



Saturday December 17
 4:30 pm John F. Gillespie and Richard Belson

Sunday December 18 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 7:30 am James McElroy and Our Parishioners
 9:00 am Marie Cardone and Bernard Kelly
 10:30 am Eric Abrahamsen and Theresa Westerman
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag, Dominic Carton, and Madeleine Solomon

Monday December 19
 6:45 am Kevin Sullivan

Tuesday December 20
 6:45 am Ryan Halliday

Wednesday December 21
 6:45 am Porfiria Bautista

Thursday December 22
 6:45 am Blanca Taylor, Roy Cardona and Mary V. Joyce

Friday December 23
 6:45 am Christina Keenan

Saturday December 24
 8:00 am Brian McPadden
 4:00 pm Virginia Colonna, Bishop Tom Dinato, and Richard Campbell
 6:00 pm Matthew Pinto and Thomas Patrick Kelly
 10:00 pm Salvatore Russo and Angelo Cubelli

Sunday December 25 *Nativity of the Lord*
 7:30 am Michael T. Kelleher and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Jude Selvaratnam
 11:30 am Les DiVite, Michele Spadone, and Dr. Rodolfo Narag

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Kristin Petrasek, Connie Ingrassia, Christopher Fraclose, Kevin Cuniff, 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, Louise Risely, Karen Lang, Benjamin LeFebvre, Lisa Gallagher, Shannon Halm, and Tony Ratchford.

STEWARDSHIP	
Collection for December 13, 2015	\$ 8,887
MASS ATTENDANCE	688
Sunday, December 11, 2016	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,484
ParishPay	720
Total	\$ 9,204
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,949
Collection for Religious Retirement	\$ 5,776
MASS ATTENDANCE	710

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2016

Christmas Eve Masses, Saturday, December 24

4:00pm Fr. Jared Brogan
Children's Choir, Cantor, Instrumentalists

6:00pm Fr. Jared Brogan
Cantor, Instrumentalists

10:00pm Fr. Jared Brogan
Choir, Cantor, Instrumentalists

Caroling will begin 15 minutes before each Mass.

Christmas Day Masses, Sunday, December 25

7:30am Fr. Edward Seton Fittin *Cantor, organist*

9:30am Fr. Jim Termyna *Cantor, organist*

11:30am Fr. Jared Brogan *Cantor, organist*

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 1 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 19
 Pageant Practice 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Tuesday, December 20
 Christmas Pageant 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 22
 Choir Practice 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Scripture Readings

December 25, 2016

The Nativity of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

On this fourth and final Sunday of Advent the Church puts forth another "Advent character" for our pondering. We have had Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary, and now Joseph. It is easy to overlook what a remarkably courageous figure Joseph was in responding to his vocation, a mysterious call in a dream to take the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife. Joseph had a lot more faith than I would have.

So what can we learn from Joseph and his response? I think of the times when I have felt God calling me to do something important. For example, I sensed God's hand at work in my life when I was a student and decided what professional path to pursue. I sensed God's hand at work as I moved towards discerning the priesthood. I sensed God's hand at work throughout my studies and in each of the places that I have ministered as a priest. Like Joseph, these moments and my response has made all the difference in my life.

As we enter into these final days of Advent I encourage you to take a few minutes to reflect on your life to identify a time when God has called you to do something that has made all the difference. Listen and act in faith when this happens; even if the meaning is unclear.

What great gifts we have already received. Gifts that are not under the tree. Have a great and peaceful week in the midst of the busyness and say a prayer thanking St. Joseph for showing us how to respond to God's invitations.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

The Men's Annual Retreat will be held at Loyola Retreat House, James Street, Morristown **from Friday evening, Feb 3 through Sunday, Feb 5.** We begin with dinner at 7pm Friday and close with lunch on Sunday about 1 or 2pm. You'll be back in plenty of time for the Super Bowl. For more information and/or reservations please call Jerry Napolitano 973-625-2567 or Al Atkinson 973-627-8169.

SAVE THE DATE:
WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT
Friday, March 10 - Sunday, March 12
Details to follow



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING DATES:

December 19 – Christmas Pageant practice 4:00-5:30
December 20 – Christmas Pageant at 7:30 pm
December 26-January 2 – Religious Ed office closed
January 3-6 – Religious Education classes resume



ST. CATHERINE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This year's pageant will take place on **Tuesday, December 20 at 7:30 pm.**

We invite all to come and rejoice.

Join us for the St. Catherine of Siena WINTER CARNIVAL

Games for all ages!

Treats * Fun * Entertainment

Saturday, January 7th 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Family Mass to Follow

\$5 per family Sign-up in the back of the church

The Religious Education program needs a 5th grade catechist to teach Thursdays 4:00 – 5:15. If you can help, please contact Lisa at 973-334-5257 or DRE@stcatherine-ml.org.



Thank you to everyone who baked and decorated cookies for the Nanas Gift service project

The 1st through 6th grade Religious Education classes decorated Christmas cookies for Nanas Gift, a local nonprofit organization that supports women and children in shelters. A special thank you to Kim Forte and Karen Verzaleno for coordinating this effort, and to the parent volunteers who baked!

COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

Thank you to those who helped to serve 145 meals on Dec. 12 at the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown: Mary Breitweiser, Karin Goldsmith, Maria Karlyk, Jane and Rudy Katzenberger, Layna Kearns, Dom and Patty Miliano, Belle Norris, Joe and Olga Panetta, Ann Smith, and Virginia Thomas. Thank you also to Rose Ann Cotreau and her friends for all the delicious baked goods. To volunteer, please contact Denise Ramirez at 973-299-1554.