



Saturday March 4
 5:30 pm Joan Pirolo and Dr. and Mrs. Leon Smith

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

Monday March 6
 6:45 am Michael Ferraiuolo
 12:00 pm Rosemarie Dougherty

Tuesday March 7
 6:45 am James Brogan
 12:00 pm King Thomas

Wednesday March 8
 6:45 am Mary Ann Conlon
 12:00 pm Intention of Special Friend

Thursday March 9
 6:45 am George Costello
 12:00 pm Clara Jozwiak

Friday March 10
 6:45 am Toni Cusak
 12:00 pm Jane Myer

Saturday March 11
 8:00 am James Russo
 5:30 pm Henry Gurba, Jr. and Michael Wall

Sunday March 12 *Second Sunday of Lent*
 7:30 am Intention of Barry Rankin
 9:00 am Elinor Longobardi and Our Parishioners
 10:30 am Dianna and Heriberto Encarnacion
 12:00 pm Dr. Rodolfo Narag and
 Mary Beth DeMartis

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, 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 28, 2016 Collection & PP	\$ 7,250
MASS ATTENDANCE 660	
February 26, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,984
ParishPay	600
Total	\$ 8,584
Weekly Operating Expense	\$12,885
MASS ATTENDANCE 721	

Scripture Readings

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them, everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

MARCH 11/12 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 6	
Scripture Study	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Tuesday, March 7	
Moms and Tots	9:30 – 11:00 am
7 Storey Mtn with Fr. Jared (conf room)	7:30 pm
Catholicism with Sr. Bernadette (library)	7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 8	
Prayer Group	1:00 – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 9	
7 Storey Mtn with Fr. Jared (conf room)	10:30 am
Catholicism with Sr. Bernadette (library)	10:30 am
Choir Practice	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Friday, March 10	
Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
Youth Group Pizza Social	7:30 pm
Saturday, March 11	
Grade 2 Retreat (gym)	9:00 – 11:30 am
Sunday, February 12	
Grade 6 Class Mass	10:30 am

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

In his Lenten letter, Pope Francis reminds us that “Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor.” These past few days since Ash Wednesday, I am sure we have heard many times, “what are you doing for Lent?” Common responses include practices like giving up candy, coffee, alcohol, bad habits, going to Mass more often, going to confession, and donating our time and money to specific causes. The list goes on and on. Whatever it is we decide “to do”, the focus ought to be on “renewing our encounter with Christ.” The Pope suggests that renewing our relationship with Christ involves reflecting on his word in sacred scripture, celebrating the sacraments, and focusing on making our relationships with one another stronger.

What are we doing for Lent? We are renewing our encounter with Christ by reflecting on his word (prayer), freeing our lives from distractions to be nourished through his sacraments (fasting), and being encouraged and motivated by grace to act in service to our brothers and sisters (almsgiving). That is Lent. How we go about it is between ourselves and God. It is my prayer that we all grow closer to Christ and ultimately experience the peace he desires to give to us. *Dona nobis pacem.*

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 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

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Religious Education classes will be making **Easter Bags** for the **Father English Community Center**.

If you would like to contribute, suggested items are:

- Fruit snacks, candy individually wrapped (no loose items – i.e., jelly beans)
- Small toys, small crafts items, small bags of snacks (chips, pretzels, cookies)



Please drop off items in the Religious Education office before **March 27**. Thank you!



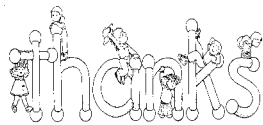
NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming dates:

March 11 – 2nd grade retreat 9:00-11:30

March 12 – 6th grade class Mass 10:30 am

March 20 – 2nd and 8th grade classes will be making sandwiches for St. Joseph's Social Service in Elizabeth



Information about the 2nd graders preparing for First Holy Communion

Thanksgiving

This week the Children preparing for First Holy Communion reflected on their gifts, which are blessing from God. At the Eucharist (a word meaning "to give thanks") we thank God for all his gifts and blessing. How do we as a parish help others develop such a grateful heart?



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.

SAVE THE DATE: June 26 – 30, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Registration opens March 15th.



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.**

LAST CALL: WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT This 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.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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

St. Ann's Parish, Parsippany, invites you to their St. Patrick's/St Joseph's Day dinner dance on **Sat, March 11** at 6:30 pm. Music provided by Eamonn Ryan & Band. \$40 pp includes wine, beer, salad, corned beef or chicken, sides and Irish coffee. Contact Monica 973-386-1602 or 973-884-1986.

MORRIS CATHOLIC ST. PATRICK'S 5K RUN

Morris Catholic High School will hold its 6th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on **Saturday, March 18** at 9:00 am at its Denville campus. Registration opens at 7:30. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. \$25 registration fee up to March 8; \$30 registration fee after March 8 and day of race. For more information, visit:

runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K
or contact MC5KRace@gmail.com