

From the Desk of Fr. Jared



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Service is a hallmark of Christianity. As Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). Therefore, as a Catholic community, we place service as one of the characteristics that defines us here at St. Catherine. We offer many opportunities to serve for people of all ages. We especially encourage our younger parishioners, those in middle school and high school, to consider serving in the parish in one way or another. Those in seventh and eighth grade are asked to consider reading. This is the age that I began to read in my parish. Those in high school are asked to consider serving as a reader or in our music ministry. Those who have been confirmed are invited to consider, in addition to reading and music ministry, to be an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. We stress the importance of service for our students preparing for Confirmation by asking them to take part in service activities. This is not simply to check off a requirement, but to develop a habit, a virtue of service.

Our youth ministry is organizing a service/mission trip for this coming summer which is sponsored by *Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC)*. Young people can make a difference by helping others through organized and meaningful service projects along with many other young people from around the country. Opportunities include: travel to and visit another city, learn more about what it means to be a Catholic, assist those in poverty, participate in praise and worship music, interact with other Catholic young people throughout the country, deepen faith through the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, witness the faith to others, feel fulfilled and satisfied, and put faith into action. This summer I, along with two other adults, will be taking ten of our high school students to Chicago to participate in CHWC July 16th-22nd.

As we plan for this trip, I ask you to please pray for all of our young people in the parish and for the success of this trip. We ask for your support through prayer and any other way that would assist us in our travels. "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." We are all called to serve and to give of ourselves in different ways. May God continue to bless you all!

Peace,
Fr. Jared

February 6 – 2nd grade parent meeting
7:15 (conf room)
February 7 – 2nd grade parent meeting 4:15 (conf room)
February 12 – 2nd grade blessing and class Mass 10:30
February 20-23 – No classes – winter recess

"All for God and for His Glory. In whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal." St. John Bosco

YOUTH NIGHT: GRADES 9-12

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 at 7:30 PM in the GYM

We will be making "Breakfast-to-Go" bags for clients at the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown.

Please bring 2 of the following items:

1-serving cereal boxes, shelf stable milk, granola bars, juice boxes, fruit cups, other individually wrapped breakfast items, 1-gallon ziplock bags.

****Students will earn service hours for participating.**

**QUESTIONS? Contact Gail at
youthministry@stcatherine-mi.org**

ST. VALENTINE DINNER & DANCE

On Saturday, February 11, the parish will host a St. Valentine Dinner & Dance. All are invited (couples, singles, widows, widowers, divorcees, religious) to attend 5:30 Mass followed by the festivities in the gym. The cost is \$20 per person paid at the door which includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, beer, wine, soda, music, dancing, and other entertainment. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for all those interested in attending. Come in out of the dark, cold days of winter for some fun with your parish family!

WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT **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!

For more information or to reserve a spot, 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.

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PRE-LENTEN PARISH MISSION

St. Peter the Apostle Church invites you to their pre-Lenten parish mission, "Christ Be Our Light", **Monday – Wednesday, February 13, 14 and 15 at 7:00 pm**, with presenter Fr. Ron Hoye, C.M. Come for one hour each night for an experience you will not forget. Mission Service all three nights. Confessions will be heard on the 14th; Mass will be celebrated on the 15th, with refreshments to follow.

St. Peter the Apostle 179 Baldwin Rd, Parsippany

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT FOR WOMEN

How can you as a woman deepen your relationship with God? You are invited to become an Associate of the Society of the Sisters of the Church. The Associates meet monthly on a Saturday from 10:30 to 12:00 pm at St. Peter the Apostle, Parsippany. This is a great opportunity to enrich your spiritual life. Contact Barbara Bailey at 973-219-0281 or Barbara.t.bailey@gmail.com for more information.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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

HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Please help support the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD), a Catholic Charities Agency, as they host their 47th Annual Murray House Dinner Dance at the Brownstone in Paterson **February 19 at 6:00 pm**. Attend, take out an ad, or sponsor a DPD resident to attend! For more information visit: www.dpd.org/Murray or contact DPD's Development Office at 973-406-1104 or at Chrisb@dpd.org.

The Ivy Hall Pre-School at Lake Drive School in Mountain Lakes will be holding their annual Open House on **Feb. 8, 9, 15, 16 at 9:00 am**. RSVP 973-299-0166.

LUNCH WITH A LEPRECHAUN

Saturday, March 4 Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council #3359 will host *Lunch with a Leprechaun* from noon to 2:00 pm in the parish center. Enjoy corned beef, hot dogs, soda, coffee, tea, scones and cupcakes while being entertained with Irish dancers, a bagpiper and other musicians, plus a visit from our honored guest, the leprechaun. Children age 3 to 12, \$10. Adults \$15. Tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds benefit our troops.



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. Save the date and look for more information in the coming weeks.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza.

Tuesday, March 7 7-9:00 pm

Pope John XXIII High School

28 Andover Rd, Sparta

Please see Fr. Jared for more information.

Assumption College for Sisters 16th Annual Caring Basket Gala

Thurs, March 23 at 6:30 pm at the Hanover Marriott
Contact Patricia McGrady 973-957-0188 xt101 or
gala@acs350.org

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Villa Walsh Academy, located in Morristown, is looking for part-time school bus drivers. Interested candidates must possess a CDL with both the passenger (P) and school bus (S) endorsements. Most trips are late afternoon/early evening. There are also some weekend trips available. Please contact Jen Fleury, Athletic Director, fleuryj@villawalsh.org or 973-538-3680 x145.

Morris Catholic High School is seeking a motivated, dedicated individual to coach the Junior Varsity baseball team starting March 3. Email resume to Bill Schilling, MC Athletic Director, wschilling@morriscatholic.org.