



**Saturday March 18**  
 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

**Monday March 20** *Solemnity of St Joseph*  
 6:45 am 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Peter Haas, USM  
 12:00 pm Jeffrey Troast

**Tuesday March 21**  
 6:45 am Deceased Parishioners  
 12:00 pm Noemi and Sergio Wong

**Wednesday March 22**  
 6:45 am Blanca Taylor and Roy Cardona  
 12:00 pm Allen Feehan

**Thursday March 23**  
 6:45 am James McElroy  
 12:00 pm In Thanksgiving

**Friday March 24**  
 6:45 am John Brown  
 12:00 pm Timothy Lindbergh

**Saturday March 25** *Annunciation of the Lord*  
 8:00 am Special Intention  
 5:30 pm Marie Arcaro and Jeanne Ford

**Sunday March 26** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
 7:30 am Isadore G. Padula, Jr. and Our Parishioners  
 9:00 am Lawrence Mienkiewicz  
 10:30 am Elsie and José Castellanos  
 12:00 pm Divina Angsioco

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Kristin Petrasek, Kevin Cunniff, Sr. Bernadette Weller, Karen Lang, Shannon Halm, Edward Nolan, Mary Ann Armstrong, Pat Flannery, Michele Buck, Christa Fairclough, Pam Kiener, and Baby Charlie Tansey.

**STEWARDSHIP**

March 13, 2016 Collection & PP	\$ 10,146
MASS ATTENDANCE 800	
March 12, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,487
ParishPay	820
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,307</b>
Weekly Operating Expense	\$12,885

MASS ATTENDANCE 854

**Scripture Readings**  
**March 26, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as "children of light" in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds "done in darkness."

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner," but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

**MARCH 25/26 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. Jared Brogan
12:00 pm	Fr. Jim Termyna

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Family Communion Breakfast**  
**Sunday, April 30 following the 9:00 am Mass.**  
**Details to follow.**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, March 20**

Scripture Study	1:00 – 2:30 pm
<i>Welcome Home</i> confessions	7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Tuesday, March 21**

Moms and Tots	9:30 – 11:00 am
7 Storey Mtn with Fr. Jared (conf room)	7:30 pm
<i>Catholicism</i> with Sr. Bernadette (library)	7:30 pm

**Thursday, March 23**

7 Storey Mtn with Fr. Jared (conf room)	10:30 am
<i>Catholicism</i> with Sr. Bernadette (library)	10:30 am
Choir Practice	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Family Stations of the Cross practice	7:00 pm

**Friday, March 24**

Stations of the Cross (Prayer Group)	12:30 pm
Stations of the Cross (Families)	7:00 pm

**Saturday, March 25**

Confessions	4:00 – 5:00 pm
Class Mass (Grade 8)	5:30 pm

## From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Lent is an outstanding season of the Church's liturgical year. It stands out in many ways. There are no flowers in the church. The rubrics (the instructions of the church regarding liturgical practice) suggest that the only exception to this is on special feasts and solemnities such as the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 20 this year), the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25), and "Laetare" Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 26. This reminds us of the need to enter the metaphorical desert during this season. The Penitential Rite at each Mass will opt for the praying of the *Confiteor* (I confess to almighty God) followed by the chanting of the *Kyrie Eleison* (Lord have mercy). This will highlight for us the penitential nature of the season and help us to more intently "acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." The *Gloria* is not sung or recited except on the solemnities mentioned above. The first time the *Gloria* is sung is at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It is then not sung until the Easter Vigil. The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia* is not sung before the gospel, but is replaced by *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory*. The next time the *Alleluia* is sung is at the Easter Vigil. Both the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* are omitted during Lent to highlight the simplicity of the season and to build up to the Easter celebration which calls for the *Gloria* and *Alleluia* in a high degree of solemnity. Something that is unique to St. Catherine's is the singing of *Dona Nobis Pacem* at the end of each Mass. This allows us as a community to pray for peace in our lives. Mass is a public, communal prayer. We all bring individual prayers to the Mass, but ultimately the Eucharist is a communal prayer. Singing hymns (all the time) is one sign of that communal prayer. Prayer is one of traditional practices of Lent, in addition to fasting and almsgiving, and to pray as a parish family is a great blessing.

These external symbols (or lack thereof) remind us of our need to empty ourselves this Lent of those things that prevent us from experiencing all of the love that God desires to give us. We each have things in our life that need to be emptied so that we may be renewed and experience the peace we all long for. I write this in between hearing confessions on Monday evening in the space where we come to empty ourselves to God so that he can heal us. I wish that I did not have the time to write an article as I sit between confessions. What a great gift the sacrament is! What a healing experience for those who receive it! As we journey through the days of Lenten springtime (although two feet of snow is predicted for tomorrow...Tuesday), let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through Jesus' resurrection at Easter. First though, we need to make room in our life for it.

Peace,  
Fr. Jared



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 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  
Presentation on Bishop Robert Barron's  
*Catholicism* with Sr. Bernadette Weller

Tuesdays, March 21 & April 4 at 7:30 pm or  
Thursdays, March 23 & April 6 at 10:30 am



On Thursday evening, August 17<sup>th</sup> 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**



## **NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **Upcoming dates:**

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

**March 25** – 8<sup>th</sup> grade class Mass at 5:30.

**March 27-30** – 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, bring in supplies for Easter Bags. All grades - Rice Bowls due back.

**March 30** – Confirmation practice 7:30 pm

**April 1** – Confirmation 11:00 am with Bishop Serratelli.

**April 3-6** – Last classes; 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be making Easter Bags for the Fr. English Community Center in Paterson.



### **2<sup>nd</sup> graders preparing for First Holy Communion**

#### **Celebrating**

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion reflected on Jesus' presence with us in the Eucharist. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. How are we as a parish living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?



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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### **COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN**

Thank you to those who helped shop for and serve 158 meals on March 13 at the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown: Angela Bloshuk, Karen Brennfleck, Linda Glavin, Layna Kearns, Carol Kennedy, Valerie Leahy, Joyce Mathur, Pat & Dom Miliano, Jen Scarpati, Bea Underwood and Carmella Wilce. Thank you also to Rose Ann Cotreau-Hastings and her friends for all the delicious St. Patrick themed baked goods. To volunteer, please contact Denise Ramirez at 973-299-1554.

### **Kiwanis Club of Denville presents their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fish and Chips Dinner**

provided by

Thistle's Fish & Chips of Kearny  
Friday, March 31 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Community Methodist Church  
190 Diamond Spring Rd, Denville

\$16 adults, \$15 seniors, \$8 children

*Take out and chicken available*

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**

