



Saturday December 24 *Christmas Vigil*
 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
Monday December 26 *St Stephen, the First Martyr*
 6:45 am Stephen Pallotta
Tuesday December 27 *St John, Apostle and Evangelist*
 6:45 am Helen Brogan
Wednesday December 28 *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*
 6:45 am John and Marie Knack
Thursday December 29 *St Thomas Becket, Bishop and
 Martyr*
 6:45 am David Delaney and Joseph Yaczyn
Friday December 30 *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
 Joseph*
 6:45 am Kenneth and Elizabeth Henderson
Saturday December 31 *St Sylvester I, Pope*
 8:00 am George and Rosalee Murray
 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory
Sunday January 1 *Solemnity of Mary*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:00 am Margaret Falivene
 10:30 am Joan Kakareka
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag, Robert Halm
 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, 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 20, 2015	\$ 8,972
MASS ATTENDANCE	810
Sunday, December 18, 2016	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,180
ParishPay	1,868
Total	\$11,048
MASS ATTENDANCE	782
Christmas Flowers/Candles	\$ 2,472
God bless you for your generosity.	

**Scripture Readings
 January 1, 2017
 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Paul describes how through Jesus' birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted sons and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.

***The sanctuary lamp burns in memory of
 Dominic Carton***

**DECEMBER 31 / JANUARY 1
CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

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

**St. Catherine's 2017 calendars
 are available in the vestibule**

NO ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- **The Parish and Religious Education Offices will be closed the week of December 26 and will reopen Tuesday, January 3.**
- **Religious Education classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3**
- **Wednesday prayer group will resume Jan. 4**
- **Monday Scripture Study will resume Jan. 9**
- **Moms & Tots will resume Tuesday, Jan. 10**

We welcome our recently baptized new members in the church to our parish community:

Nicholas Brian Yacey

son of Daniel and Caitlin

and

Kayla Granito

daughter of Mark and Cheryl

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

The story of the Nativity never grows old. We can recite it by memory fairly accurately. Yet, there is one verse in the story that is sometimes easily overlooked. Once all the visitors had come and gone from the manger, Mary and Joseph are alone once again with their child and "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). The Blessed Mother is captured in a moment of quiet reflection. All of us can picture mothers sitting silently, holding their newborn babies in a quiet reflection of gratitude, peace, and hope. Imagine all that Mary had experienced. From the announcement of her being chosen by God as the mother of the Savior, through the difficult journey to Bethlehem, to the birth of her Son amongst strangers and animals, Mary takes a deep breath and reflects on the beauty of her Son's birth. This Christmas, we should all take that breath like Mary. Reflect on how we can and must live our lives differently because of Jesus. Take this story to heart, as Mary did.

On behalf of the entire parish staff I extend to you and your families a very blessed Christmas! It is my prayer that you can take a few moments of quiet at Christmas so that, like Mary, we too can keep this great day close to our hearts each day.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

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 1pm ... 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**

Mark your calendars for our women's annual retreat at Villa Pauline Retreat House in Mendham March 10, 11, & 12. We will arrive between 3:30 and 5 pm Friday and conclude after lunch on Sunday. Retreat master is Fr. Michael Whalen, CM, Professor at St. John's University. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Cretia @ 201-919-1060 or Cheryl @ 973-885-0908

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions and begin healing. The next Retreat will be held Fri evening, Jan 27 - Sun afternoon, Jan 29 in the Stirling area. Contact Marie at 973-377-1004 ext 425. All calls will be held in strictest confidence.



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 25 – Merry Christmas!

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of Great Counsel. Let us fix our eyes on the baby Jesus and make him the first priority of our day. "O come, let us adore him!"



Upcoming Dates:

December 26-29 - Religious Ed office closed

January 2 – No class. New Years' day observed

January 3 – 5 – Religious Education classes resume

January 7 – Family Fun Night Winter Carnival 3:00-5:00

January 11 – Home Schooling students book check, grades 1-6, between 5:30 -7:30.

January 9 – 7th grade classes resume

Needed: 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.

Christmas Pageant: Congratulations and thank you to our children for their joyful and delightful performance in our annual Christmas pageant. Thank you to our many parent volunteers and student helpers, and to Mike Katzenberger for his hard work behind the scenes. Thank you also to Mrs. Castillo for planning the decorations and to the students for their beautiful work in making them. It helped in making the Christmas pageant a beautiful experience for all.

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

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Jan. 12th at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is "New Year – New Beginning". Come and let us help each other learn how to begin again. For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.