



Saturday March 24
 8:00 am Rev. Michael Burke
 5:30 pm Jerry Falduto and Michael May

Sunday March 25 Palm Sunday
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Joseph McLaughlin and Mary Ann Valente
 11:30 am Marie Arcaro, Kevin Cunniff, James Connors, and Dr. Rodolfo Narag

Monday March 26
 6:45 am Pawel Kania
 12:00 pm Harold Williamson, Jr.

Tuesday March 27
 6:45 am Special Intention
 12:00 pm Robert Long, Sr.

Wednesday March 28
 6:45 am Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm Elsie and Jose Castellanos and Daniel Malavarca

Thursday March 29 Holy Thursday
 NO MORNING MASS
 7:30 pm Robert Winslow, Vincent Nardone and Rozanna DeForest

Friday March 30 Good Friday
 NO MORNING MASS

Saturday March 31 Holy Saturday
 NO MORNING MASS
 8:00 pm Our Parishioners

Sunday April 1 Easter Sunday
 7:30 am Marion Haerer
 9:30 am Patricia Franklin, Joseph McLaughlin and John Gibbons, Jr.
 11:30 am Kevin Cunniff, Dr. Rodolfo Narag, and Domenica Mae Girona

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 and John Pongracz, Gus Mitchell, Jennie Iwasiuk, Ann Gerhardt, Sr. Joan Phillips, Andrew Andrusko, Christopher Stitt, Philip Clark, Gerald Esposito and Gavin King.

STEWARDSHIP

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| March 19, 2017 collection & PP | \$ 10,252 |
| MASS ATTENDANCE | 768 |
| March 18, 2018 | |
| Envelopes/Cash | \$ 8,734 |
| ParishPay | 1,784 |
| Total | \$ 10,518 |
| MASS ATTENDANCE | 701 |
| Weekly operating expense | \$ 12,885 |

Scripture Readings

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

Thank you to

**Dangler, Lewis and Carey Funeral Home
 for providing St. Catherine's
 with this year's palm!**

MARCH 31/April 1 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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| 8:00 pm | Fr. Jared Brogan |
| 7:30 am | Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB |
| 9:30 am | Fr. Jared Brogan |
| 11:30 am | Fr. Jim Termyna |

**Contribution statements are available upon request.
 Please email parishoffice@stcatherine-ml.org**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Monday, March 26 | |
| Scripture Study | 1:00 – 2:30 pm |
| Tuesday, March 27 | |
| Moms and Tots | 9:30 – 11:00 am |
| Wednesday, March 28 | |
| Stations of the Cross | 12:30 pm |
| Thursday, March 29 | |
| Offices Closed | |
| Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:30 pm |
| Adoration | 8:30 pm - Midnight |
| Friday, March 30 | |
| Offices Closed | |
| Liturgy of the Lord's Passion | 3 :00 pm |
| Mystery Players Stations of the Cross | 8:00 pm |
| Saturday, March 31 | |
| Blessing of Easter Food | 12:00 pm |



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

The holiest week of the year begins today! Each liturgy is different. It is a beautiful experience to live it and to worship throughout these holy days. I invite you all to actively participate in our liturgies.

The week begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. As the Roman Missal tells us: "On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery." We begin each Eucharist in the vestibule of the church blessing palms, reading St. Mark's brief account of the entry into Jerusalem, and then processing into the church. This year we read Mark's account of the Passion of the Lord. It is the shortest Passion account.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week we celebrate the Eucharist as we always do at 6:45 am and 12 pm. On Monday evening, the Bishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass with all the priests of the diocese at the newly renovated St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson. At the Chrism Mass the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism will be blessed. These oils, used in the sacraments throughout the year, will be presented to the parish as part of the evening Mass on Holy Thursday. All are invited to this special liturgy. It is easy to get to and parking is free and directly across the street from the Cathedral.

Thursday afternoon begins the Sacred Paschal Triduum. "In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen" (Roman Missal). There is one liturgy celebrated each day.

On Holy Thursday evening, we begin the Sacred Paschal Triduum with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm. After the Liturgy of the Word, we wash the feet of twelve parishioners. This year we wash the feet of different parishioners who are siblings. The number twelve is symbolic of the twelve apostles. The service of washing feet (although not required) reminds us of the humble service which is the heart of Christian life. After the washing of feet, the Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but the liturgy has no ending. The Blessed Sacrament is transferred to the altar of reposition (removed from the church), where we are invited to remain in prayer until 12 am. The altar of reposition will be set up in the gymnasium. Parishioners are invited to enter the quiet and peace of the Sacred Paschal Triduum before the Blessed Sacrament, as Christ entered the garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday, the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist. The only Sacraments that may be celebrated are the Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is celebrated at 3:00 pm which consists of the Liturgy of the Word (St. John's Passion), the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. Only one Cross is used for veneration. All are invited to venerate the cross with a kiss or touch. A Cross will be used rather than a crucifix, since we are not reverencing the dead body of Christ, but rather are adoring, as the liturgical text tells us, "the wood of the Cross on which hung the salvation of the world." The last part of the liturgy is Holy Communion. The Blessed Sacrament is retrieved from the altar of reposition with the hosts that were consecrated on Holy Thursday evening. We leave the liturgy in silence, continuing in fasting and prayer.

The Triduum culminates with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. The Vigil is the heart of our worship. Four elements make up the celebration of the Easter Vigil: Blessing of Fire and Candle, The Liturgy of the Word, Baptismal Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. A new fire is blessed, the Easter Candle is lit, light fills the darkened church, and the candle is honored in the *Exsultet* (Easter Proclamation). During this prayer, we bless, praise, and thank God for the light of His Son's resurrection overcoming the darkness of sin and death. The stories of salvation history are then proclaimed from the Old Testament and New Testament. This year we are blessed to have one *elect* who will be fully initiated into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We have four Candidates who will come into full Communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and one Candidate who will be Confirmed. We as a community will renew our own baptism and be sprinkled with the newly blessed water. Together as a community we then partake of the Eucharist. The Vigil is longer than the usual Mass, but those who enter into the spirit of prayer and celebration often experience a sense of timelessness as they encounter the holy. Easter Sunday of course is the day of the Resurrection. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am.

We look forward to seeing you at the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum. These days, the heart of our liturgical year and the holiest days of all, should not be business as usual, but rather should be days set apart as we enter deeply into the Lord's Paschal Mystery. Make the most of these days; you will be glad you did. Let us celebrate the mysteries of our faith as a parish family!

Peace, Fr. Jared

FLOCKNOTE: An Efficient Way To Communicate

As part of opening up the lines of communication in the parish, you are invited to subscribe to a service called *FLOCKNOTE*...like sending "notes" to the "flock." It is totally free for you to use and it is going to make it easy for you to stay plugged in to the activities of the parish via text message. It is something that people of all ages can use as long as you have a cell phone with texting abilities. Please know that your information is completely safe and secure.

FLOCKNOTE is very simple. Text the letters **SienaML** to the 5-digit phone number **84576**. Make sure your autocorrect on your phone does not mistakenly change the text. Once you send that in, *FLOCKNOTE* will send you back a confirmation message and a verification code with a link to enter the code. That's it! You can also subscribe online by visiting flocknote.com/SienaML. Follow the instructions to register.

This is a great opportunity for you to get plugged in to the many wonderful things we have going on in the parish. Thank you for participating. This is really going to simplify communication and increase engagement here at St. Catherine's.



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

March 26 -April 8 – No Religious Education classes

April 9 – Religious Education classes resume

April 14 – 8th grade Class Mass

4:30pm lesson, Mass at 5:30pm

April 16 – 8th grade parent meeting, 8:00pm

April 18 – Home Study book check



Today, Palm Sunday, celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and is the first liturgical celebration in Holy Week. This begins our journey to the Holy Triduum; which is the last three days of Holy week. Holy

Thursday we remember Jesus sharing the bread and wine at the Last Supper, which institutes the Eucharist. Good Friday Jesus carried his cross out of love for us and we celebrate his Passion and Death. Have a blessed Palm Sunday.



Thank you for all the candy, stuffed animals and small toys donated for the Easter bags. It means so much, not only to St. Catherine's, but to the children who will receive the Easter bags at the Fr. English Community Center in Paterson. The 1st – 6th grade Religious Education students' goal was to help those who do not usually receive Easter treats, and we filled 250+ bags with Easter candy and goodies. Thank you, thank you!!

Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School Camp

Shipwrecked VBS camp where kids learn that Jesus rescues!

June 25– June 29 9:00am-12:00pm

Registration can be found on our website or picked-up in the Religious Education office.

To volunteer contact Lisa at (973) 334-5257 or DRE@stcatherine-ml.org



Come meet Beacon the Toucan. They sometimes make their nests in abandoned holes left by other birds. Think about whose space you'd like to move into!

Cinderella's castle...a pirate's ship... the White House...Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory!

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR PARENTS

*"Understanding Your Teenager:
How to Talk to Your Children About Sex and
Help Them Make Healthy Choices"*

Monday, April 9 at 7:30 pm in the gym

This presentation is designed for parents of pre-teens and teens. It is a PARENTS ONLY event.

Questions? Email Youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – A FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAY

The Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of "The Way of the Cross" **Good Friday, March 30 at 8:00 pm** at St. Catherine's. Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a "play" in the common sense, but is in fact a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and an inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion and how it relates to their life today. The group is comprised of 14 teens and 8 adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. We suggest that you arrive 10 minutes early.

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**SAVE THE DATE: Pasta Dinner to benefit Haiti
Saturday, April 21 following the 5:30 Mass**

ST. CATHERINE'S TRIPS TO YANKEE STADIUM

This year we will be having two trips to Yankee Stadium. On Tuesday, May 29 we have tickets to the New York Yankees v. Houston Astros, the reigning World Series Champions. On Sunday, July 22 will be attending the New York Yankees v. New York Mets Subway Series. Both games are in the evening. Tickets are \$85 per game and includes bus and **field level seats**. For tickets and more information please contact Whitney DuBose at 973-586-2777 or queendubose@aol.com.