



Saturday February 10
 5:30 pm Annalisa, Holger, and Gerhardt Dammann

Sunday February 11 *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Frank Lori, Mary Coogan, and John Nardone
 11:30 am Lee Brody, Paul Schmidt, Diane Gironda
 Dr. Rodolfo Narag, and MaryBeth DeMartis

Monday February 12
 6:45 am Janet Jeanneret

Tuesday February 13
 6:45 am Antoin Scalia

Wednesday February 14 *Ash Wednesday*
 6:45 am Joseph Patrick McLaughlin
 12:00 pm Larry Rea, Pershottam Mathur, and John Nardone
 7:30 pm Jessie Pecorilli

Thursday February 15
 6:45 am Belle Norris
 12:00 pm Mary Feketie

Friday February 16
 6:45 am James P. Joyce
 12:00 pm Mary Feketie

Saturday February 17
 8:00 am Richard Fitzpatrick
 5:30 pm Stanley Skora, Peter Mowinski, and Irmgard Tomczak

Sunday February 18 *1st Sunday of Lent*
 7:30 am Thomas Quinn and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Belle Norris, Tom Johnson and Joseph McLaughlin
 11:30 am Diane Gironda, Michael Wallin, and Barry Rankin

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

STEWARDSHIP

February 5, 2017 collection & PP	\$ 9,607
MASS ATTENDANCE 796	
February 4, 2018	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,177
ParishPay	1,682
Total	\$ 9,859
MASS ATTENDANCE 660	
Diocesan Assessment Collection	\$ 1,976
Weekly operating expense	\$ 12,885

**Scripture Readings
 February 18, 2018
 First Sunday of Lent**

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

The Word Among Us daily meditation booklets for Lent are available in the vestibule.

FEBRUARY 17/18 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

***Food Collection for the Fr. English Food
 Pantry is next weekend***

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 12	
Scripture Study	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Tuesday, February 13	
Moms and Tots	9:30 – 11:00 am
Adult Enrichment Class	7:30 pm
Thursday, February 15	
Adult Enrichment Class	10:00 am
Choir Practice	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Friday, February 16	
Office closed	
Prayer group stations of the cross	12:30 pm

2017 Contribution Statements

With the transition of ParishPay to WeShare, donors will not be able to pull their own reports this year as they have in the past. Contributions made through ParishPay did not migrate over to the new site, so ParishPay will be sending WeShare those reports. WeShare will then send St. Catherine's two reports for each donor: one for ParishPay and one for WeShare. We hope to have this information by March 1, and will provide it to you upon request. **Please email parishoffice@stcatherine-mi.org.** Envelope user contributions will also be provided upon request.



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

What should I do for Lent?
Pope Francis offers us a few suggestions.

1. Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil

"[Lent] is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. **Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us.**" – General Audience, March 5, 2014

2. Don't remain indifferent

"Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation." –Lenten Message, 2015

3. Pray: Make our hearts like yours!

"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: *'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum'*: *Make our hearts like yours* (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference." – Lenten Message, 2015

4. Take part in the sacraments

"Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ." – Lenten Message, 2015

6. Prayer

"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering." – Homily, March 5, 2014

7. Fasting

"**We must be careful not to practice a formal fast, or one which in truth 'satisfies' us because it makes us feel good about ourselves.** Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him." – Homily, March 5, 2014

8. Almsgiving

"Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others." – Homily, March 5, 2014

9. Help the Poor

"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. **Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing.**" – Lenten Message, 2014

10. Evangelize

"The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness." – Lenten Message, 2014

Have a blessed Lent!

Peace,
Fr. Jared

MINISTRY APPRECIATION DAY Saturday, Feb 24

Our parish is blessed with many ministries and service organizations; all of them carried out entirely by men and women like yourselves. You have recognized that you have gifts from God and you want to express your gratitude by helping others. The problem, however, is that we may get tired, begin to burn out, or lose our motivation. We all need a spiritual lift from time to time, and I know this program can give us that.

The focus of the workshop is the parish family growing in prayer and faith. The aim is to foster spiritual renewal and growth for those who serve in our parish. Every person involved in ministry, at any level, should attend. Please take a few moments now to mark this event on your calendar and make plans to join us on Saturday, February 24 at 9am in the church. In appreciation for all that you give in love, a luncheon will be provided by the parish. Closing prayer and dismissal after lunch. **Please sign up for this wonderful morning on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.**

LENTEN MISSION: FEBRUARY 24-28

This year our Lenten Mission will take place February 24-28. Father Ken Beale, our mission presenter, will be presenting a concert entitled, "Go Into the World: Faith on Fire Missions Concert", on Sunday, February 25 at 7:00 pm. Three days of scripture woven with story and song will follow on that Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 pm. each evening in the church. All are invited to attend.



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

February 24 – 2nd grade First Holy Communion retreat, 9:00am – 11:30am

February 25 – Lenten Family Day following 11:30 Mass

March 1 – Practice for The Way of the Cross for Families, 7:00pm

March 2 – The Way of the Cross for Families, 7:00pm

St. Catherine's will be holding **Way of the Cross for Families** on **Friday, March 2 at 7:00 pm**, with a practice on March 1 at 7:00 pm. We are looking for families to participate by doing a scripture reading and a reflection. We have beautiful posters and music that reflect the Stations of the Cross. What a beautiful way to learn about Jesus with your family. Come renew and deepen your relationship with God and the whole Church. For more information or to participate, call the Religious Education office at (973) 334-5257, or email at DRE@stcatherine-ml.org

LENTEN FAMILY DAY

Sunday, February 25
following the 11:30 Mass.
Mac 'n Cheese, cookies, crafts,
Lenten activities.

Join us for the fun! Cash donation at the door.



LUNCH WITH A LEPRECHAUN

Saturday, March 3 Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council #3359 will host **Lunch with a Leprechaun** from noon to 2:00 pm in the parish center. Enjoy corned beef, hot dogs, soda, coffee, tea, scones and cupcakes while being entertained with Irish dancers, a bagpiper and other musicians, plus a visit from our honored guest, the leprechaun. Children age 3 to 12, \$10. Adults \$15. Tickets will be sold at the door.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH AND CHIPS

Knights of Columbus Council #3359, will host its annual Fish and Chips dinner on **Friday, February 16** at St. Mary's Prep, Denville, from **5 to 7 PM**. Catered by Argyle Restaurant of Kearny. Eat in or take out. Beverages, dessert and coffee included. Adults \$16, Seniors \$15, Children \$10.

ST. CATHERINE'S WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Friday, March 9 - Sunday, March 11

Please join us at Villa Pauline Retreat House in Mendham on March 9, 10, & 11. The weekend includes sleeping accommodations for 2 nights, 5 meals, & 5 conferences led by a retreat master. *This year we have slightly changed the structure of the weekend to include break-out sessions and additional prayer and meditation time.* As always, Confession, Masses, social time and free time are also a part of the weekend. Cost for the 2 night weekend is **\$175**. A one night only option is **\$125** and attendance from 8 am-9 pm on Saturday only is **\$75**.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact:
Cretia Rotella @ 201-919-1060, cresinger@aol.com or
Cheryl Clark @ 973-885-0908, clclark@optonline.net

Belonging

This week the children of the parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion reflected on their baptism. Through Baptism we are initiated into the life of Christ and his Body, the Church. Our membership in the Christian community is both a privilege and a responsibility. How are we as a parish witnessing the Holy Spirit's presence to others?



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

Again, this Lent we are participating in CRS Rice Bowls. Use your cardboard CRS Rice Bowl that was handed out in the Religious Education classes to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Try to prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls the week of **March 12**, so please bring your CRS Rice Bowls back that week during your Religious Education class time. Please convert your change into a **check made payable to St. Catherine of Siena Church with "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo.**

As we look ahead to our Lenten journey, beginning on Ash Wednesday February 14, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms a making of peace, and our prayers the change of humble and grateful hearts. We ask for God's help to put our faith into action, to work in love and to persevere in hope through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**MASSACRE IN EL SALVADOR:
A PRIEST REMEMBERS AND FORGIVES
Rev. Raimundo Rivera, M.Div.**

Father Rivera was born and raised in El Salvador and became a U.S. Citizen in 2006. His journey to the U.S. was dangerous and difficult. Extremists in El Salvador murdered his family during the country's civil war in the 1980s. With his experiences, Father Raimundo has an incredible witness of forgiveness to share.

Join Assumption Parish in Morristown from 7-8:30 p.m. on **Thursday, February 22**, in Rauscher Hall for this free event. To register visit www.assumptionparish.org, or call Theresa Miller at Immaculate Conception School of Theology at (973) 761-9575.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Throughout Lent (February 14-March 24) there will a "40 Days for Life" daily prayer vigil around the world outside various venues where women can procure abortions. Consider joining the Morris County Right to Life at Planned Parenthood of Morristown, 196 Speedwell Avenue, to give peaceful witness and prayer. Groups will be gathering Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12pm and 7pm and Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8am to 4pm. To sign up, contact the local coordinator, Frances Spillman, at 973-627-1654 or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns>. All are welcome!

MORRIS CATHOLIC ST. PATRICK'S 5K RUN

Morris Catholic High School will hold its 7th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on **Saturday, March 17** at 9:00 am at its Denville campus. Registration opens at 7:30. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. \$25 registration fee up to March 9; \$30 after. For more information, visit: runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K or contact MC5KRace@gmail.com

**Assumption College for Sisters
17th Annual Caring Basket Gala**

Thurs, March 22 at 6:30 pm at the Hanover Marriott
Please consider attending the gala or placing a congratulatory message in the journal for the honorees and the Sisters. Your support will make a difference in the lives of many through the education of Catholic Sisters. Contact 973-597-0188 xt101 or gala@acs350.org or visit www.acs350.org

An Evening with Sisters

Friday, Feb 23 from 7-8:30 pm Morris Catholic HS

This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! To RSVP and for more details, contact Sr. Bernadette McCauley sbernadette@sceast.org



2018

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Mass and distribution of ashes: 6:45am, 12pm & 7:30pm
Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes: 4:15pm

Daily Eucharist:

6:45 am & 12 pm (Monday-Friday)
8:00 am (Saturday)

Sunday Eucharist:

5:30 pm (Saturday)
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays following noon Mass
February 21, March 7 and March 28

Fridays at 7:00 pm

March 2 Family Stations of the Cross
March 16 4th grade Living Stations
March 23 Youth Night

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Mondays: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (February 19-March 19)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays: 12:30 pm - 8:30 pm (February 19-March 19)

Lenten Parish Mission

Faith on Fire Missions
February 25 - February 28 at 7:00 pm

Adult Faith Enrichment**

Discussion of Jerome K. Williams'
True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation

Tuesdays, Feb 13, 20, March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:30 pm
with Fr. Jared

OR

Thursdays, Feb 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 at 10:00 am
with Sr. Bernadette Weller

****Each participant is asked to acquire his or her own book.**