



May you have a blessed New Year and as C.S. Lewis said, "time to set another goal or to dream a new dream." And this year try to break a bad habit, learn a new skill, do a good

deed, visit a new place, read a difficult book, write something important, do something good for someone who cannot thank you.

- Saturday December 30**  
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 Gironda, Pam Kiener, and Kevin Cunniff
- Monday January 1** *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
10:00 am Paul Schmidt and Robert Halm
- Tuesday January 2** *Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*  
6:45 am Fr. Basil Lobby and Nicholas and Merry Lewkow
- Wednesday January 3**  
6:45 am Norman Weiss
- Thursday January 4** *St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*  
6:45 am Belle Norris
- Friday January 5** *St John Neumann, Bishop*  
6:45 am William Reed
- Saturday January 6**  
8:00 am Steven Geis and Elizabeth Henderson  
5:30 pm Joan Pirolo and Robert Halm
- Sunday January 7** *Epiphany of the Lord*  
7:30 am Our Parishioners  
9:30 am Sergio and Noemi Wong  
11:30 am Diane Gironda, Julianne Law and Gloria Knapp

**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,

**Monday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. There will be one Mass only at 10:00 am.**

**JANUARY 6/7 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. Jared Brogan

**There will be a second collection for the Diocesan Assessment next weekend**

**Scripture Readings**

**January 7, 2017**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

**Blessing of the homes on the Epiphany, January 7**

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. Some communities have the custom of blessing homes with recalling the visit of the Magi. The household gathers at the manger scene to read Matthew 2:1-12. The light of the star guided the Three Kings on their journey. We too, must be lights for each other. Think of ways we can help others as we journey along in life.

**House blessing:** *Lord, God of heaven and earth, you revealed our only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Then with chalk mark the lintel over the main door of the house.

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(The numbers are those of the New Year (2018), the first initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The crosses stand for the four seasons.



**From the Desk of Fr. Jared**

Merry Christmas! This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family and on Monday, the Octave (Eighth Day) of Christmas, which is called the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The Octave of Christmas of course coincides with the beginning of the new year. It is a wonderful opportunity to begin the new year in prayer with our Blessed Mother as the focus. I wish you and your family a very blessed and happy New Year, with prayers that many graces and blessings will come your way in 2018. May the upcoming year bring to you and your family healing where there are wounds, light where there is darkness, and a renewed sense of gratitude and awe for God's awesome love and presence in our life.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratefulness to all who so kindly remembered me this Christmas season. I am truly blessed to be among you all. As we embark in this new year may we continue to pray for one another and be open to the mysterious ways that God invites us into relationship with him and one another. With God, may we continue to build and grow as a parish family.

Happy New Year!

**A New Year Prayer**

*God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.*

*As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time (Loyola Press).*

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*. 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.** Payment is due at the time of reservation. Checks are payable to "St. Catherine of

Siena" and can be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office. Tickets will be distributed on the bus.



**NEWS FROM  
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
OFFICE**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- December 20 – January 7** – No class, Christmas break
- January 8** – Religious Education classes resume
- January 18** – Youth Night, 7:30-9:00 pm
- January 20** – Family Fun Day, 3:00-5:00 pm followed by 5:30 pm family Mass
- January 27** – Catechist Day of Reflection, 9:30-11:30am
- January 28** – 5<sup>th</sup> grade class Mass – 9:30am
- January 29** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade bible presentation during class. Parents are invited.
- February 5** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parent meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, 7:30pm in the conference room.
- February 11** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class Mass & blessing 9:30am
- February 24** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Holy Communion retreat, 9:00am – 11:30am



**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. \$10 per family.

Family Mass to follow at 5:30.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**JANUARY YOUTH NIGHT**

**VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

**Thursday, January 18 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm.**

All 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome. Come play or watch! Refreshments will be served! Contact Gail at [youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org](mailto:youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org)

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**CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP  
CHARLESTON, SC  
JULY 8-14**

All high school students are invited to join us on a week-long service trip this summer!

\$370 + transportation

\*\* \$90 and deposit form DUE JANUARY 15

Registration forms are available in the religious education office and church vestibule.

Questions? Contact Gail at [youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org](mailto:youthministry@stcatherine-ml.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.

### 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))

### 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.

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

The Knights of Columbus Councils 514 and 3359 will be selling Roses for Life after Mass next weekend. 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

### 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)

### SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

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

### COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is "*Learning to Cope in the New Year.*" 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)

### IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT

sponsored by Knights of Columbus,  
Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359

**February 2 at 7:15 pm – February 4 1:00 pm** at Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown. Join us for a Men's Weekend Retreat led by Fr. Tom Marciniak, S.J. The retreat will focus on the topic, *Surrender???* - *Learning How to Yield Lovingly to our God*. Open to all men of the parish (18 or older). Membership in the K of C is not necessary. Details at [www.kofc3359.org](http://www.kofc3359.org), or contact Damiano Servidio at (973) 407-0186 / [dservidio@fordham.edu](mailto:dservidio@fordham.edu).

### TRAVEL TO ITALY

Are you interested in making a spiritual pilgrimage to Italy and to the Shrine of St. Pio in San Giovanni Rotundo? Travel to Italy September 20-29 with Fr. Owen Moran and St. Rose of Lima Parish of East Hanover. Included sites: San Giovanni Rotundo, Avellino, Pompeii, Naples and Rome.

In Rome - Attend a papal audience, tour famous monuments and attend an Ordination to the Diaconate.

For details, please contact Tanya D'Souza [tdsouza@saintroseoflimachurch.org](mailto:tdsouza@saintroseoflimachurch.org) / [973.599.2944](tel:973.599.2944)

Limited spots available!

Join St Ann Parish of Parsippany on a bus trip to Sight and Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster County, PA to see "**JESUS**" on March 20. Cost of the trip is \$135 which includes shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village and dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. For tickets call Ginny at (973) 884-1986. Deadline 2/1.