



**Saturday December 16**  
**4:30 pm** Joan Pirolo, Josephine Lonisin,  
 John O'Brien, and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
 James and Phyllis Bennett

**Sunday December 17** *Third Sunday of Advent*  
**7:30 am** Rosemary Haas and Our Parishioners  
**9:30 am** Elsie Selvaratnam, Jo-Mary Vieira, and  
 Abrielle Heeran  
**11:30 am** Dr. Rodolfo Narag, Diane Gironda,  
 Julianne Law and Frank Okamgba

**Monday December 18**  
**6:45 am** Elizabeth Bakelas

**Tuesday December 19**  
**6:45 am** Pasquale Migliaccio

**Wednesday December 20**  
**6:45 am** Porfira Bautista and Louise Risely

**Thursday December 21**  
**6:45 am** Michael Wallin and Mary V. Joyce

**Friday December 22**  
**6:45 am** Blanca Taylor, Roy Cardona, and  
 Mary V. Joyce

**Saturday December 23**  
**8:00 am** Joshua Paternoster  
**5:30 pm** Donnie Farrell and Bill McCrink

**Sunday December 24** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
**7:30 am** Vincent and Stephanie Gerard  
**9:30 am** Our Parishioners  
**11:30 am** Dr. Rodolfo Narag, Matthew Pinto, Sr.  
 and Julianne Law

***The Advent candles are placed  
 In loving memory of Michael Katzenberger,  
 Jean Cecilia Girz, Diane Gironda, and  
 Martin McCormack. The Advent wreath is in  
 memory of Anna and Frank Musarra.***

**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, Sr. Joan Phillips, and Andrew Andresko.

**STEWARDSHIP**

December 11, 2016 Collection & PP	\$ 9,204
MASS ATTENDANCE 710	
December 10, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,161
Online Giving	1,312
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,473</b>
MASS ATTENDANCE 658	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,715
Religious Retirement	\$ 6,823
Weekly Operating Expense	\$12,885

**Scripture Readings  
 December 24, 2017  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**  
 King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

**Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**  
 In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**  
 The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, December 18**  
 Scripture Study 1:00 to 2:30 pm  
 Pageant practice 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
 RCIA 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, December 19**  
 Children's Christmas Pageant 7:30 pm

**Thursday, December 21**  
 Choir practice 7:00 pm

**Friday, December 22**  
 Offices closed

**DECEMBER 23/24 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

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

**ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2017**

**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



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

The Third Sunday of Advent marks an important point in our season. Today, December 17, marks the beginning of the “second part” or conclusion of Advent. Whereas the first two weeks of Advent focus liturgically on the second Advent (coming) of God, the final days turn our attention more specifically toward the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, the first Advent of Christ. This was alluded to in the Prayer after Communion for this Sunday’s Mass, when we prayed, “We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.” (As a side note: this year, with Christmas on a Monday, we celebrate the shortest possible Advent we can—the fourth week of Advent is less than twenty-four hours).

It is Advent joy that is the overwhelming and prominent characteristic of the Third Sunday of Advent, which is also known as *Gaudete Sunday*. Some expressions of that joy can be found in the lighting of the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath and by the rose-colored vestments the priest might wear. It is also reflected in the prayers of the liturgy and the scriptural texts. What makes you joyful, and what should you be joyful (and thankful!) about in your life, because of the gifts God has given you? This is a good reflection for these remaining days of Advent.

### **Christmas Pageant**

This Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, students from Religious Education will be presenting the Christmas Pageant. We welcome and are grateful to them and their families for participating in this tradition. All are invited to attend this brief but special evening.

### **Reconciliation**

On Saturday, December 23, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be offered at the regular time, 4-5 pm. Traditionally, this is a very busy time for the Sacrament right before Christmas. Therefore, both Fr. Edward and myself will be available in the church that afternoon to celebrate the sacrament. If you have not taken the opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing, I encourage you to do so.

As we move closer to Christmas, let us be mindful of the holiness of the season. Keep Advent holy by keeping Christ in our hearts in all the different celebrations of these days

Peace, Fr. Jared

### **ST. CATHERINE’S GOES TO BROADWAY**

On Sunday, January 21 the parish will be taking a trip to Broadway to the Schoenfeld Theatre to see *Come From Away*. The show is based on the true story of when the isolated community of Gander, Newfoundland played host to the world. What started as an average day in a small town turned in to an international sleep-over when 38 planes, carrying thousands of people from across the globe, were diverted to Gander’s air strip on September 11, 2001. Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, the people of Gander cheered the stranded travelers with music, an open bar and the recognition that we’re all part of a global family. Tickets are \$110 and include bus. Space is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. The bus will depart St. Catherine’s at 12:30 for a 3pm show. **For tickets and more information please contact Whitney Dubose at 973-586-2777 or queendubose@aol.com.**



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

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

**December 18** – Christmas Pageant Practice 4:00-5:00

**December 19** – Christmas Pageant – 7:30 pm

**December 20 – January 7** – No class, Christmas break

**January 8** – Religious Education classes resume



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Christmas bags that went to two schools in Paterson. Bags for the Christmas service project were filled by the Religious Education children in grades 1-6. All the donations made the holiday special for those children. The impact on the children at the schools was electric. Many of the children grow up without the special treats that we put in the bags. So, thank you for making a child’s Christmas a little brighter and putting a smile on their faces.



#### **Save the Date!**

St. Catherine of Siena

#### **WINTER CARNIVAL**

Games for all ages!

Treats \* Fun \* Entertainment

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 5:00 pm**

In the parish center. Family Mass to follow.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**WOMEN’S ANNUAL RETREAT**

**Friday, March 9 - Sunday, March 11**

### 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))

### TRIP TO ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL IN PATERSON

The St. Catherine's prayer group invites you to join them on a trip to the beautiful, newly renovated St. John's Cathedral in Paterson on **Friday, Jan. 12th**. We will attend Mass there at noon followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After Mass we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant. This event is open to all parishioners. We will be carpooling. If interested in joining us, please call Lee Maute at 973-590-7820.

### 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.

### 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)

### 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

*In Giving, We Receive*

As you celebrate the joy of the Christmas season by giving gifts to friends and loved ones, there is one gift that you can give to tens of thousands of people. It does not require ten thousand name tags or ten thousand bows. All that's needed is a completed pledge card to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or an online gift at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org). Say "Merry Christmas" to so many of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson who need some hope and joy in their lives by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal today, May God bless you for your generosity!

Giving Tree gifts have been picked up and we can no longer accept them. Please contact St. Agnes in Paterson (*green gift tags*) 973-279-0250 (Marlenny), or St. Anthony of Padua in Passaic (*red gift tags*), 973-777-4793 xt 13 (Iris) directly to make arrangements or donate to another local charity. Thank you.

### In the words of Pope Francis

*"We know with certainty that evil never has the last word, and that, in God's merciful plan, love and peace triumph over all."* Greeting to Volunteers, Organizers, Benefactors of the World Meeting of Families.

### 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 through Tom Kieren at 973-214-6473 or [pastoral140@earthlink.net](mailto:pastoral140@earthlink.net)

### 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)

### 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)

### 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus Councils 514 and 3359 will be selling Roses for Life after Mass the weekend of January 6/7. They invite you to join the bus trip to the 45th March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19th. The bus will depart at 6 AM from the Gardner Field Park and Ride in Denville. Mass will be celebrated at 5:15 AM at St. Mary's, Denville prior to departure. There is no charge for the bus, but please bring \$10.00 to cover DC Metro cost and a tip for the driver. Please contact Jim Rizos [973.627.2596](tel:973.627.2596), [j.rizos@verizon.net](mailto:j.rizos@verizon.net) to reserve your place. If you are unable to join the march, please keep the cause for life in your prayers.