



**Saturday December 23**  
 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

**Sunday December 24** *Christmas Eve*  
 4:00 pm Nick Baneky, Josephine Lonisin, Richard Campbell, Matthew Pinto, Sr. and Wayne Collett

6:00 pm Our Parishioners  
 10:00 pm Patricia Franklin and Theresa Westerman

**Monday December 25** *Christmas Day*  
 7:30 am Michael Kelleher  
 9:30 am Larry Rea  
 11:30 am Les DiVite, Paul Schmidt and Julianne Law

**Tuesday December 26** *St. Stephen, First Martyr*  
 6:45 am Brian McPadden

**Wednesday December 27** *St John Apostle and Evangelist*  
 6:45 am Richard Fitzpatrick, Sr.

**Thursday December 28** *Holy Innocents, Martyrs*  
 6:45 am John and Marie Knack

**Friday December 29**  
 6:45 am Grace Fitzpatrick

**Saturday December 30**  
 8:00 am Kenneth and Elizabeth Henderson  
 5:30 pm John and Kathie Hegarty  
 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**Sunday December 31** *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*  
 7:30 am Our Parishioners  
 9:30 am Jude Selvaratnam, Julianne Law, Tony Mazzola, and Jerry Villaggio  
 11:30 am Diane Girona, Pam Kiener, and Kevin Cunniff

**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, Andrew Andresko, and Mary MacDonald.

**STEWARDSHIP**

December 18, 2016 Collection & PP	\$11,048
MASS ATTENDANCE 782	
December 17, 2017 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,403
Online Giving	1,327
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,730</b>
MASS ATTENDANCE 725	
Weekly Operating Expense	\$12,885

**Scripture Readings**

**December 31, 2017**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3**

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

**The offices are closed until January 2.  
 No activities.**

**DECEMBER 30/31 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

5:30 pm	Fr. Jared Brogan
7:30 am	Fr. Jim Termyna
9:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
11:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan

*We welcome our recently baptized new member in the church to our parish community:*

**Elizabeth Virginia Caballero**

*daughter of*

*Colleen Turkot and Javier Caballero*

**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

Merry Christmas! I would like to extend a welcome to all who have come to worship with us. To those who worship with us every week, how good it is to be with you again. To our visitors, we extend a warm greeting of welcome as well, and we want you to know how happy we are that you are here! All are welcome at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Everyone who joins us enhances our community. I am grateful for your presence. You are the reason why St. Catherine is "the place to be." We have so much to be thankful for. May the abundant blessings of Christmas come to you and your family. As always, all the members of the Pastoral Staff and I are here to serve you in whatever way we can. On behalf of the entire staff, Merry Christmas!

The season of Christmas is a time of joy. As people who know Jesus, the Son of God, our very lives should radiate the joy of knowing him and being close to him. Our lives, full of rejoicing, should become the visible expression today of the Incarnation. How will we radiate with Christ's joy this Christmas? Remember, Christmas is not over on December 26. Christmas begins on Christmas Eve, and it continues up to and including the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is January 8 — so keep your lights and decorations up until then!

There are so many wonderful liturgical feasts that make up the season of Christmas: the Feast of St. Stephen, the First Martyr, on December 26; the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, on December 27; the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28; the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, this year on Sunday, December 31; and January 1, the Octave (eighth day) of the Nativity of the Lord, which is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, on Sunday, January 7; and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8. We have so much to celebrate with joy.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord! Let us live joyfully as it should truly make a difference!

Peace,  
Fr. Jared

### 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.

### 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 12:00 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 20 – January 7** – No class, Christmas break  
**January 8** – Religious Education classes resume

We have received the greatest gift at Christmas which is God's love for us. May we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus throughout the year. Remembering to be kind, to be gentle and rejoice in the miracle of surprises God gives us each day.



### 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. \$10/family.

Family Mass to follow.

### 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))