



**Saturday November 25**  
 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

**Monday November 27**  
 6:45 am Lillian Ryan

**Tuesday November 28**  
 6:45 am Les DiVite

**Wednesday November 29**  
 6:45 am Frank and Barbara Sheer

**Thursday November 30** *St Andrew, Apostle*  
 6:45 am Barry Halm

**Friday December 1**  
 6:45 am Josephine Lonisin

**Saturday December 2**  
 8:00 am John Newall  
 5:30 pm Joan Pirolo, Nancy Cavaliere, and Adoracion Mendoza

**Sunday December 3** *First Sunday of Advent*  
 7:30 am Larry Rea and our Parishioners  
 9:30 am Michael Katzenberger and Michelino D'Addario  
 11:30 am Diane Gironda and Andrea Chester

**Daily Meditation booklets for Advent, *The Word Among Us*, are available in the vestibule**

**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.

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

**Angelita Kathleen Hamilton**  
*daughter of Markland and Christina*

**Colin Robert Bush**  
*son of Jared and Michele*

**Anna Mae Petrucelli**  
*daughter of Philip and Jenny*

**Laney Tran**

**daughter of Tien and Gloria**  
**Scripture Readings**  
**December 3, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7**  
 In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**  
 Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

**Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**  
 Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

**DECEMBER 2/3 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

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

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Monday, November 27</b>	
Scripture Study	1:00 to 2:30 pm
RCIA	7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, November 28</b>	
Moms & Tots	9:30 to 11:00 am
<b>Thursday, November 30</b>	
Prayer Group	1:00 pm
Choir practice	7:00 pm
<b>Saturday, December 2</b>	
First Reconciliation	11:00 am
Concert tickets on sale after Mass	
<b>Sunday, December 3</b>	
Family AdVENT activity	12:30 pm
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**  
**973-691-1666; cwallace@mlschools.org**



**From the Desk of Fr. Jared**

Today we mark the end of the liturgical year, the 34<sup>th</sup> week of Ordinary Time with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and it celebrates an aspect of the truth of who Jesus is (His identity) rather than some aspect of His life. This solemnity turns our commonly held understanding of kingship and power upside down. Christ is a King dressed not in kingly robes on a magnificent throne, but dressed on the throne of the cross with a sign over his head meant to mock him: I.N.R.I. (Iesus nazarenus rex iudaeorum—Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews). Christ is a King who is not served, but rather is the one who serves.

The Gospel for this Mass this year gives us the story of the Final Judgment from the end of St. Matthew’s Gospel, Chapter 25. It is one of my favorite Gospel stories. Following the model of our King, we are called to live the Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead, and give alms to the poor. Jesus tells us that in serving the least among us, we serve him. The Kingship of Jesus is completely other centered. Jesus faithfully completed the mission for which He was sent, a mission in which He willingly emptied Himself of all kingly glory in order to be a king who serves others and who gives His life as a ransom.

Today challenges all of us to profoundly reflect on the truth that what God means by power and kingship (service, humility, self-sacrifice, etc.) often has nothing to do with worldly power and prestige (control, self-interest, coercion, etc.). As our liturgical year comes to an end, embarking next week in a new liturgical year with the season of Advent, preparing ourselves for Christmas, “may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity” (words of the priest quietly prayed while pouring wine and a little bit of water into the chalice).

Peace,  
Fr. Jared

**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 this weekend 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](mailto:queendubose@aol.com).

**ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2017**

**Immaculate Conception, Friday, December 8**  
6:45 am, 12:00 pm, 7:30 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation  
with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Monday, December 11 7:00 – 8:00 pm

**Christmas Eve Masses, Sunday, December 24**  
**4:00pm** Fr. Jared Brogan  
*Children’s Choir, Cantor, Instrumentalists*  
**6:00pm** Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB  
*Cantor, Instrumentalists*  
**10:00pm** Fr. Jared Brogan  
*Choir, Cantor, Instrumentalists*  
Christmas carols will be sung before each Mass.

**Christmas Day Masses, Monday, December 25**  
**7:30am** Fr. Jim Termyna *Cantor, organist*  
**9:30am** Fr. Jared Brogan *Cantor, organist*  
**11:30am** Fr. Jared Brogan *Cantor, organist*

**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**  
Monday, January 1 10:00 am Fr. Jared Brogan

**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



**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.



## **NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

**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



### **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 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 973-334-5257 or [religiouseducation@stcatherine-ml.org](mailto:religiouseducation@stcatherine-ml.org) no later than Monday, Dec 4 to sign up. Children must attend the practice on Monday, December 18 from 4:00-5:00.

### **December 3<sup>rd</sup> ADVENTure Following the 11:30 Mass**

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



### **We are peacemakers**

This week the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders of the parish preparing for Reconciliation reflected on God's gift of peace. All the baptized are anointed to announce the kingdom and make all people sharers in the peace of Christ. We are blessed and bring God's blessings to others. How do we as a parish strive to live as peacemakers and to make a difference?

### **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 in the Religious Education office, or call or email 973-334-5257 or [religiouseducation@stcatherine-ml.org](mailto:religiouseducation@stcatherine-ml.org). Hope to see you there!



### **COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN**

A food safety course for St. Catherine's soup kitchen volunteers interested in being cleared to help prepare food is being offered at the Soup Kitchen from 2-3pm on Tuesday, January 9. If interested, please call Carol Kennedy 973-402-1503.

### **YOUTH NIGHT**

#### *"Back-to-Back Christmas Fun"*

All 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org)  
if you are interested.

### **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.**

### **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](mailto:jbuck973@aol.com) or Whitney at 973-586-2777; [queendubose@aol.com](mailto:queendubose@aol.com). We look forward to seeing everyone!

### 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.

### 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](http://www.mysteryplay.org))

### COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](http://www.KOFC3359.org) or contact Dennis Corbisiero 973-945-9467; [dennisarc25@gmail.com](mailto:dennisarc25@gmail.com) or Guy Mariani 973-586-0098; [guy.mariani@kofc.org](mailto:guy.mariani@kofc.org)

### Diocesan 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and Breakfast

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](http://www.rcdop.org/breakfast).

### 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](mailto:pastoral140@earthlink.net)

### AREA EVENTS

#### **Miracle of Christmas at the Millennium Theatre** **Don't miss the bus!**

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** **School Gym & Cafeteria**

**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, 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](mailto: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

#### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

sponsored by the Diocese of Paterson.

**Friday, January 26-Sunday, January 28**

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The weekend retreat offers a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, call 973-377-1004 xt 425 or email [RVPaterson@gmail.com](mailto:RVPaterson@gmail.com)

The Caregiver Coalition of Morris County is hosting a Caregiver Café social night for family caregivers. If you are helping someone who is dependent on you, consider taking a break! We welcome you to this social **December 5 from 6-7:30pm** at the Visiting Nurse Association of Northern NJ, 175 South St, Morristown. Please RSVP to Stephanie 973-993-1160 x534

#### **Assumption College for Sisters...** **Not Just for Sisters**

Assumption College for Sisters in Denville offers to the public classes in theology, philosophy, literature and psychology for both credit and audit. Registration deadline for the spring semester (Jan 9-May 9) is December 18. Visit [www.acs350.org](http://www.acs350.org) for details or call or email 973-957-0188 xt 106, [academicdean@acs350.org](mailto:academicdean@acs350.org)