



Saturday August 27
 5:30 pm Robert Halm and Paul Schmidt
Sunday August 28 *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Ann McGowan and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Elsie Selvaratnam and Helen Kebrdle
 11:30 am Carl William Engblom, Sr.
Monday August 29 *Passion of St John the Baptist*
 6:45 am Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday August 30
 6:45 am Jay and Stella Parsons
Wednesday August 31
 6:45 am J. Victor and Sophronia Lynch
Thursday September 1
 6:45 am Helen Schiaffino
Friday September 2
 6:45 am Ralph and Monique Golby
Saturday September 3 *St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*
 8:00 am Kimberley Burdorf and Matthew Svoboda
 5:30 pm Fr. Patrick Rice
Sunday September 4 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am John A. McManus and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Agnes DeLalla
 11:30 am Joan Kakareka, Rodolfo Narag and the mother of Rustica Doria

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, Jeanine Niehoff, Saskia Kane, Joy Skubic, Edward Sotelo, Sr. Bernadette Weller, Joan MacDonald, Robert Walsh, Fran Wolf, Jack Boyland, Christa Fairclough, Bob Noonan, Martha Jones, Ramona Colao, John Mitros, Louise Risely, Karen Lang, Benjamin LeFebvre and Carmella Brookes.

STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 23, 2015	\$ 6,668	
MASS ATTENDANCE		637
Sunday, August 21, 2016		
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 5,781	
ParishPay	740	
Total	\$ 6,521	
MASS ATTENDANCE		635

God bless you for your generosity.

Scripture Readings
September 4, 2016
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

SEPTEMBER 3/4 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

5:30 pm	Fr. Jared Brogan
7:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
9:30 am	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin
11:30 am	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin

There will be one Mass at 8:00 am on Labor Day, Monday, September 5

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**Regular Mass schedule will resume the weekend of September 10/11. Sat. 5:30; Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00**

**CHOIR PRACTICE WILL RESUME THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Children's choir will begin at 7, and adult at 7:30. Both choirs will sing at the 12:00 Mass September 11 prior to the parish picnic.

**ST. CATHERINE'S PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer group will resume our weekly meetings on **Wed, Sept. 7th at 1 pm** in the parish center. Please consider joining our group of men and women who would like to draw nearer to Our Lord by praying together based on the gospel reading each week. For further information please call Lee Maute at 973-299-7016.

## From the Desk of Fr. Jared

This weekend the Church honors two great saints: St. Augustine (August 28<sup>th</sup>) and his mother St. Monica (August 27<sup>th</sup>). The story of Augustine is probably one of the most popular stories of any saint. It is revealed to us in his biography *The Confessions*. Any student who has studied philosophy and/or theology at any level has certainly heard of and hopefully read this great work. His story is one of searching. Augustine spent most of his life searching for truth, but he was reaching for truth "in all the wrong places." After much searching and revelry he discovered the one truth, revealed by God in the person of Jesus Christ. He became one of the greatest thinkers in the Church.

The life of Augustine should make us mindful of and reflective on two things. The first is that God takes the initiative with us. God is always seeking us out. God wants us. God calls us. He wants us and calls us often before we ever know or recognize it. The second is the role of mothers in our spiritual life and the power of prayer. Monica prayed unceasingly for the conversion of her son. It worked! Parents play such important roles in the spiritual life of their children. Whether it is leading by example, or the mere fact that young people cannot get to church without their parents.

Finally, for all of us, prayer work! When you are asked to pray for someone, do it! When you are in need, do it! The Church gives us these two great saints among so many others. What lessons do all these men and women have to offer us, to assist us in our search for God.

Peace,  
Fr. Jared

### WORDS OF MERCY AND HOPE BY POPE FRANCIS

Faith opens a "window" to the presence and working of the Spirit. It shows us that, like happiness, holiness is always tied to little gestures. "Whoever gives you a cup of water in my name will not go unrewarded", says Jesus (cf. *Mk 9:41*). These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family; they get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, by children, by brothers and sisters. They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion. Like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work. Homely gestures. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day's work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith. (*Pope Francis' Homily from Mass at World Meeting of Families*)



## NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

### UPCOMING DATES:

#### **September 7, 10:00 am or 7:30 pm**

Catechists gathering for grades 1-6 with Anita Foley, representative from RCL Benziger, publisher of *Be My Disciple*.

#### **September 7, 7:30 pm**

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade catechists gathering

#### **September 8, 7:30 pm**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade catechists gathering

#### **September 11, 12:00 Mass**

Catechists and Religious Education students blessing.

#### **September 14, 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm**

1<sup>st</sup> grade parent gathering in the gym, joined by Grades 3-6 new parents at 7:00 pm.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN:

#### **Monday, Sept 12**

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 4:00-5:15

7<sup>th</sup> grade – 7:30 – 9:00

#### **Tuesday, Sept 13**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades – 4:00-5:15

6<sup>th</sup> grade – 7:00-8:15

#### **Wednesday, Sept 14**

1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 4:00-5:15

10<sup>th</sup> grade – 7:30-9:00

#### **Thursday, Sept 15**

5<sup>th</sup> grade – 4:00-5:15

Our Religious Education program exists because of dedicated volunteers.

**We need catechists for the following classes:**

#### **Monday: 7:30pm – 9:00pm**

7<sup>th</sup> grade – 1 teacher

We also are looking for someone to catechize/teach two 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 pm beginning November 2.

Please contact the Religious Education office for more information.

**Lisa Gervasio**

**Religious Education office (973) 334-5257**

**DRE@stcatherine-ml.org**

### **MOMS & TOTS**

The Moms & Tots playgroup will resume meeting **every TUESDAY from 9:30 - 11:00 in the gym beginning September 13**. All are welcome to join us for free play, a snack and craft each week. All we ask is that you bring a small monetary (\$1) or canned good donation for the Fr. English Food Pantry. Please contact Kerrie Boland 973-335-5673 or [caulfika@hotmail.com](mailto:caulfika@hotmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing all of our friends!

## "DEAR EVAN HANSEN" BROADWAY TRIP

### **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 8pm at the Belasco Theater**

Mezz E1-27 and E2-12 \$119 each  
Mezz G103-110 and H101-112 \$ 85 each  
Side Mezz B 22-24 and C26-28 \$ 139 each  
(R/T bus included in price)

**Bus will depart St. Catherine's at 5:30 pm.  
Reserved tickets will be distributed on the bus.**

**CONTACT WHITNEY DUBOSE at 973-586-2777 or  
queendubose@aol.com with any questions.**

### **~ FULL PAYMENT IS NOW DUE ~**

Checks should be made payable to  
St. Catherine of Siena, and mailed to:  
Whitney DuBose  
c/o St. Catherine of Siena  
10 N Pocono Rd  
Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. There are several groups of people who are able to participate in this ministry:

- \* Adults who have never been baptized (members of other religions or no religion at all)
  - \* Adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition
  - \* Adults who were baptized Catholic but have had no instruction in the faith or have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
  - \* Catholic adults who have a desire to learn more about the faith and a desire to accompany others on their journey towards initiation
- RCIA is about growth in faith and growth in a relationship with God. Please contact Fr. Jared if you or someone you know would be interested or would like to have more information. The RCIA will begin in the fall.

### **FALL FESTIVAL - CRAFTERS & VENDORS NEEDED**

**Sunday, October 2, 10 am - 5 pm**

St. Francis Fall Festival  
Pocono Rd Fairgrounds, Denville  
Contact Robin Fitzgerald at 973-627-5090 or  
robinafitz@yahoo.com or download an application at  
[www.stfrancisfallfestival.com](http://www.stfrancisfallfestival.com)

## COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will meet on **Thursday, Sept 8** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program speaker will be Lisa Athens, Grief Specialist. For more information, please call Lily Caprigione at 973-568-4164

## Women's Communion Breakfast

will be held following the 8:00 am Mass, **Saturday, September 24** in the St. Francis green room. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold after all Masses September 10/11 and 17/18. Tickets will also be sold at the parish picnic. For information, contact Cretia Rotella 201-919-1060

## PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Our parish picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11th on the grounds of St. Catherine's from 1pm-5pm following the noon Mass. If you missed out on the fun last year, make sure you save the date for this year!! It will be a great afternoon of fun along with traditional picnic fare: hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, water, soda, beer, wine, and desserts. Entertainment for all ages will include games, face painting and a bouncy house. Save the date and spread the word. If you or anyone you know enjoys face painting, why not share the talent at the picnic? We appreciate all of your help.

**Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church. Tickets are \$5 each/ \$30 max per family and will be sold at the picnic.** Looking forward to seeing everyone! Any questions, please contact Picnic Coordinator Whitney DuBose at 973-586-2777 or [queendubose@aol.com](mailto:queendubose@aol.com).

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

### **Sisters of Christian Charity Golf Outing, Sept. 29**

Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club, Livingston  
Contact Casey Dolan 973-543-6728 x 313  
or visit [www.scceast.org](http://www.scceast.org)

### **St. Francis 2016 Fall Festival – Sun, October 2, 10-5** Denville Pocono Road Fairgrounds. Free admission. [www.stfrancisfallfestival.com](http://www.stfrancisfallfestival.com)

### **Diocesan Men's Conference – Sat, October 15, 8:30-1** St Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Ave, Madison [www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org)

## A WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY...A LIFETIME OF LOVE

Rediscover the one *you* love on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! On a Marriage Encounter Weekend, married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at (973) 427-7016 or (609) 335-6880, email [njwwme@peoplepc.com](mailto:njwwme@peoplepc.com), or visit [www.nnjwwme.org](http://www.nnjwwme.org).

## 2017 TRIP TO SICILY AND THE AMALFI COAST

Father Zig of St. Cecilia Parish in Rockaway will lead a trip next spring to Sicily and the beautiful Amalfi Coast, April 20 to May 3, 2017. Enjoy breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and wonderful cuisine. An information meeting for all interested travelers will take place on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Hayes Hall. If you have any questions or would like to receive a brochure, please call Tanya at 973-627-0313 Ext. 10.