



**Saturday September 16**  
5:30 pm Joan Pirolo and Nan Roberts

**Sunday September 17** *24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30 am Mary Ann Valente and Our Parishioners  
9:30 am J. Victor and Sophronia Lynch,  
Michael Katzenberger and deceased  
members of the Ryan Family  
11:30 am James Mooney and Diane Gironda

**Monday September 18**  
6:45 am Marie Romano

**Tuesday September 19**  
6:45 am Timothy Stackpole

**Wednesday September 20** *Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon,  
Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*  
6:45 am Porfiria Bautista and Dr. Rodolfo Narag

**Thursday September 21** *St Matthew, Apostle and  
Evangelist*  
6:45 am Souls in Purgatory

**Friday September 22**  
6:45 am Blanca Taylor and Roy Cardona

**Saturday September 23** *St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*  
8:00 am Eileen McCaul  
5:30 pm Michael Katzenberger and  
Elizabeth "Dolly" Welling

**Sunday September 24** *25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30 am Michael Kelleher, Stanley Gregorek and  
Our Parishioners  
9:30 am Sylvester Joseph, George Davis and Tom  
Soma  
11:30 am John Scanapico and Diane Gironda

### 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, Pat Flannery, Pat Pongracz, Gus Mitchell, Jennie Iwasiuk, Edward Joyce, Sr., and Ann Gerhardt.

### STEWARDSHIP

September 11, 2016 Collection & PP	\$ 8,988
MASS ATTENDANCE 743	
September 10, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,678
ParishPay	917
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,595</b>
MASS ATTENDANCE 692	
Collection for Diocesan Assessment	\$ 1,883
Weekly Operating Expense	\$12,885

## Scripture Readings September 24, 2017 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

### Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes "to be freed from this life and to be with Christ," but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

### Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, "I am free to do as I please, am I not?" Jesus reminds us through this parable that "the last shall be first and the first shall be last."

### SEPTEMBER 23/24 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### Monday, September 18

Scripture Study (parish center library) 1:00 to 2:30 pm

#### Tuesday, September 19

Moms & Tots 9:30 to 11:00 am

#### Thursday, September 21

Choir Practice 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Group Ministry Photo Shoots 7:00 to 9:00 pm

In honor of St. Francis, we will have the **Blessing of Animals on Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 am** in the prayer garden. Bring your pets for a special blessing on that day.

### 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

#### *In Giving, We Receive*

This year's Annual Appeal is currently underway. The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies; seminarian education, Nazareth Village (our diocesan priests' retirement residence, and our inner-city area elementary schools. For your convenience, you can make an on-line gift to the 2017 Appeal by going to [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org) and following the instructions. You can either make a one time gift or a pledge with monthly payments deducted automatically. Whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Every gift counts! Please participate in the 2017 Appeal! Thank you!

## **From the Desk of Fr. Jared**

This weekend we begin a new year in parish ministry. What a year it is! We begin our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations with our annual parish picnic and the last chance to get a picture taken for the parish picture directory. Celebrations will continue on September 30<sup>th</sup> as we have a special Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Serratelli followed by our *Anniversary Gala*. Being part of a community and building a community is essential to being Catholic. We all have a role to play. Without any one of us, we are incomplete. We all have a special role to play in building and maintaining our parish family. That is what stewardship is. We are called to be good stewards. God has blessed us abundantly. Each parishioner has special gifts and talents. We are invited to share those God given gifts and talents with others to make Christ present in our community and beyond. For sixty years, you and those before you have shared your gifts with others in gratitude and thanksgiving. As we embark in this new year and look forward to sixty more years, I pray that we continue to recognize our blessings, giving thanks to God "from whom all blessings flow."

### **Vivere Christus...For to me, to live is Christ.... (Philippians 1:21)**

Saint Paul's message conveys an attitude of sacrifice and humble service to be lived by all in proclaiming the Gospel. Essential to this work of the Church are the many dedicated men and women of the Church who continually live as faithful stewards of God's grace and generosity. Each year Bishop Serratelli recognizes the contributions of the many individuals of the diocese who are faithful to the mission of Christ, to His Universal Church and to the local Church of Paterson. Each parish nominates an individual who embodies this mission to acknowledge and express gratitude to those who unselfishly give of themselves for the building up of God's Kingdom.

This year our parish has nominated Lynn Alberts. Lynn has been a good steward of God's gifts. For many years, she has and continues to play a vital role in Religious Education. Not only is she a catechist, but she is always willing to volunteer whether it be for retreats, Vacation Bible School, or social events. She has played a special role in preparing our young children to receive their First Eucharist. Her faithful service to us at St. Catherine's is very much appreciated. Lynn received this honor at a ceremony which took place at St. John the Baptist Cathedral Church on Sunday, September 10. Please join me in congratulating Lynn for this well-deserved honor. We thank her for her model of stewardship which is essential to the life of a Christian. Congratulations, Lynn, and may God continue to bless you and your family!

## **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Remember, Rejoice, & Recommit**

The focus of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration **Remember, Rejoice, & Recommit**. Everyone 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!

### **September 21 –**

Parish Picture Directory group ministry photos beginning at 7:00 pm

### **September 30 –**

*Anniversary Eucharist* 5:00 pm with Bishop Serratelli

*Anniversary Gala* 6:30 pm at Rockaway River CC

**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.

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

Peace,  
Fr. Jared

### **SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson on **Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 pm**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **Registrations will be accepted through Tuesday, October 17**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.



**NEWS FROM  
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**September 23, 5:30 pm**

Blessing of athletes at Mass

**September 27, 6:30 pm**

Home Study parent meeting in gym

**October 7, 5:30 Mass**

7<sup>th</sup> grade class Mass followed by Living Rosary led by the class

**October 8, 9:30 am Mass**

1<sup>st</sup> grade class Mass

**October 16, 7:00 pm**

First Reconciliation parent meeting

**October 22, 11:30 am Mass**

10<sup>th</sup> grade Rite of Acceptance for the Sacrament of Confirmation



This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on **September 17** under the theme of "Living as Missionary Disciples." On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



**A Catechist's Prayer**

*Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

*May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.*

*Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.*

*Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family. Amen.*

**MOMS & TOTS**

The Moms & Tots playgroup meets **every TUESDAY from 9:30 - 11:00** in the gym. 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!

**THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP**

St. Catherine's Prayer Group invites you to join us for an eight week program entitled, *OREMUS - A Guide to Catholic Prayer*. We will begin on **Thursday, October 5 at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Center. Each session will last approximately ninety minutes. The weekly schedule will include a thirty minute video presentation followed by a small group discussion. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Lee Maute at 973-590-7820 or [leemaute@gmail.com](mailto:leemaute@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St. Catherine's is in need of helpers to join a team of volunteers to wash/iron Mass purificators. The rotation involves covering two weeks approximately four times a year. If you can help, please contact Kathleen Gronet at 973-586-0986 or [gronetk@optonline.net](mailto:gronetk@optonline.net)

We welcome our recently baptized new members to the church and our parish community.

**Savanna Diane Barrett**  
**daughter of Bernard and Lisa**  
*and*

**Layla Renee Matty**  
**daughter of Gregory and Kristin**

**COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN**

Thank you to those who shopped for and served 115 meals on September 11 at the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown: *Michele Gregorek, Layna Kearns, Carol Kennedy, Peggy Losh, Joyce Mathur, Dom and Pat Miliano, Marc Miller, Joe and Olga Panetta, Sue Rogers, Antoinette Shanker, and Tom and Libby Vona.* Thank you also to *Rose Ann Hastings, Liv Sentowski* and team for the dessert treats. To volunteer, please contact Denise Ramirez at 973-299-1554.

**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. **Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.**