



Saturday March 11
 5:30 pm Henry Gurba, Jr, Michael Wall and Madeleine Solomon

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

Monday March 13
 6:45 am Our Parishioners
 12:00 pm Thomas and Mary Jo Young

Tuesday March 14
 6:45 am James Brogan
 12:00 pm Raymond Brady

Wednesday March 15
 6:45 am Porfira Bautista and J. Victor and Sophronia Lynch
 12:00 pm Intention of Special Friend

Thursday March 16
 6:45 am Private Intention
 12:00 pm Joan Pirolo

Friday March 17
 6:45 am George and Barbara Murray
 12:00 pm Intention of Elsie Rodriguez

Saturday March 18
 8:00 am James McGarrigal
 5:30 pm William McEntyre and Joan Pirolo

Sunday March 19 *Third Sunday of Lent*
 7:30 am Mary Ann Conlon and Our Parishioners
 9:00 am Dr. Luis and Sandra Fernandez
 10:30 am Ted Maute
 12:00 pm Joseph Manetti, Sr. and Tom and Agnes DeLalla

MARCH 18/19 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

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.

**Scripture Readings
 March 19, 2017
 Third Sunday of Lent**

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

**FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE FR. ENGLISH
 FOOD PANTRY IS NEXT WEEKEND**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- There will be **NO Stations of the Cross**
- **Bishop Serratelli has granted dispensation from the laws of fast and abstinence to all Roman Catholics living in or visiting this diocese on March 17. This dispensation is given with the strong recommendation that the faithful honor both St Patrick and this holy season of Lent by some special work of charity or exercise of piety in place of abstinence.**

STEWARDSHIP

March 6, 2016 Collection & PP	\$ 9,257
MASS ATTENDANCE 781	
March 5, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,275
ParishPay	1,895
Total	\$10,170
Weekly Operating Expense	\$12,885
Collection for Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,612
Ash Wednesday	\$ 3,448
MASS ATTENDANCE 800	

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Among the popular Lenten practices is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). This is one of the Sacraments of Healing; along with the Anointing of the Sick. It is truly a healing experience when we enter with a "humble and contrite heart." It is truly healing when we desire the peace that only God can give us in response to our prayer *domina nobis pacem*. Reconciliation puts us in right relationship with one another. In the sacrament, we are placed in right relationship (communion) with God. That is what Lent is all about. The Sacrament is not simply a laundry list of sins, but an acknowledgement of our need for Christ's healing in specific relationships in our life: God, others, and ourselves. Pope Francis, who constantly speaks of our need for God's mercy, spoke about the need to make a daily examination of conscience. He speaks of the importance to reflect on the good that we have done as well as the good we have failed to do for God, one's neighbor, and oneself. He recommends these questions (edited) for that daily examen and I would recommend it prior to celebrating the sacrament.

- Do I only turn to God when I'm in need?
- Do I take attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation?
- Do I begin and end the day with prayer?
- Am I embarrassed to show that I am a Christian?
- Do I rebel against God's plan?
- Am I envious, hot-tempered, biased?
- Am I honest and fair with everyone or do I fuel the "throwaway culture"?
- In my marital and family relations, do I uphold morality as taught in the Gospels?
- Do I honor and respect my parents/spouse/children/siblings?
- Have I refused newly conceived life? Have I snuffed out the gift of life? Have I helped do so?
- Do I respect the environment?
- Do I compartmentalize my faith?
- Do I overdo it with eating, drinking, smoking and amusements?
- Am I *overly* concerned about my physical well-being, my possessions, my appearance?
- How do I use my time? Am I lazy?
- Do I want to be served?
- Do I hold grudges?
- Am I a builder of peace?

Come home this Lent. Experience the healing embrace of the Father in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 13

Scripture Study 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Welcome Home confessions 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, March 14

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 15

Prayer Group 12:30 pm

Thursday, March 16

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 17

No Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

Confessions 4:00 – 5:00 pm



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 27 – March 29 at 7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 pm

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 (through April 3)

Adult Faith Enrichment

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

Presentation on Bishop Robert Barron's

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



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming dates:

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:

Remembering

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion reflected on what Jesus celebrated at the Last Supper. The Eucharistic prayer is the Church's great prayer of thanksgiving. At the Eucharist, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we join with the living Christ to give praise and glory to the Father. How are we as a parish gathering to remember and celebrate Jesus?



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 Registration is Open

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. Registration forms are on our website or can be picked up in the Rel Ed office.

DATE: June 26 – 30, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

To volunteer, contact at Lisa 973-334-5257 or dre@stcatherine-ml.org



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.**

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!



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

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

Please join St. Ann's bus trip **April 28** to Sight & Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster, PA., to see "Jonah". Cost is \$124 and includes shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, performance at Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre, dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and transportation. Bus leaves from St. Ann's parking lot, 781 Smith Rd, Parsippany at 10:00 am and returns at 10:30 pm. For tickets call Ginny at 973-884-1986. Seats sell out quickly. **Deadline to reserve: March 26**