



Saturday February 25
 5:30 pm Alyce Falduto and Paul McEntyre

Sunday February 26 *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:00 am Michael Liptak
 10:30 am Edward Zdanowicz and
 Msgr. Edward Hajduk
 12:00 pm Intention of Ella Rodriguez

Monday February 27
 6:45 am Richard Johnson

Tuesday February 28
 6:45 am Caroline Bozza

Wednesday March 1 *Ash Wednesday*
 6:45 am Porfiria Bautista
 12:00 pm Mary Sekel and Jude Selvaratnam
 7:30 pm Raffaella Noel

Thursday March 2
 6:45 am Mary Ann Conlon
 12:00 pm Dianne Zimmermann

Friday March 3
 6:45 am Valerie Peters
 12:00 pm Tim Pierson

Saturday March 4
 8:00 am James McGarrigal
 5:30 pm Joan Pirolo and Dr. and Mrs. Leon Smith

Sunday March 5 *First Sunday of Lent*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:00 am George Style
 10:30 am Daniel Mount
 12:00 pm Mary Beth DeMartis

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, Pat Flannery, Michele Buck, Pam Kiener, and Baby Charlie Tansey.

STEWARDSHIP

February 21, 2016 Collection & PP	\$ 7,619
MASS ATTENDANCE 689	
February 19, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 6,627
ParishPay	1,037
Total	\$ 7,664
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$ 2,020
MASS ATTENDANCE 692	

Scripture Readings
March 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
 Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
 In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Masses: 6:45 am, 12:00 pm, 7:30 pm
Liturgy of the Word: 4:15 pm

MARCH 4/5 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

NEXT WEEKEND:

Second Collection for Diocesan Assessment

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 26	
Mystery Players practice	5:00 – 10:00 pm
Tuesday, February 28	
Moms and Tots	9:30 – 11:00 am
<i>Catholicism</i> with Sr. Bernadette	7:30 pm
Ash Wednesday, March 1	
Prayer Group	1:00 – 2:00 pm
Ashes:	6:45 am, 12:00 pm, 4:15 pm*, 7:30 pm
*ashes and liturgy only at 4:15; no Mass	
Thursday, March 2	
<i>Catholicism</i> with Sr. Bernadette	10:30 am
Choir Practice	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Friday, March 3	
Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
CYO Equipment returns (gym)	7:30 pm
Saturday, March 4	
Lunch with a Leprechaun	12:00 - 2:00 pm

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Today is the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time and the final Sunday before Lent begins on Wednesday. In addition to our regular schedule of liturgies and groups we have additional opportunities throughout Lent for our spiritual enrichment. Please see our schedule of events and consider participating in some of them these next six weeks.

It is the tradition of the Church in Lent for Catholics to fast and/or abstain on certain days. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are for people age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are for people age 14 and older. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Fasting, abstaining, giving up certain things, or doing some extra works of prayer and charity are all done to bring us closer to God. When we think about what we can "do for Lent", consider the purpose. How will I grow closer to God through this? Let us pray for one another as we begin this Lenten journey.

Peace,
Fr. Jared



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. Tickets are limited and first come, first served, so don't delay. Tickets must be paid in full to hold your seat.

**FOR INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS,
CONTACT WHITNEY at 973-586-2777 or
queendubose@aol.com**



Lent 2017

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Daily Eucharist:

6:45 am & 12 pm (Monday-Friday)
8:00 am (Saturday)

Sunday Eucharist:

5:30 pm (Saturday)
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Lenten Parish Mission

Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM
March 26 – March 29 at 7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 pm

March 3	Fr. Jared
March 10	7 th - 10 th grade
March 17	No Stations of the Cross
March 24	Families
March 31	Seminarian Alexis
April 7	Fr. Jared

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Mondays: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (March 6 – April 3)

Adult Faith Enrichment

Discussion of Thomas Merton's
The Seven Storey Mountain
Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21 & April 4 at 7:30 pm
OR Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23 & April 6 at 10:30 am
with Fr. Jared

Presentation on Bishop Robert Barron's
Catholicism

Tuesdays, Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21 & April 4 at 7:30 pm
OR Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & April 6 at 10:30 am
with Sr. Bernadette Weller

LUNCH WITH A LEPRECHAUN – THIS SATURDAY

Saturday, March 4 Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council #3359 will host **Lunch with a Leprechaun** from noon to 2:00 pm in the parish center gym. Enjoy corned beef, hot dogs, soda, coffee, tea, scones and cupcakes while being entertained with Irish dancers, a bagpiper and other musicians, plus a visit from our honored guest, the leprechaun. Children age 3 to 12, \$10. Adults \$15. Tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds benefit our troops.



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming dates:

- February 27** Regular classes resume
- February 27** 2nd grade parent faith formation with Sr. Bernadette, 4:00 – 5:15 in the conference room
- February 27** 8th grade classes resume
- March 1 (Ash Wed)**– distribution of Ashes during class time
- March 1** – 10th grade classes resume
- March 11** – 2nd grade retreat 9:00-11:30
- March 12** – 6th grade class Mass 10:30 am

Information about the 2nd graders preparing for First Holy Communion



Listening

This week our children who are preparing for First Holy Communion reflected on listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us. How do we as a parish listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of love to transform our hearts and our minds – our very lives?



St. Catherine's will be holding a **Way of the Cross for Children and Families** on **Friday, March 24 at 7:00 pm**, with a practice on March 23 at 7:00 pm. We are looking for families to participate by doing a scripture reading and a reflection. We have beautiful

posters and music that reflect the Stations of the Cross. What a beautiful way to learn about Jesus with your family. Come renew and deepen your relationship with God and the whole Church. For more information or to participate, call the Religious Education office at (973) 334-5257, or email at DRE@stcatherine-ml.org



Vacation Bible School

Get into gear and join us for Vacation Bible School at St. Catherine's. Like gears in a machine, we work together to really connect with Jesus. Make your summer ROCK! Come dig deeper with us at Vacation Bible School at St. Catherine's.

SAVE THE DATE: June 26 – 30, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Registration opens March 15th. Also, we are looking for a computer whiz to help with VBS. Contact Lisa in the Religious Education office.



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

This Lent, St. Catherine's Religious Education program is again participating in CRS Rice Bowls. Use your CRS Rice Bowl to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Religious Education office will be collecting your Rice Bowls **the week of March 27**, so please return them that week during your class time. Please convert your change into a **check made payable to St. Catherine of Siena Church with "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo.**

As we begin our Lenten journey, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms a making of peace, and our prayers the change of humble and grateful hearts. We ask for God's help to put our faith into action, to work in love and to persevere in hope through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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!

Contact Cretia Rotella 201-919-1060 or
 Cheryl Clark 973-885-0908

OPEN YOUR EYES TO SCRIPTURE

Following a rewarding study of *The Gospel of Mark*, the Monday Scripture Study group will meet again on **Mondays, beginning March 6th from 1-2:30 pm** in the parish library. All are invited to explore *The Acts of the Apostles*. The Ignatius Commentary, Notes and Study questions will guide our preparation and discussion. Whether new to scripture study or experienced, walk with the apostles during Lent, the Easter season, and beyond. Please contact Debra Dewing debra@dewing5.net or Amy Dinka 813-494-1052 with any questions and to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH AND CHIPS

Knights of Columbus Council #3359, will host its annual Fish and Chips dinner on **Friday, March 3** at St. Mary's Prep, Denville, from **5 to 7 PM**. Catered by Argyle Restaurant of Kearny. Eat in or take out. Beverages, dessert and coffee included. Adults \$16, Seniors \$15, Children \$10. Present this ad for a 10% discount on a family order of 5 meals or more.

**LENT 2017
ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT**

Topic: Discussion of Thomas Merton's
The Seven Storey Mountain (book provided)
Presenter: Fr. Jared Brogan

A modern-day *Confessions* of Saint Augustine, *The Seven Storey Mountain* is one of the most popular spiritual works of the twentieth century.

"Merton was above all a man of prayer, a thinker who challenged the certitudes of his time and opened new horizons for souls and for the Church. He was also a man of dialogue, a promoter of peace between peoples and religions." (Pope Francis)

Tuesdays: March 7, 14, 21, & April 4 7:30pm
or
Thursdays: March 9, 16, 23, & April 6th 10:30am

Topic: Bishop Robert Barron's
Catholicism
Presenter: Sister Bernadette Weller

Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. Learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of the faith.

Tuesdays: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, & April 4 7:30pm
or
Thursdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23, & April 6 10:30am

(please check all which would apply)

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Name (optional): _____

Please return your responses to the basket in the back of church.