



**PRAYER FOR THE NATION
JULY 4, 2017**

- Saturday July 1**
5:30 pm Joan Pirola and Ronald Speechley
- Sunday July 2** *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30 am Intention of John Walentowicz and Our Parishioners
9:30 am Jeffrey Sweeney and Henry Luther
11:30 am Mossie McElhinney and Diane Gironda
- Monday July 3**
6:45 am Sandy Hart James and the Intention of John Walentowicz
- Tuesday July 4** *St Thomas, Apostle*
6:45 am Our service men and women and the Intention of John Walentowicz
- Wednesday July 5**
6:45 am Porfiria Bautista and the Intention of John Walentowicz
- Thursday July 6**
6:45 am Intention of John Walentowicz
- Friday July 7**
6:45 am Souls in Purgatory and George Kaounis
- Saturday July 8**
8:00 am Michael Katzenberger and James Matullo
5:30 pm Aogu Tsukamoto and Teresa Howe
- Sunday July 9** *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30 am Dolores Mathieson and Our Parishioners
9:30 am Joseph Selvaratnam and Michael Wallin
11:30 am Dr. Rodolfo Narag, Diane Gironda, and Nicholas Silvestri, Jr. and Sr.

**O God our Creator,
through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our Faith in the midst of
the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of
the Gospel to every corner of society.**

**We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of
religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and
heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are
threatened; give us courage in making our voices
heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the
freedom of conscience of all people of faith.**

**Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and
united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered
in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of
our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and
every danger overcome—for the sake of our
children, our grandchildren, and all who come after
us – this great land will always be**

**“One Nation, Under God, Indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice For All.”**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.**

JULY 8/9 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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| 5:30 pm | Fr. Jared Brogan |
| 7:30 am | Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB |
| 9:30 am | Fr. Jim Termyna |
| 11:30 am | Fr. Jared Brogan |

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Arline Forte, Francis Forte, Sr. Bernadette Weller, Karen Lang, Edward Nolan, Mary Ann Armstrong, Michele Buck, Christa Fairclough, Pam Kiener, Baby Charlie Tansey, Wayne Collett, Pat Flannery, Jenny Iwasiuk, and Lexi Finn.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Diocesan Assessment

STEWARDSHIP

June 26, 2016 Collection & PP	\$ 6,737
MASS ATTENDANCE 542	
June 25, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 6,692
ParishPay	670
Total	\$ 7,362
MASS ATTENDANCE 673	
South & Latin American/ Catholic Relief Collection	\$ 2,162
Weekly Operating Expense	\$12,885

Scripture Readings

July 9, 2017

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem. He will come, not as a King, but as a humble savior, riding on an ass.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Contrasting “flesh and spirit,” Paul urges that all who live for material things abandon the temptations of the flesh and rise to life in the “Spirit.”

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus speaks lovingly and gently when he invites all those who are weary and burdened with life to seek relief and respite in him. He says, “Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

From the Desk of Fr. Jared

60th Anniversary Celebration: **Remember, Rejoice, & Recommit**

The focus of our 60th Anniversary celebration will be: **Remember, Rejoice, & Recommit**. We *remember* the deceased parishioners of St. Catherine's, some of whom are your family members and friends, and give thanks for their example of deep faith and trust in God. They provided us with such strong foundations to build upon throughout the rich history of this parish. We *remember* them with love and affection and gratitude. We *remember* all the joys and successes of the past on which we continue to build. We *remember* with grateful affection all the priests and religious who have served here so faithfully.

In this exciting year, we *rejoice* as we recall the many blessings God has showered upon St. Catherine's throughout the years. We *rejoice* in knowing God's providence throughout the humble beginnings of the parish and how he provided the early parishioners with the grace and perseverance to overcome the initial obstacles. We *rejoice* in how God blessed the generous and sacrificial offerings of so many people that led to the building of the church (and its renovation), gymnasium, parish center, and the ongoing upkeep of the parish campus.

Finally, we *recommit* our promises as individuals, families and a parish to be people nourished by the sacraments and called to minister in spiritual, service, and social ways. We *recommit* ourselves to be good stewards of the blessings God has bestowed upon us; our time, talent, and treasure. As we continue to grow in numbers and vitality we *recommit* ourselves to serve a world that needs us, encounter a God who loves us, and engage in a community that welcomes us.

Everybody is invited to fully and actively participate in these events planned for our Jubilee Year. It is a great opportunity to celebrate and continue to grow. May God continue to bless us in this special time!

July 16, 17, 18 and August 6, 7, 8 –

Parish Directory Photo Shoot

August 17 – Subway Series Baseball Game

September 17 – Parish Picnic following 11:30 am Mass

September 30 –

Anniversary Eucharist 5:00 pm with Bishop Serratelli

Anniversary Gala 6:30 pm at Rockaway River Country Club

October 14 – Installation of Fr. Jared as sixth pastor at 5:30 pm followed by reception

October 21 – Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

October 29 – Children's Halloween Parade/Social at 11:30 am

November 4 – *St. Catherine of Siena: Brought to Life* by Sr. Nancy Murray, OP at 8:00 pm

December 16 – Annual *Celebrating the Joys of the Season Christmas Concert* with the *Imperial Brass*

Anniversary Eucharist & Gala

On Saturday, September 30, Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant of a special liturgy at **5:00 pm**. This is an opportunity to give thanks (*Eucharist*) for sixty years of our parish. We look forward to celebrating with many priests who have served or were raised here at St. Catherine's. A *Gala* will follow at the *Rockaway River Country Club*. This will be a formal affair, black tie optional. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 pm followed by a Surf & Turf dinner, dessert, and music and dancing until 11:30 pm.

How do I make reservations for the Anniversary Gala?

In the entrance of the church there will be a basket with reply cards (like a wedding reply card). Please provide the requested information: your name (or name of couple), the number of people, and the optional request for a vegetarian dinner. Each person or couple who plans to attend must fill out a reply card. On the back of the card you have an opportunity to write the names of people you would like to sit with. We will have tables of eight. Reply cards can be returned **with full payment (\$85/person)** in an envelope in the marked box in the entrance of the church.

Together let us **Remember, Rejoice, & Recommit!**

Peace,
Fr. Jared

MESSAGE FROM SEMINARIAN ALEXIS

I want to express my gratitude to each of you. Since my arrival in the parish you have shown me great affection and love. Thank you for your confidence, support, and prayers. I have learned many things. I am also grateful to Fr. Jared who always gave me a very good example. Recently, I decided to take a leave from my formation to focus on other aspects of my life. God has always been walking with me on my journey and I know that he will continue to be with me. Once again, thank you for your great love. Please pray for me and I will keep you in my prayers. All of you are in a special place in my heart. Thank you. - *Alexis Mendoza*

PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY

As part of our 60th Anniversary celebration the parish will create a new Parish Picture Directory. "Photo shoots" will initially be available July 16, 17 & 18 and August 6, 7 & 8. Please schedule an appointment online <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y1hdj9cq/> or after Mass on Sunday (dates to be determined). This link is also on our website. This is a great opportunity to continue to build our community.

Each participating family will get a copy of the directory along with a free 8 x 10. Other pictures will be available for purchase. SAY CHEESE!



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Religious Education registration has been emailed home. If you did not receive the email, please call or email the Religious Education office. You can also print out the forms from our website www.stcatherine-ml.org.

St. Catherine's is searching for people like you to sow the seed of God and transform the children at St. Catherine. **Is God calling you to be a catechist for religious education classes?**

Isaiah 43:1 *"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."*

Our Religious Education program exists because of dedicated volunteers. Please consider joining God's Angel Corps here at St. Catherine's! **At this time, we need Angels/Catechists for the following classes:**

Monday: 4:00pm – 5:15pm

2nd grade – 1 teacher

Monday: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

7th grade – 1 teacher

Tuesday: 4:00pm – 5:15pm

3rd grade – 2 teachers

Tuesday: 7:00pm – 8:15pm

6th grade – 2 teachers

Wednesday: 4:00pm – 5:15pm

4th grade – 2 teachers

Wednesday: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

9th grade – 1 teacher

Thursday: 4:00pm – 5:15pm

5th grade – 2 teachers

Maybe being a catechist is something you feel God is calling you to, but you have some reservations. Joe Paprocki, a former Director of Religious Education came up with some reasons why he thinks that people hesitate to volunteer to be a catechist. I am reprinting them here with Joe's permission.

"...I don't know if I'll be able to answer kids' questions."

Our textbooks are very easy to use and the answers to most questions you will be asked will come from the text. However, sometimes, kids come up with really excellent questions that are not all that easy to answer. There is absolutely nothing wrong with saying, "I don't know, but I'll find out and tell you next time we meet."

Looking ahead, we will hold an Advent Family Day and a Lenten Family Day. To help organize these events, I will be putting together a committee over the summer, so please consider being part of this committee.

Thanks and God bless,

Lisa Gervasio

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Vacation Bible School

MAKER FUN FACTORY

Created by God Built for a Purpose

Thank you to the many wonderful people who made *Maker Fun Factory* a total success; the station leaders, crew leaders, crew helpers, onsite helpers, song leaders, those who donated supplies and those who prayed for VBS.

We celebrate the 35 children who participated in the seeing, touching, singing, playing and tasting God's love at *Maker Fun Factory*. The most important thing we can teach our kids is that God loves them.

May you have a blessed rest of the summer and remember to look for everyday clues that God is present, passionate, and powerful; God sightings!!!

Lisa Gervasio



DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting the 2017 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 21. This is an opportunity to join parishioners from throughout the diocese in a day of prayer including Mass, Reconciliation, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Catechetical presentations. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet provided in the back of the church.