



Saturday November 18
 5:30 pm Frank Giaimo,
 Deceased Members of the Ferrill Family
 and the Intention of Virginia Egan

Sunday November 19 *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Stanley and Jeanette Gregorek
 and our Parishioners

9:30 am Gregory Joseph and Michael Katzenberger
 11:30 am Dr. Rodolfo Narag and Diane Gironda

Monday November 20
 6:45 am Jay Birch

Tuesday November 21 *Presentation of
 the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 6:45 am Michael Wallin

Wednesday November 22 *St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*
 6:45 am Robert Winslow, Blanca Taylor and
 Roy Cardona

Thursday November 23 *Thanksgiving*
 NOTE TIME CHANGE
 9:00 am Marie Dambach and Larry Rea

Friday November 24 *St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest,
 and Companions, Martyrs*
 6:45 am Carmine Terrazzino

Saturday November 25
 8:00 am Jay Birch
 5:30 pm Margaret Gurba and Larry Rea

Sunday November 26 *Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe*
 7:30 am Jeanette Gregorek and our Parishioners
 9:30 am Tom Soma and Dominick Sarinelli
 11:30 am Diane Gironda and Harold Becker

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially Arline Forte, Francis Forte, Sr. Bernadette Weller, Karen Lang, Mary Ann Armstrong, Michele Buck, Christa Fairclough, Pat Flannery, Pat Pongracz, Gus Mitchell, Jennie Iwasiuk, Edward Joyce, Sr., Ann Gerhardt, and Sr. Joan Phillips.

STEWARDSHIP

November 13, 2016 Collection & PP	\$ 8,538
MASS ATTENDANCE	680
November 12, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,898
Online Giving	1,242
Total	\$ 9,140
MASS ATTENDANCE	664
Weekly Operating Expense	\$12,885

Scripture Readings

November 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and "pasture" all.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ's resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ's rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and "God will be all in all."

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to "one of my least brothers" they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his "least," they fail to do to him.

NOVEMBER 25/26 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 20

Scripture Study	1:00 to 2:30 pm
RCIA	7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 21

Moms & Tots	9:30 to 11:00 am
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Wednesday, November 22

*Offices closed
 No Religious Education*

Friday, November 24

Offices closed

Saturday and Sunday, November 25/26

Concert tickets on sale after all Masses



O Holy Night

CHILDREN – Join us and sing with the choir at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass!

Practices will be

Thursday, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 (if needed) at 7:00 pm in the parish center

RSVP Chris Wallace

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From the Desk of Fr. Jared

This year we will continue our recent tradition of celebrating the Eucharist together at a special liturgy at 9:00 am on Thanksgiving Day. I know that it is a busy day of travel. However, if you are not leaving until later in the morning or if you are staying local for the day, I encourage you to celebrate Eucharist (thanksgiving) with your parish family.

This will be the only liturgy celebrated that day. Our entire parish family joins together to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives. At this liturgy, we give thanks to God, bless and distribute bread for all to share at their Thanksgiving tables, and seek God's blessing upon the food we will use for our Thanksgiving meals. Although Thanksgiving is a "secular" holiday, the occasion certainly has its origin in faith, as a day set aside to give thanks to God, and therefore it has a naturally religious meaning. It's always a beautiful Mass and a great way to start the day. I do hope you will plan on being there.

Allow me to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. I am continually thankful for your kindness, faithfulness, and joy. I am blessed to be a part of this community. May we all be truly thankful for all that God has given us!

Peace,
Fr. Jared



*Advent Wreath Candles,
Poinsettia Plants & Decorations*

This year, as in the past, we would like to continue our beautiful custom of memorializing the Christmas flowers and decorations for the church. If you would like to make a donation for a poinsettia plant or a wreath for Christmas, you may do so by using the envelopes in the church vestibule or in your envelope packet. This year you will again also have an opportunity to make a donation toward the candles on our Advent Wreath. The cost is \$100 per candle. You will be able to remember a loved one (living or deceased) or give thanks for a special blessing in this way during the Season of Advent – December 3 through December 24. Your intention will be listed in the Bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to make a donation towards the candles.

GIVING TREE



Once again, we are asking our parishioners to donate toys for families in St. Agnes Parish in Paterson and this year we are also giving to St. Anthony Parish in Passaic. We ask that you spend no more than \$40 on a gift. Thank you for making a child's Christmas a little brighter.

Angel tags for St. Agnes and St. Anthony are on our giving tree. Please return your gifts **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8**. If you take a tag and cannot fulfill the request, it is important that you return the tag. Please place items on the stage in the gym. **Gifts should be wrapped with the tag taped to it.**

CHRISTMAS IS COMING: SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, December 3, following 11:30 Mass

Family ADVENTure

Thursday, December 7

Youth Night

Saturday, December 9, 9:00-11:30 am

"Breakfast with Santa".

Thursday, December 14, 7:00 pm

Annual Women's Benediction and Ornament Exchange

Saturday, December 16, 8:00 pm

Imperial Brass Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 pm

Children's Christmas Pageant

THANKSGIVING DAY

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 am on Thanksgiving Day. You are invited to write petitions of thanksgiving which will be read at the Mass. Please email your petitions to parishoffice@stcatherine-ml.org or tear off the slip below and return by dropping in the basket in the vestibule. **Petitions must be received by Monday, November 20 to be included.** At the conclusion of Mass, loaves of bread will be blessed and distributed. This bread is a wonderful reminder of the Thanksgiving table of the altar around which we, as a parish family, have gathered to above all give thanks to God in the most perfect way – the Eucharistic Banquet.

I give thanks to God for *(please write neatly)*



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

November 21 – 6th grade class will have the Salesian Sisters *Bread for the Journey* retreat in the gym, 7:00 -8:15 pm
November 22 and 23 – No Religious Education classes. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
December 2 – First Reconciliation, 11:00 am
December 3 -- Advent Fun Day after the 11:30 Mass
December 7 – Youth Night
December 18 – Christmas Pageant Practice 4:00-5:00
December 19 – Christmas Pageant – 7:30 pm
December 20 – January 7 – No Religious Education. Christmas break
January 8, 2018 – Religious Education classes resume

First Reconciliation Preparation:

Once again we invite all of our parishioners to pray for our students who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on December 2. After each Mass this weekend, prayer cards will be available with the name of a child. Please pray for them and their families at this special time.



We are forgiven

This week the 2nd graders preparing for Reconciliation reflected on the story of the prodigal son and the forgiving father. Each time we pray the Our Father we are reminded of

God's forgiving love and our call, as children of God, to share that forgiving love with others. How do we as a parish welcome people unconditionally with a heart filled with joy?

December 3rd ADVENTure Following the 11:30 Mass

Make an Advent Wreath,
Play an Advent Game,
Make an Advent Craft.
Have some yummy Cookies.



St. Catherine's Annual Christmas Pageant:

What better way for our children to learn the story of our Savior's birth than to be part of it?

This year's pageant will take place on **Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 pm**. All 1st through 4th graders are invited to participate. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 973-334-5257 or religiouseducation@stcatherine-ml.org to sign up.

Children must attend the practice on Monday, December 18 from 4:00-5:00.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **Saturday, December 16 at 8:00 pm**, the Imperial Brass Orchestra will be performing at St. Catherine's for our *Celebrating the Joys and Blessings of the Season* concert. **Tickets will be sold after Masses November 18-19, 25-26, and December 2-3, 9-10**. Tickets are first come, first served and cost \$30, which includes admission and a wine and cheese reception following the concert. Tickets must be paid in full at time of purchase. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Whitney at 973-586-2777 or queendubose@aol.com.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

"Breakfast with Santa" will be held at St. Catherine's on **Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 to 11:30 am**. If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the sheets in the Religious Education office. High school students are also needed to help out. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 973-334-5257 or religiouseducation@stcatherine-ml.org.



All 9th through 12th graders are invited to bake cookies and sing Christmas carols

(Join us for 1 or both nights)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 7:30 PM

Come bake cookies with your friends.

MEET IN THE GYM AT ST. CATHERINE'S

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM

Join us for Christmas caroling with the residents of Merry Heart Senior Center.
MEET AT MERRY HEART
(199 Powerville Rd, Boonton)

EMAIL Gail at youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org if you are interested.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE 7:00 pm, Thursday, December 14

Call your friends, grab your mother, invite your sister and your daughter, it's time once again for our annual Christmas Gathering! We will start the evening off with Benediction at 7 pm in the church and then it's off to the parish center for refreshments (BYOB), carols and, of course, our traditional ornament "SWAP". Bring a wrapped ornament limited to \$10 and partake in a game of laughter and "swapping". Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. If you'd like to help with refreshments, please contact Barbara at 973-263-1758; jbuck973@aol.com or Whitney at 973-586-2777; queendubose@aol.com. We look forward to seeing everyone!

FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS NEED YOU!

The Franciscan Mystery Players are recruiting student performers (grades 9-12) to participate in their Lenten presentation "*The Way of the Cross*" which will be performed at approximately 10 churches throughout Northern New Jersey. The group is also seeking additional adult advisors. Rehearsals begin in January at St. Catherine of Siena. Time commitment is most Friday and Sunday evenings from January through Good Friday. It is an excellent way to grow closer to God while having fun with a great group of teens! No experience is necessary. Please contact Anne Marie Pikor at [973-876-3440](tel:973-876-3440) for more information and any questions regarding earning Confirmation hours. (www.mysteryplay.org)

COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

Thank you to those who shopped for and served 157 meals on November 13 at the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown: *Katherine DiRicco, Jane & Rudy Katzenberger, Esther & Al Falivene, Pat & Frank Kelleher, Pat & Dom Miliano, Lillian Wagner, Valerie Leahy, Layna Kearns, Carol Kennedy, 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.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is the annual candle-lighting service in memory of our children. Please bring a picture of your child. For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

SAVE THE DATE: On December 9, we will celebrate the **80th anniversary** of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese (December 9th, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 am Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11:00 am. *All are invited to attend this Communion Breakfast!*

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available online at www.rcdop.org/breakfast. This is a day of Celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359 is looking for new members. If you are a gentleman over 18 and are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish and growing in faith, then the Knights of Columbus is for you. For more information, visit www.KOFC3359.org or contact Dennis Corbisiero 973-945-9467; dennisarc25@gmail.com or Guy Mariani 973-586-0098; guy.mariani@kofc.org

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All are invited to join Bishop Serratelli and the faithful of the diocese for our annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 pm** at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson. It will be an exciting afternoon of music for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

AREA EVENTS

Blood Drive

Saturday, November 25 from 9-2:00 pm

St. Peter the Apostle parish center gym
179 Baldwin Rd, Parsippany

Register at redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor keyword: St. Peter the Apostle Church. Please sign up and save a life!

Fiddler on the Roof

Barn Theater, Montville

Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm.

Tickets \$40 through Fred Bona 973-886-2395 or at ticketsalesHSBT@gmail.com

Miracle of Christmas at the Millennium Theatre

Join St. Ann's of Parsippany on a trip to Sight & Sound's production on **December 9.** Cost is \$129 which includes: shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, performance at the Millennium Theatre, dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and transportation. To reserve a seat, call Ginny at 973-884-1986.

St. Virgil's Christmas Bazaar

Sat, Dec 3, 10am – 4pm & Sun, Dec 4, 10am – 2pm

Come to our "**Santa's Secret Shop**" and experience our local crafters: knitting, crocheting, Christmas décor, wood crafts, Reike-charged jewelry and wind chimes, silver jewelry, infinity scarves, paintings, Lip Sense, Tupperware, Avon, Yankee Candles and more. Crafters are still being accepted. Call 973-538-1418 for a registration form, or email svparishoffice@gmail.com

Villa Walsh Academy Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 pm

Mother Ninetta Auditorium, Villa Walsh Academy
455 Western Ave, Morristown 973-538-3680

Donation: \$10

CHRISTMAS HYMNS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

In commemoration of the reopening of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, its musicians created a CD, *Christmas Season Hymns*, with the proceeds from its sale being donated to the cathedral for the purpose of serving the poor, homeless and the needy. The CD contains eight popular Christmas hymns and includes liner notes with information about the musicians, the hymns, and the cathedral's history and renovations. Ideal for Christmas gift giving, the cost is \$12.50 (tax deductible) and can be ordered by contacting Tom Kieren at 973-214-6473 or pastoral140@earthlink.net