



Saturday December 31 *St Sylvester I, Pope*
 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

Monday January 2 *Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*
 Charles and Helen Pohira

Tuesday January 3
 6:45 am Merry and Nicholas Lewkow

Wednesday January 4 *St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
 6:45 am Porfiria Bautista

Thursday January 5 *St John Neumann, Bishop*
 6:45 am Robert Darcy

Friday January 6
 6:45 am Elizabeth Henderson

Saturday January 7
 8:00 am Cathy Mulholland
 5:30 pm James McElroy

Sunday January 8 *Epiphany of the Lord*
 7:30 am Ann Blanchard and Our Parishioners
 9:00 am Jack Dolan
 10:30 am Theresa Westerman
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag and John Strangeway

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Kristin Petrusek, 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.

St. Mary's Prep will be selling tickets for their Super Cash 50/50 raffle next weekend after all Masses. Donation is \$10 per ticket.

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 Rotella @ 201-919-1060 or Cheryl Clark @ 973-885-0908

**Scripture Readings
 January 8, 2017
 Epiphany of the Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — "members of the same body and sharers of the promise."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

JANUARY 7/8 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

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

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 2
 Office closed – no activities

Wednesday, January 4
 Prayer Group 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Thursday, January 5
 Choir Practice 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, January 7
 Family Fun Night Winter Carnival 3:00 - 5:00 pm
 Family Mass 5:30 pm

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 7 pm Friday and close with lunch on Sunday about 1 or 2 pm. 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.

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Happy New Year! I would like to take this space to say thank you to all of you for your participation and cooperation during this Christmas season. There is lot of work, planning, and coordinating that goes into all the events and liturgies of the Advent and Christmas season. I am grateful to all of our readers, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, ministers of welcome, altar servers, choir, cantors, musicians, those who organized the Giving Tree, Women's Ornament Exchange, Christmas Pageant, decorators, and the Daniel Rodriguez Concert. Thank you to all of our parishioners for being present and for prayerfully celebrating this season and building up our parish family. I am grateful for all the cards, gifts, and treats that were left at and sent to the rectory. I am truly blessed!

New Year Prayer

Thank you God for the blessing of a new year.

*As we begin a new year,
remind us of our truest values and
our deepest desires.*

*Help us to live in the goodness
that comes from doing what you want us to do.*

*Help us to put aside anxiety
about the future and the past,
so that we might live in peace with you now,
one day at a time. (Loyola Press)*

Peace,
Fr. Jared

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

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

Happy and Healthy New Year!

January 8 – Blessing of the homes on the Epiphany



The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. Some communities have the custom of blessing homes with recalling the visit of the Magi. The household gathers at the manger scene to read Matthew 2:1-12. The light of the star guided the Three Kings on their journey. We too, must be lights for each other. Think of ways we can help others as we journey along in life.

House blessing: *Lord, God of heaven and earth, you revealed our only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Then with chalk mark the lintel over the main door of the house.

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(The numbers should be those of the New Year (2017), the first initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The crosses stand for the four seasons.)



Upcoming Dates:

- 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** – Grades 1-6 home school students book check between 5:30 -7:30
- January 9** – 7th grade classes resume
- January 16** – No class. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 19** – 5th graders ACRE Assessment
- January 22** – 9th grade Rite of Enrollment Mass at 10:30
- January 28** – Catechists retreat 9:30-11:30 (conf room)
- January 29** – 5th grade class Mass
- January 30** – Bible presentation to 2nd graders. Parents are invited.
- February 6** – 2nd grade parent meeting 7:30 (conf room)
- February 7** – 2nd grade parent meeting 4:15 (conf room)
- February 12** – 2nd grade blessing and class Mass 10:30