



Saturday January 28
 5:30 pm Joan Pirolo and Our Parishioners

Sunday January 29 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Jonathan Giordano
 9:00 am Joseph and Elsie Selvaratnam
 10:30 am Elaine Foster
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag and Matthew Pinto, Sr

Monday January 30
 6:45 am Allen Feehan

Tuesday January 31 *St John Bosco, Priest*
 6:45 am Maryann Conlon

Wednesday February 1
 6:45 am Porfiria Bautista

Thursday February 2 *Presentation of the Lord*
 6:45 am James Mahoney

Friday February 3 *St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr*
 6:45 am William Rosa

Saturday February 4
 8:00 am David Delaney
 5:30 pm Joan Pirolo and Gene Ridgeway

Sunday February 5 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Albert J. Okas, Sr.
 9:00 am Lloyd Tureson
 10:30 am Maureen Driscoll
 12:00 pm Dianna and Heriberto Encarnacion

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, Bob Noonan, Martha Jones, Ramona Colao, Louise Risely, Karen Lang, Benjamin LeFebvre, Lisa Gallagher, Shannon Halm, Wayne Collette, Edward Nolan, Mary Ann Armstrong, and Pat Flannery.

**Tax statements are available upon request.
 Contact the parish office.**

STEWARDSHIP

January 24, 2016 Sunday Collection \$ 4,088
(Blizzard) MASS ATTENDANCE 314

January 22, 2017 Sunday Collection
 Envelopes/Cash \$ 7,760.00
 ParishPay 1,051.67
Total \$ 8,811.67
 MASS ATTENDANCE 753
 God bless you for your generosity.

**Scripture Readings
 February 5, 2017
 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

**Friday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise.
 Throats will be blessed after the 6:45 am Mass.**

FEBRUARY 4/5 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 30
 Scripture Study 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Tuesday, January 31
 Moms and Tots 9:30 – 11:00 am

Wednesday, February 1
 Prayer Group 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Thursday, February 2
 Choir Practice 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday, February 3
 Mystery Players Practice 7:00 – 10 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

Forty-four years ago the landmark (and most recognized) Supreme Court Decision *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion in our nation. The Court's decision was based on a defense of personal liberty and privacy and not the sanctity of the unborn human life. Since January 23, 1973, on or around its anniversary, women and men of all faiths march in Washington, DC to protest this decision. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, representatives from St. Catherine's have traveled this weekend to "stand up for life." Over the years the court has attempted to balance its decision with the state's right to control abortion and "protect women's health." This has not been without lethal consequences. In protecting a right to privacy and women's health, more than 50,000,000 unborn children have died. To put that in perspective, our state of New Jersey has approximately 9 million people and our entire country 319 million. Many people see these consequences as insignificant, but we, as people of faith, cannot. There are no words...

As people of faith, we believe that every human life is sacred because it has been created in the image and likeness of God. No matter how old, young, sick, healthy, orientation, race, ethnic background, rich, poor, legal citizen or not; every human life has dignity and deserves the respect that the image of our God deserves. Jesus Christ himself was a baby in the womb, born into a needy family, a refugee, who suffered the pains and trials of all humans. All human life bares the loving imprint of God.

The "Pro-Life" cause often is understood as restricted to the *Roe v. Wade* decision, but it is not limited to abortion only. Life is threatened and abused and terminated in many different ways. Issues include abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, conscience protection, embryonic stem cell research, IVF/reproductive technology, capital punishment, racism, poverty, health care, just war, and discrimination of any kind. Other issues such as gossiping, lying, and disrespect of any kind also are all threats and abuse to life. All of these issues are important in that they do not respect life, but some to a greater degree than others. Denying healthcare to someone is graver than lying. Aborting a full term baby is graver than gossiping. I think we can all agree on that.

A slippery slope is created though when we are indifferent to the killing of the unborn. If we do not respect the life of a baby, either by outright support of abortion or support of legislation that permits it, how can we be surprised when we are indifferent to the environment, capital punishment, poverty, health care policies, and animal abuse? We need to cultivate a consistent ethic of life, being mindful of the most basic

and fundamental part of life...the child in the womb. There are some who say "a 'fetus' is not a human being." Science has proven this wrong. Surgery is performed on babies in the womb. Others claim that "nobody can tell me what to do with my body." The truth is we are dealing with the body of another human being. In no other situation are we legally able to terminate the life of another human being based on "choice" or "privacy." If we terminate the life of a baby, differences of opinion on issues like health care and poverty pale in comparison. Human life is a gift from God and therefore cannot be subject to a human choice.

St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign." (*Wall Street Journal* 2/25/94). Let us continue to pray for an end to this grave act. Let us pray for the babies, mothers, fathers, and grandparents who have been affected by abortion. There is a haunting and lasting effect to this "choice" that many people do not comprehend. The Church is present to pray for and accompany in the healing of all those affected.

Peace,
Fr. Jared



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 30 – Bible presentation to 2nd graders. Parents are invited.

February 6 – 2nd grade parent meeting 7:15 (conf room)

February 7 – 2nd grade parent meeting 4:15 (conf room)

February 12 – 2nd grade blessing and class Mass 10:30

"Here you have the same old flowers, but the bouquet is new, simply because I have arranged it differently."

St. Francis de Sales

SAVE THE DATE: LUNCH WITH A LEPRECHAUN
Saturday, March 4 – 12:00 to 2 in the Gym

ST. VALENTINE DINNER & DANCE

On **Saturday, February 11**, the parish will host a St. Valentine Dinner & Dance. All are invited (couples, singles, widows, widowers, divorcees, religious) to attend 5:30 Mass followed by the festivities in the gym. The cost is \$20 per person paid at the door which includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, beer, wine, soda, music, dancing, and other entertainment. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for all those interested in attending. Come in out of the dark, cold days of winter for some fun with your parish family!

WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Friday, March 10 - Sunday, March 12

Please join us at Villa Pauline Retreat House in Mendham on March 10, 11, & 12. We have a wonderful retreat master, Fr. Michael Whalen, CM, Professor at St. John's University in NYC.

Cost for the entire weekend is **\$175** and includes sleeping accommodations for 2 nights, 5 meals, & 5 conferences. Confession, Masses, social time and free time are also a part of the weekend. Cost for 1 night only is **\$125** and attendance on Saturday only is **\$75**. Teens are welcome to attend!

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact
Cretia Rotella @ 201-919-1060 or
Cheryl Clark @ 973-885-0908



On Thursday evening, August 17th the parish will be going to the *Subway Series* at Citi Field. Whether your team is the Mets or the Yankees, come out and enjoy an evening at the ballpark. We have a bus. We have tickets. We just need YOU.

Tickets are \$85 each and include transportation, beverages and snacks on the bus. Save the date and look for more information in the coming weeks.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT FOR WOMEN

How can you as a woman deepen your relationship with God? You are invited to become an Associate of the Society of the Sisters of the Church. The Associates meet monthly on a Saturday from 10:30 to 12:00 pm at St. Peter the Apostle, Parsippany. This is a great opportunity to enrich your spiritual life.

Please contact Barbara Bailey at 973-219-0281 or Barbara.t.bailey@gmail.com for more information.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 9th at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is "Sharing Precious Memories" (bring photos and/or mementos). For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

OPEN HOUSES

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Boonton is holding an Open House on **Sunday, January 29 from 12pm-2pm**. The Open House will feature presentations from students, parent and faculty panels, and a tour the school. For more information, please contact Daniela DeVries at 973-334-2777 or ddevries@olmcboonton.org.

The Ivy Hall Pre-School at Lake Drive School in Mountain Lakes will be holding their annual Open House on **February 8, 9, 15, 16 at 9:00 am**. Come see all Ivy Hall Pre-School has to offer your 3 and 4 year olds. RSVP 973-299-0166.

Assumption College for Sisters 16th Annual Caring Basket Gala

Thurs, March 23 at 6:30 pm at the Hanover Marriott
Contact Patricia McGrady 973-957-0188 xt101 or
gala@acs350.org

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PRE-LENTEN PARISH MISSION

St. Peter the Apostle Church invites you to their pre-Lenten parish mission, "*Christ Be Our Light*", **Monday – Wednesday, February 13, 14 and 15 at 7:00 pm**, with presenter Fr. Ron Hoye, C.M. Come for one hour each night for an experience you will not forget. Mission Service all three nights. Confessions will be heard on the 14th; Mass will be celebrated on the 15th, with refreshments to follow. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Bring a friend or two!

St. Peter the Apostle 179 Baldwin Rd, Parsippany
973-334-2090

LEARN GOD'S WAYS OF HANDLING MONEY! BECOME DEBT FREE!

John Corr Family Resources, a project of the Religious Teachers Filippini, is offering the Financial Peace University founded by Dave Ramsey. FPU is based on scripture and is a proven plan that will work for you.

Date: Feb 6 – April 3 Every Monday for 9 weeks (makeup classes available if you have to miss a week.)

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Place: Villa Walsh, 455 Western Ave. Morristown

Register: Call Sr. Mary Beth 916-202-6382 or email srmelloyd@gmail.com You can also register online at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1015271/

Cost: \$93. Scholarships available.

HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Please help support the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD), a Catholic Charities Agency, as they host their 47th Annual Murray House Dinner Dance at the Brownstone in Paterson **February 19 at 6:00 pm**. Attend, take out an ad, or sponsor a DPD resident to attend! For more information visit: www.dpd.org/Murray or contact DPD's Development Office at 973-406-1104 or at Chrisb@dpd.org.