



**Saturday March 25**  
 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

**Monday March 27**  
 6:45 am Nicholas Pazzaglia  
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt

**Tuesday March 28**  
 6:45 am Deceased Parishioners  
 12:00 pm James Bergen

**Wednesday March 29**  
 6:45 am Robert Winslow  
 12:00 pm Vincent Nardone and Rozanna DeForest

**Thursday March 30**  
 6:45 am Sick in the Parish  
 12:00 pm Daniel Malavarca

**Friday March 31**  
 6:45 am Private Intention  
 12:00 pm Robert Cunningham

**Saturday April 1**  
 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory  
 5:30 pm James McElroy and Joan Pirolo

**Sunday April 2** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
 7:30 am Our Parishioners  
 9:00 am Percy, Amy, and Marshall Arul  
 10:30 am Elinor Longobardi and John McConomy  
 12:00 pm Mary Beth DeMartis

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Sr. Bernadette Weller, Karen Lang, Edward Nolan, Mary Ann Armstrong, Michele Buck, Christa Fairclough, Pam Kiener, Baby Charlie Tansey and Wayne Collett.

**STEWARDSHIP**

March 19, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,995
ParishPay	1,257
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,252</b>
Weekly Operating Expense	\$12,885

MASS ATTENDANCE 768

**Scripture Readings**  
**April 2, 2017**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

**Gospel: John 11:1-45**

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

**APRIL 1/2 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

5:30 pm	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB
7:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
9:00 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
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 27**

Scripture Study 1:00 – 2:30 pm  
 Parish Mission "Love is all you need" 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, March 28**

Moms and Tots 9:30 – 11:00 am  
 Parish Mission "Let there be peace on earth"  
 with Penance service 7:30 pm

**NO ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

**Wednesday, March 29**

Parish Mission "Lord, you can heal me, if you want to"  
 followed by social in gym 7:30 pm

**Thursday, March 30**

**NO ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

Choir Practice 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
 Confirmation Rehearsal 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Friday, March 31**

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

**Saturday, April 1**

Confirmation 11:00 am  
 Confessions 4:00 – 5:00 pm

## From the Desk of Fr. Jared

More on the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Yes! There are several reasons why we sometimes don't take advantage of this Sacrament or we don't celebrate it well. Fear, shame, bad experiences in the past, and a long time since the last time are all possible reasons for struggles with this Sacrament. I would like to offer some common excuses that are preventing us from celebrating the Sacrament and hopefully encourage a change of heart in us:

**"It's been a long time, but I don't think I do that much wrong."**

It may be the case that we won't have any serious sins to confess - even when we consider what we have failed to do. However, examining how we have fallen short in a variety of small areas will usually result in our discovering places we need forgiveness and healing in bigger areas.

**"I go frequently, but I confess the same serious things repeatedly."**

It is so important to keep celebrating the Sacrament. We need God's grace and mercy. Without it, our efforts to stay close to the Lord are even more inhibited. The issue for us is to change our patterns. Some of our patterns might be deeply embedded habits and may require a genuine commitment and the help of others. Others may have become addictions which require therapy or a 12-step program. What starts to change our hearts is to focus on leaving the celebration of the Sacrament with deeper and deeper gratitude. The more we thank our Lord for his love and mercy, the easier it is to resist temptation. Second, it is very important to develop a pattern of prayer daily so we find ourselves saying throughout the day, "Thank you for your grace today, Lord," or "I trust you will be with me in this challenging situation." These kinds of practices will make our celebration of the Sacrament lead to effective healing.

**"I go frequently, but I confess the same venial sins repeatedly."**

Satan would love to have us just quit trying and separate us from the Sacrament of God's mercy and peace. In examining our conscience, it is good to consider what we might have failed to do. Have we been as charitable and generous as we could have been? Have we fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited the sick or imprisoned in whatever ways we have heard our Lord's call to do so? What patterns are evident in our lives, like impatience or judging others? What is at the root?

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

Peace, Fr. Jared



### 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 *\*THIS WEEK, MON-WED\**

Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM  
March 27 – March 29 at 7:30 pm

### Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 pm

March 31 Seminarian Alexis  
April 7 Fr. Jared

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 28: 7:30 (with Parish Mission)  
Monday, April 3: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

### Adult Faith Enrichment *\*NO CLASSES THIS WEEK\**

Discussion of Thomas Merton's  
*The Seven Storey Mountain* with Fr. Jared  
Presentation on Bishop Robert Barron's  
*Catholicism* with Sr. Bernadette Weller

### No Classes March 28 or 30

Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 pm;  
Thursday, 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 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:**

**Living** – This week we reflected on the first Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Reborn of the Holy Spirit, all the baptized

have been called and empowered to live as true witnesses of Christ and to spread the faith by word and deed. How are we as a parish living as disciples and followers of Jesus?



### **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**

The Religious Education office will be collecting your Rice Bowls **THIS WEEK** so

please return them 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.**



**Thank you, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Lent is a wonderful time to think of others, preparing ourselves to be open to new life on Easter Sunday.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students made about 400

sandwiches for St. Joseph's Social Service in Elizabeth, which serves the homeless and the poor. It was great to see the children making the sandwiches with compassion and love.

Thank you also to all the parents who contributed items to make the sandwiches. It would not have been such a success without you. Thank you!

## **HOLY WEEK**



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, April 8

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### **Palm Sunday Mass, April 9**

*Blessing and distribution of palm at each Mass*

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

*Fr. Jared Brogan*

7:30 am

*Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB*

9:00 am

*Fr. Jim Termyna*

10:30 am Procession

*Fr. Jared Brogan*

12:00 pm

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### **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Daily Masses**

6:45 am and 12:00 pm

### **THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

#### **Holy Thursday, April 13**

*No morning Mass*

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper *Fr. Jared Brogan*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the gym until midnight

#### **Good Friday, April 14**

*No morning Mass*

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

*Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB*

*(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Communion)*

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross:

Franciscan Mystery Players

#### **Holy Saturday, April 15**

12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil *Fr. Jared Brogan*

#### **Easter Sunday Masses, April 16**

7:30 am

*Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB*

9:30 am

*Fr. Jared Brogan*

11:30 am

*Fr. Jim Termyna*

### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Religious Education classes will be making Easter Bags for the Father English Community Center next week and need your donations. Suggested items are:

- Fruit snacks, candy individually wrapped
- Small toys, small crafts items, small bags of snacks (chips, pretzels, cookies)

Please drop off items in the Religious Education office this week. Thank you!

