



Saturday February 9
 5:30 pm Greg Bylo and Bill Walsh (10 year memorial)

Sunday February 10 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Carlos Ribeiro
 11:30 am Richard Howard

Monday February 11
 6:45 am Lee Brody, Frank Lori and John Nardone (30th anniversary)

Tuesday February 12
 6:45 am Andy Goessling

Wednesday February 13
 6:45 am Joseph Arcoleo

Thursday February 14 *Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop*
 6:45 am John Nardone

Friday February 15
 6:45 am Dorothy G. Goerke

Saturday February 16
 8:00 am Louise Kelly
 5:30 pm Joan and Paul McEntyre

Sunday February 17 *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Intention of Ella Rodriguez and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Barbara Bove
 11:30 am Diane Gironda

February 16/17 CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

5:30 pm	Fr. Jared Brogan
7:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
9:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski
11:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski

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, Christa Fairclough, Pat Flannery, Pat Pongracz, Gus Mitchell, Ann Gerhardt, Rob Leavy, Trina Carlson, Carol Campbell, Winifred Pierce, Phil Cibiniak, Frank Zabriskie, Yvonne Querrard, Rachel Agzigian, Terry Chavelez, Tracy Tovo Gary Marcello, Gerald Hoy, Barbara Dietrick, Kelly Ramirez, Peggy Hoff, Ramona Colao, Thomas Ghilain, Jr, Christian Ramirez, Thomas John, Lorraine Alicia, Mark Gerard and Dorothy McCoy.

STEWARDSHIP

February 4, 2018 collection & PP	\$ 9,859
MASS ATTENDANCE 660	
February 3, 2019	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,819
ParishPay	2,327
Total	\$12,146
MASS ATTENDANCE 650	
Weekly operating expense	\$ 15,156

**Scripture Readings
 February 17, 2019
 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed and strengthened by it even during times of drought.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ's teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.

The offices will be closed Friday, February 15 and Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day weekend

SPIRITUAL, SERVICE, & SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Spiritual

Scripture Study - Mondays at 1:00, *The Gospel of John*
RCIA – Mondays at 7:30 pm
Prayer Group Book Study - Wednesdays at 1:30 pm, *Station to Station*, by Gary Jansen
Women's Retreat – March 8, 9, 10

Service

Fr. English Food Pantry - Food collection every 3rd weekend
Soup Kitchen – 2nd Monday of the month.
Pasta Dinner to benefit Haiti – April 27 at 6:30 pm

Social

Moms & Tots – Tuesdays from 9:30-11 in the gym.
After Mass Socials – Following the 9:30 Mass Feb 10, and following the 7:30 Mass every second Sunday

2018 tax contribution statements are available upon request. Please email parishoffice@stcatherine-ml.org

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their 18th Annual Caring Basket Gala on April 4 at the Hanover Marriott from 6:30-10:00 pm. The event features a 50/50 cash raffle and basket raffle, along with a silent and live auction. Proceeds are used for the support and education of the 20 international sisters from developing nations who are attending the college.

Sister students will be here this weekend to sell 50/50 tickets after Mass.

For event details, visit www.acs350.org/events-2/



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Papal General Audience and Catechesis

It has been the tradition of the Vatican to have a Papal General Audience on Wednesdays. This event gives pilgrims and visitors an opportunity to "see the Pope" and receive a Papal Blessing. The Wednesday Audience also consists of a brief catechesis (teachings and readings). At the end of the Audience the Pope leads the people in praying the Our Father in Latin (Pater Noster). At the end of the prayer the Holy Father imparts his blessing upon the crowd, which also extends to loved ones that are sick and suffering, and blesses any religious articles that people have brought with them for the purpose of the blessing.

For the next few weeks, I would like to share with you some of Pope Francis' catechesis (edited) on the Ten Commandments (Decalogue) which he gave over a year ago.

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

We Christians can ask ourselves: who is truly my God? Is it the One and Triune Love or is it my image, my personal success, perhaps even within the Church? "Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith. Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 2113).

The word 'idol' in Greek is derived from the verb 'to see'. An idol is a 'vision' which has the tendency to become a fixation, an obsession. Advertising, for example, uses this dynamic: I cannot see the object itself but I can perceive that car, that smartphone, that role — or other things — as a means of fulfilling myself and responding to my basic needs. And I seek it out, I speak of it, I think of it...everything serves that goal. Idols enslave. They promise happiness but do not deliver it and we find ourselves living for that thing or that vision, drawn into a self-destructive vortex, waiting for a result that never comes.

Dear brothers and sisters, idols promise life, but in reality, they take it away. The true God does not demand life but gives it, as a gift. The true God does not offer a projection of our success but teaches us how to love. The true God teaches how to live in everyday reality.

Today, I invite you to think: how many idols do I have and which one is my favorite? Because recognizing one's own forms of idolatry is the beginning of grace and puts one on the path of love. If something becomes absolute and supreme, then it is more important than a spouse, than a child or a friendship. Being attached to an object or an idea makes one blind to love.

Spreading of Germs Precautions

We are reminded that we are in the midst of "flu season" as we sit in church and hear the coughing, sneezing, and sniffing. The reality of the spreading of germs is something we need to take precautions with. Last year, we temporarily suspended the distribution of Holy Communion under both species because of the concern that drinking from the same chalice *could* bring about the sharing of more than the Blood of Christ; namely germs and sickness. This year, I am asking each individual to take precautions. We will continue to distribute Holy Communion under both species, but I ask you to be aware of your own health and to take precautions when necessary. If you are not feeling well you may not want to come to church. If you feel well enough to come to church, I would ask that you refrain from receiving from the chalice. It should be noted that the Church has always taught the doctrine of *concomitance*, by which we know that under each species alone, the whole Christ is sacramentally present and we "receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace." Therefore, Jesus Christ is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in both species. At the same time an appreciation for reception of "the whole Christ" through one species should not diminish in any way the fuller sign value of reception of Holy Communion under both kinds. For just as Christ offered his whole self, body and blood, as a sacrifice for our sins, so too is our reception of his Body and Blood under both kinds an especially fitting participation in his memorial of eternal life. Another precaution that should be taken is shaking hands. At the Sign of Peace, if you are not feeling well, feel free to refrain from offering a handshake. Please be respectful of a fellow parishioner's decision not to offer a gesture if they are not feeling well. Incidentally, this act is an optional part of the Mass. It does not have to be done. It is my hope that everyone feels welcomed and remains healthy at St. Catherine's.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

LITURGICAL Q & A

Each week we will post a question and answer about the liturgy. If you would like to submit a question, please do so to lisahward@aol.com

Who can benefit from attending and participating in the Mass?

Anyone who attends Mass with theological faith and personal devotion can benefit from the Mass. Theological faith is the grace to believe in God and in all that He has revealed. God gives this grace to those who ask Him for it. The Holy Eucharist is a mystery of faith. This means that we could not come to know about it in truth except through God's Revelation; and, although with faith we can come to know many truths about the Eucharist, it cannot be fully understood by us.

**ST. CATHERINE'S
ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Friday, March 8 - Sunday, March 10

Please join us at Villa Pauline Retreat House in Mendham on March 8, 9, & 10. Cost for the entire weekend is \$185 and includes sleeping accommodations for 2 nights, 5 meals, & 5 conferences. Confession, Masses, social time and free time are also a part of the weekend. Cost for 1 night only is \$125.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact:
Cretia Rotella @ 201-919-1060,
crenurse06@gmail.com or
Cheryl Clark @ 973-885-0908, clclark@optonline.net



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

February 18 – No Religious Education

February 23 – 2nd grade First Holy Communion retreat,
9:00am – 11:30am



We Belong

This week the young people 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 other?

*** **Only a few spots left** ***



**CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP
BOSTON, MA JULY 14-20, 2019**

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

\$380 + transportation ** \$100 and deposit form due with registration

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

Questions? Contact Gail
at_youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org

Saturday, March 2 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. Look for sign-up sheets in the vestibule and religious education office. Tickets will be sold at the door.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 14th at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is "Choices" (bring a picture of your child). For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

FR. ENGLISH FOOD PANTRY

Every third Sunday of the month we generously donate a large amount of food to the *Fr. English Center* which is picked up early the following Monday morning. The food collection is done on the third weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the month. Due to a lack of space and for the sake of good appearance and cleanliness, **please drop off food ONLY ON THE THIRD WEEKEND**. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter and for your generosity in donating the food each month. **Below are the third weekend dates – please mark your calendar:**

**January 20
April 21
July 21
October 20**

**February 17
May 19
August 18
November 17**

**March 17
June 16
Sept 15
Dec 15**

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Set Free: Journey of Recovery through Christian Virtues

Our addictions do not make us less loved by God. Again and again, Jesus reminds us that with Him, we are capable of living in freedom. So if God believes in us, why don't we believe in ourselves? Join us for lecture and group discussion on the following **Tuesdays at 7:30 pm:**
Feb 19, March 19 and May 21.

www.insidethewalls.org/set-free

Being a Man for Others: An Evening of Recollection for Men with Msgr. Geno Sylva

This lent why not join men from throughout the diocese for food, fellowship and prayer with our dynamic speaker, Monsignor Geno Sylva. Msgr. Sylva, founder of St. Paul Inside the Walls, will inspire participants to grow closer to God and serve others. **Friday, March 22 7:00 - 9:00 pm**
www.insidethewalls.org/man4others

St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Ave, Madison

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