



Saturday November 30
5:30 pm Ann Badalamenti and Irmgard Pfreundschuh

Sunday December 1 *First Sunday of Advent*
7:30 am Michael Grivalsky and Our Parishioners
9:30 am Trude Collins, Gloria McGrath and Kelly Costa McNiff
11:30 am Josephine Lonison and Ann Becker

Monday December 2
6:45 am William Pavlos
12:00 pm Gene Caulfield

Tuesday December 3 *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
6:45 am Fergus and Vera Tufts
12:00 pm Gerald Duerr and Catherine Hibinski

Wednesday December 4
6:45 am Belle Norris
12:00 pm Kelly Costa McNiff

Thursday December 5
6:45 am Frank and Barbara Sheer
12:00 pm Walter Pfreundschuh

Friday December 6
6:45 am Angela Commarato
12:00 pm Kevin Cunniff

Saturday December 7 *St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
8:00 am Angela Commarato
5:30 pm Robert Halm and Nicholas Silvestri, Jr.

Sunday December 8 *Second Sunday of Advent*
7:30 am Charles Havlik and Anne Morgenthien
9:30 am Carlos Ribeiro, Ann Koch and James Ammann
11:30 am Louise and Alfred Tuzzi and Harold Becker

Daily Meditation booklets for Advent, *The Word Among Us*, are available in the vestibule

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, Ann Gerhardt, Pat Flannery, Pat Pongracz, Carol Campbell, Winifred Pierce, Phil Cibiniak, Rachel Agzigian, Terry Chavelez, Tracy Tovo, Gary Marcello, Gerald Hoy, Barbara Dietrick, Kelly Ramirez, Peggy Hoff, Christian Ramirez, Thomas John, Lorraine Alicia, Mark Gerard, Dorothy McCoy, Robert Plucinsky, Sr., Kathy Covert, Alexander Scherman, Joyce Huebsch, Sr. Joan Phillips, Gus, Stephen and Peggy Mitchell, Ed Waite, Amber Tosh, Bill Traeger and Sally O'Brien.

Calling All Singers and Musicians!

We are looking for teen and adult parishioners to join our Youth and Adult Chorales, as well as musicians to accompany our singers. Interested? Contact David de la Mora at musicministry@stcatherine-ml.org

Scripture Readings December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

December 7/8 Celebrant Schedule

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be held at 6:45 am, 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm.

GIVING TREE REMINDER

Please return your gifts NO LATER THAN DEC. 8
If you take a tag and cannot fulfill the request, it is important that you return the tag so that we can ensure that no child goes without. Please place items on the stage in the gym. Gifts for St. Anthony's and St. Agnes **should be wrapped** with the tag taped to it. Gifts for Straight & Narrow **should NOT** be wrapped, but please attach the tag.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING: SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 pm
Youth Night Cookie Baking and Decorating
Friday, December 6 at 6:15 pm
Youth Night Caroling at Boonton Care Center
Saturday, December 7, 8:00 pm
Chanticleer Joys & Blessings of the Season Concert
Sunday, December 8
Giving Tree gifts or unfulfilled tags due back
Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm
Women's Benediction and Ornament Exchange
Saturday, December 14, 9:00-11:00 am
Breakfast with Santa
Tuesday, December 17, 7:30 pm
Children's Christmas Pageant



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

First Reconciliation

This weekend 33 of our students will celebrate their First Reconciliation. How good it is for us to always recognize the unconditional love and mercy of God. In addition, we should recognize our need for that love and mercy. Advent is a wonderful opportunity to seek reconciliation with God through the sacrament. May these young children be examples for us all to humbly seek God's mercy and healing in our lives. Thank you to Lisa Gervasio, the catechists, and families for their dedication and hard work in preparing our children to encounter God in the sacraments.

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Monday, December 9. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. What we celebrate is Mary's total freedom from original sin from the moment of her conception. Mary is always seen as the model disciple, the model of our faith, and so this day should be a day when we pray that our faith and trust may be the same as Mary's. Allow this Solemnity to be for you a day to reflect on the place of Mary in your prayer life and as a model of faith for you. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. Therefore, this is an opportunity to bring the intentions of our nation to Jesus through Mary. Come celebrate Eucharist at 6:45 am, 12 pm, or 6 pm. On this day, Eucharistic Adoration will end with Benediction before 6 pm Mass.

The Word Among Us Advent Companion

To help everyone keep Advent, we once again will have available *The Word Among Us* daily Mass readings and meditations for Advent and Christmas Time. This book has been a favorite in past years, and we make it available to you to help you make the most of Advent time. Be sure to take one. These books are available in the entrance of the church.

As we move forward through Advent, I pray that we may be filled with the joys and blessings of this season. Even though we are in Advent, we do not have to totally separate ourselves from the different Christmas celebrations. It is almost impossible to do so. Further, it is good to participate in such activities. I encourage us though to take time this Advent to grow closer to Christ.

Breakfast with Santa

The Knights of Columbus will once again host *Breakfast with Santa* on Saturday, December 14 at 9am in the gymnasium. All of our families are invited to participate. Sign-up sheets are available in the entrance of the church and Religious Education office. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their hard work.

Celebrating the Joy & Blessings of the Season

Since 2015 we have presented an annual Christmas concert, featuring artists such as Ronan Tynan, Anthony Rodriguez, Imperial Brass Orchestra, and Will & Anthony. Each year it is a wonderful evening of entertainment and socialization. ***It is a great opportunity to relax in the midst of the December busyness, build community with fellow parishioners and others from outside, and to support the parish.*** This year, the concert will be on Saturday, December 7 at 8 pm. Once again, we bring to St. Catherine's high caliber talent. This year we welcome ***Chanticleer***. Tickets are \$50 with open seating and a wine and cheese reception to follow.

Check out the website at www.chanticleer.org for more information about them, including pictures and sound clips. Tickets are available after Masses and in the parish and religious education offices.

Campaign Secretary Position

We are seeking to fill a temporary secretarial position to assist with the capital fundraising campaign. The position will run from February to June, approximately 15 hours per week. Duties include assisting with campaign communications; organizing various meetings and events; tracking enlistment and solicitation assignments and results, campaign commitments, income and expenses; maintenance of campaign records and files; and production of various reports. Qualified candidates must be computer savvy and have working knowledge of Microsoft Office Products (Word, Excel, Access and Publisher), a pleasing and positive personality, excellent communication skills, and should be willing to work a flexible schedule with some evening and weekend work required. Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and/or resume to Fr. Jared at jbrogan@stcatherine-ml.org by December 16. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

Peace,
Fr. Jared



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

December 4, 4:30 – 5:15 pm

2nd grade Reconciliation practice. Meet in the church

December 7, 11:00 am

First Reconciliation

December 16, 4-5:00 pm

Christmas pageant practice

December 17, 7:30 pm

Christmas pageant

December 22 and December 29

No Class Attached to Mass

January 5, 2020 – Religious Education classes resume



The Religious Education classes will be making **Christmas Goodie Bags** for the **Fr. English Community Center**. If you would like to donate items to fill the bags, suggested items are below.

Please drop off in the Religious Education office **before December 5.**

Suggested Christmas Themed Items:

- *Small stuffed animals (Dollar Tree usually has holiday)
- *Candy (individually wrapped - no loose items)
- *Small bags of snacks (chips, pretzels, cookies)
- *Small crafts items
- *Fruit snacks
- *Small toys



Annual Christmas Pageant

What better way for our children to learn the story of our Savior's birth then to be part of it?

This year's pageant will take place on **Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 pm.** All 1st through 4th graders are invited to participate. Please contact the Religious Education Office to sign up. Children must attend the practice on Monday, December 16 from 4:00-5:00.



**CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP
OIL CITY, PA * JULY 19-25, 2020**

All 8th - 12th grade students are invited to join us on a week-long service trip this summer!

\$385 + transportation ** \$100 and deposit form
DUE ASAP - Space is limited.

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

Contact Gail at youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org

Spiritual, Service, & Social Opportunities

Spiritual

Scripture Study - Mondays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Library

Adoration – Mondays from 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Service

Soup Kitchen – 2nd Monday of the month. To volunteer, see front cover of bulletin for contact information.

Fr. English Food Pantry - Food collection every third weekend

Social

Moms & Tots – Tuesdays from 9:30-11am in the gym

After Mass Socials – Following 7:30 am Mass every second Sunday. Following 9:30 Mass December 15.

Chanticleer Joy & Blessings of the Season Concert – Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 pm

Women's Benediction and Ornament Exchange – Thursday, December 12

Breakfast with Santa –

Saturday, December 14, 9:00-11:00 am

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2019

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am
Weekday Mass 6:45 am, 12 pm
Saturday Morning Mass 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Mondays 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays* 12:30 – 8:00 pm

*Until 6:00 pm December 9

*No Adoration December 23

Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 9

6:45 am Fr. Jared Brogan

12:00 pm Fr. Michal Rybinski

6:00 pm Fr. Michal Rybinski

Christmas Eve Masses, Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm Fr. Michal Rybinski

Cantor, Instrumentalists

6:00 pm Fr. Jared Brogan

Cantor, Instrumentalists

10:00 pm Fr. Michal Rybinski

Cantor, Instrumentalists

Christmas carols will be sung before each Mass.

Christmas Day Masses, Wednesday, December 25

7:30 am Fr. Jared Brogan *Cantor, organist*

9:30 am Fr. Michal Rybinski *Cantor, organist*

11:30 am Fr. Jared Brogan *Cantor, organist*

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1 11:00 am Fr. Jared Brogan

YOUTH NIGHTS



All 9th through 12th graders are invited to bake cookies and sing Christmas carols

(Join us for 1 or both nights)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 at 7:30 PM

Come bake cookies with your friends.
MEET IN THE GYM AT ST. CATHERINE'S

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 at 6:15 PM

Join us for Christmas caroling with the residents of Boonton Care Center.
MEET AT BOONTON CARE CENTER
(199 Powerville Rd, Boonton)

EMAIL Gail at youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org if interested. **Both nights earn service hours.**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Ho, ho, ho! "Breakfast with Santa" will be held at St. Catherine's on **Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 am.** Please sign-up on the sheets in the Religious Education office or church vestibule.



ANNUAL WOMEN'S BENEDICTION AND CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm

It's time for our annual Christmas gathering! We will start with evening prayer and Benediction at 7 pm in the church and then it's off to the parish center for refreshments (BYOB), carols and our traditional ornament "SWAP". Bring a wrapped ornament limited to \$10 and partake in a game of laughter and "swapping". Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. If you'd like to help with refreshments, please contact Barbara at 973-263-1758; jbuck973@optonline.net or Whitney at 973-586-2777; queendubose@aol.com. We look forward to seeing everyone!

St. Cecilia Church, Rockaway presents national speaker and podcaster, Michael "Gomer" Gormley

Friday, December 6, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

How to Live and Preach the Gospel and Why We MUST!

Saturday, December 7, 8:00 – 10:00 am

Mass and light breakfast precedes presentation, *"Pornography: Why It's Wrong, Dangerous, and How to Save Yourself and Your Kids"*



Morris Catholic Cheerleaders will be hosting a Craft / Vendor fair on Saturday, December 7, 9am - 3pm at Morris Catholic High School, 200 Morris Ave. Denville.

VENDORS and CRAFTERS are needed! For more information, please call Carol Lauch at 973-601-9858 or email mcvendorsale@gmail.com

FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS NEED YOU!

The Franciscan Mystery Players are recruiting student performers (grades 8-12) to participate in their Lenten presentation *"The Way of the Cross"* which will be performed at approximately 10 churches throughout Northern New Jersey. Rehearsals begin January 24 at St. Catherine of Siena. Time commitment is most Friday and Sunday evenings from late 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. Please visit our Facebook page, Franciscan Mystery Players of Morris County.

SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS EVENTS 205 Madison Ave, Madison

Noche de las Velitas

Join us on **Sunday, December 8 at 5 pm**, for a celebration in honor of the Immaculate Virgin. The night includes a candle lit Rosary procession around the grounds, wonderful music, and ends with hot chocolate, cookies and roasting marshmallows around the fire pit.

To RSVP please go to insidethewalls.org/dec8

Diocese of Paterson's Women's Conference: Feminine, Faithful, Fearless

True Catholic womanhood is achieved by using our God-given gifts to faithfully and fearlessly fulfill our vocations. On **Saturday, December 7 from 9 – 1:00 pm**, join speakers Jean Pankow, Sr. Graciela Colon and Jennifer Hubbard, for a fabulous day of faith, Adoration, networking and so much more. It's a great way to kick off the Advent season! For more information and to buy tickets visit insidethewalls.org/womens-conference

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All are invited to join Bishop Serratelli and the faithful of the diocese for our annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 pm** at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 381 Grand St, Paterson. It will be an exciting afternoon of music for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, December 12** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program is the annual candle-lighting service in memory of our children. Please bring a picture of your child. For more information, please contact Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164; lilycap@optonline.net.

47th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus Councils 514 and 3359 invite you to join the bus trip to the 47th March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24th. 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), jrizos10@gmail.com to reserve your place. If you are unable to join the march, please keep the cause for life in your prayers.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS... NOT JUST FOR SISTERS

Assumption College for Sisters in Denville offers to the public classes in theology and philosophy for both credit and audit. Registration deadline for the spring semester (Jan 6-May 6) is December 17. Visit www.acs350.org for details or call or email 973-957-0188 xt 106, academicdean@acs350.org