thanksgiving which will be read at the Mass. Please return to the basket in the vestibule **no later than Tuesday, Nov. 22.**

I give thanks to God for

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Thanksgiving Day is my favorite holiday of the year. It is a day when we are invited to be with family and friends, to share a meal, and simply be grateful for all that God has given us. Often times with other holidays, there is pressure surrounding the day (i.e., buying gifts, seeking to please others, etc.). Thanksgiving seems much more simple. All we have to do is simply say thank you to one another and ultimately to God. I hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating the Eucharist on Thanksgiving morning at 9 am. Eucharist itself means "thanksgiving." It is the best possible way to give thanks to God as individuals and as a parish family. That morning we will bless bread that will be given to each of you to be shared at home that day. Included here is a special prayer of thanksgiving that I invite you to share with your loved ones as you enjoy your Thanksgiving meal. I am very grateful to God for all that he has blessed me with, not the least being able to call each of you my family! Thank you for all that you do to build up our parish family and ultimately the Kingdom of God. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Peace,
Fr. Jared

Dear Lord,

*As we gather together around this table
Filled with your abundant gifts to us,
we thank You for always providing
what we really need*

*and for sometimes granting some
things we don't really need.*

*Today, let us be especially thankful
for each other--for family and friends
who enrich our lives in many wonderful ways,
even when they present us with challenges.*

*Let us join together now
in peaceful, loving fellowship
to celebrate Your love for us
and our love for each other through Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

By Joanna Fuchs (adapted)

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ CONCERT

On **Saturday, December 17th at 8:00 pm**, Daniel Rodriguez will be performing at St. Catherine's for our *Celebrating the Joys and Blessings of the Season* concert. **Tickets will be sold Sunday, Nov. 20 and 27 between 10am and noon in the gym.** Prices range from \$40 - \$75 and must be paid in full at time of purchase. Tickets are limited and first come, first served. Tickets may also be purchased by contacting Whitney at 973-586-2777 or queendubose@aol.com



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING DATES:

November 22 – 6th grade class will have the Salesian Sisters' Bread for the Journey retreat here at St. Catherine's, from 7:00 until 8:15pm.

November 23 and 24 – No Religious Education classes. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



MAKE PEACE!

We are peacemakers

This week the 2nd graders of the parish preparing for Reconciliation reflected on God's gift of peace. All the baptized are anointed to announce the kingdom and make all people share in the peace of Christ.

We are blessed and bring God's blessings to others. How do we as a parish strive to live as peacemakers and to make a difference?

St. Catherine's Annual Christmas Pageant:

What better way for our children to learn the story of our Savior's birth than to be part of it?



Tuesday, December 20th at 7:30 pm

1st through 4th graders are invited to participate. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 973-334-5257 or religiouseducation@stcatherine-ml.org **no later than December 4th** to put your child's name on the list. Children must attend the practice on Monday, December 19 from 4:00-5:30.

We also welcome older children and adults to help out. **Grades 7 through 10** are invited to come **December 6 at 6:30** to make decorations for the Christmas Pageant. We also need parents to help at the practice and on the night of the performance. Please let us know if you can help.



O Holy Night

**CHILDREN – Join us and sing with the choir
at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass!**

Practices will be
Thursday, December 1, 8, and 15 at 7:00 pm
in the parish center

**RSVP Chris Wallace
973-691-1666; cwallace@mlschools.org**

GIVING TREE



Once again, we are asking our parishioners to donate toys for needy children in St. Agnes Parish in Paterson. As you begin your Christmas shopping, please keep these children in mind. We ask that you spend no more than \$40 on a gift

This year, we are also helping the Holiday Angels Program at Straight & Narrow (drug and alcohol rehab program run by the diocese.) Items are needed for adults in their residential treatment and out-patient programs. Angel tags for both St. Agnes and Straight & Narrow are on our giving tree.

Please return your gifts **no later than December 4**. If you take a tag and cannot fulfill the request, it is important that you return the tag. Please place items on the stage in the gym. Straight and Narrow gifts **should not** be wrapped. St. Agnes gifts **should** be wrapped. Please tape the gift tag to your gifts for both groups.



Advent Wreath Candles, Poinsettia Plants & Decorations

This year, as in the past, we would like to continue our beautiful custom of memorializing the Christmas flowers and decorations for the church. If you would like to make a donation for a poinsettia plant or a wreath for Christmas, you may do so by using the envelopes in the church vestibule or in your envelope packet. This year you will again also have an opportunity to make a donation toward the candles on our Advent Wreath. The cost is \$100 per candle. You will be able to remember a loved one (living or deceased) or give thanks for a special blessing in this way during the Season of Advent - November 27 through December 24. Your intention will be listed in the Bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to make a donation towards the candles.

FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS NEED YOU!

The Franciscan Mystery Players are recruiting student performers (grades 9-12) to participate in their Lenten presentation "*The Way of the Cross*" which will be performed at approximately 10 churches throughout Northern New Jersey. The group is also seeking additional adult advisors. Rehearsals begin in January at St. Catherine of Siena. Time commitment is most Friday and Sunday evenings from January through Good Friday. It is an excellent way to grow closer to God while having fun with a great group of teens! No experience is necessary. Please contact Anne Marie Pikor at [973-876-3440](tel:973-876-3440) for more information and any questions regarding earning Confirmation hours. (www.mysteryplay.org)

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

"Breakfast with Santa" will be held at St. Catherine's on **Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 to 11:30 am**. If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the sheets in the Religious Education office. High school students are also needed to help out. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 973-334-5257 or religiouseducation@stcatherine-ml.org.



YOUTH NIGHT

"Back-to-Back Christmas Fun"

All 9th through 12th graders are invited to bake cookies and sing Christmas carols

(Join us for 1 or both nights)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 at 7:30 PM

Come bake cookies with your friends.

MEET IN THE GYM AT ST. CATHERINE'S

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM

Join us for Christmas caroling with the residents of

Merry Heart Senior Center.

MEET AT MERRY HEART

(199 Powerville Rd, Boonton)

EMAIL Gail at youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org if you are interested.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE 7:00 pm, Thursday, December 15

Call your friends, grab your mother, invite your sister and your daughter, it's time once again for our annual Christmas Gathering! We will start the evening off with Benediction at 7 pm in the church and then it's off to the parish center for refreshments (BYOB), carols and, of course, our traditional ornament "SWAP". Bring a wrapped ornament limited to \$10 and partake in a game of laughter and "swapping". To sign up or to volunteer to help with refreshments, please contact Barbara at 973-263-1758; jbuck973@aol.com or Whitney at 973-586-2777; queendubose@aol.com. We look forward to seeing everyone!

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All are invited to join Bishop Serratelli and the faithful of the diocese for our annual Christmas Concert, "*Christmas Flourish*", on **Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 pm** at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany. It will be an exciting afternoon of music for the Advent and Christmas seasons with our Diocesan Choir, Diocesan Children's Choir, and the Gramercy Brass Quintet.