



**Saturday December 7**  
 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, Harold Becker and Fr. Willard Jabusch  
**Monday December 9** *Immaculate Conception*  
 6:45 am Our Parishioners  
 12:00 pm Rosemary Cusano and Maureen Scholten  
 6:00 pm Matthew Riccardi and Florence Cerqua  
**Tuesday December 10**  
 6:45 am Peggy Hoff  
 12:00 pm Robert Bobo  
**Wednesday December 11**  
 6:45 am Marian Rorro  
 12:00 pm Marie Silvestri and Paul Schmidt  
**Thursday December 12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
 6:45 am Mario Nigro  
 12:00 pm Jose Avila  
**Friday December 13** *St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*  
 6:45 am Rose Razzano  
 12:00 pm James Van Derveer  
**Saturday December 14** *St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
 8:00 am Private Intention  
 5:30 pm Peter Conroy and Helen Rykowski  
**Sunday December 15** *Third Sunday of Advent*  
 7:30 am Michael Grivalsky and Kelly Costa McNiff  
 9:30 am Sergio and Noemi Wong and Dolores Broking  
 11:30 am Thomas Johnson and Matthew Riccardi

**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, 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, Sally O'Brien and Don Tierney.

**STEWARDSHIP**

December 1, 2019	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,755
Parish Pay	1,785
<b>Weekly total</b>	<b>\$ 9,540</b>
MASS ATTENDANCE 605	

Diocesan Assessment \$ 2,389

**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. Adoration will be held 12:30-6:00 pm There will be no confessions

*Scripture Readings*

*December 15, 2019*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

**Second Reading: James 5:7-10**

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

**Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

**December 14/15 Celebrant Schedule**

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

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

**GIVING TREE REMINDER**

**Please return your gifts NO LATER THAN DEC. 8**  
**If you took 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.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

**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*

**Solemnity of the 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.

**Breakfast with Santa**

The Knights of Columbus will once again host *Breakfast with Santa* on Saturday, December 14 from 9 -11:00 am in the gymnasium. All of our families are invited to participate. Sign-up sheets are in the entrance of the church and Religious Education office. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their hard work.

**Retired Religious Collection**

Next weekend we will have the annual second collection to support Retired Religious Women and Men. The National Religious Retirement Office coordinates this annual national appeal and distributes financial assistance for the retirement needs of the many women and men Religious who ministered for so many years. Religious women and men have been the backbone of Catholic education, healthcare, social services, and more recently parish ministry. This collection strives to support, educate, and assist religious institutes in the United States to care for their elderly and frail members now and in the future. Sr. Joseph Spring, SCC (Sister of Christian Charity), who is the President of Assumption College for Sisters, will speak to us on behalf this appeal. Thank you in advance for your support of these women and men who have given their lives in service to the Church.

**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](mailto:jbrogan@stcatherine-ml.org) by December 16. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

Peace,  
Fr. Jared

We welcome our recently baptized new member to the church and our parish community.

***Peyton Elizabeth Santos***  
***daughter of Marvin and Kelly***

**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  
*\*No Confession December 9 or 23*

**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

**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](mailto:musicministry@stcatherine-ml.org)



**NEWS FROM  
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**December 16, 4-5:00 pm**

Christmas pageant practice

**December 17, 7:30 pm**

Christmas pageant

**December 18**

9<sup>th</sup> grade last class of semester

**December 19 – January 1**

No Religious Education – Christmas break

**January 5, 2020** – Religious Education classes resume



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 pm**

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**Practice**

**Monday, December 16 4:00-5:00**



Congratulations to St. Catherine's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday!

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Nicholas Abel      | Ryan Lambe        |
| Zoe Albergo        | Kieran Leuchs     |
| Matthew Barbarisi  | Tyler Luczun      |
| Lily Bohler        | Kevin Mammon      |
| Annie Bush         | Jane Mathis       |
| Connor Fallon      | Vivian Mathis     |
| Andrew Frei        | Emerson McQuillan |
| Michael Frei       | Ryan Oliver       |
| Brady Golden       | Justin Polachek   |
| Paul Grieco        | Luke Scerbo       |
| Gianna Hamilton    | Lexi Schmitt      |
| Luke Hohman        | Kaitlyn Seminerio |
| Tristan Hohman     | Callahan Siddons  |
| Erin Horan         | Ethan Spang       |
| Zachary Krystyniak | Russell Swenson   |
| Juliana Kubinsky   | John Wright       |
|                    | Ryder Zaleski     |



**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](mailto:youthministry@stcatherine-ml.org)

**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](mailto:jbuck973@optonline.net) or Whitney at 973-586-2777; [queendubose@aol.com](mailto:queendubose@aol.com). We look forward to seeing everyone!

**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.



**With gratitude to our parishioners, we acknowledge those who are remembered with Advent candles, wreaths, and lights. Please keep them in your prayers.**

*From ... in loving memory of*

**Advent Wreath**

*Peggy and Mike Fitzpatrick ... Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR*

**Advent Candles**

*Rudy and Jane Katzenberger ... Michael Katzenberger*

*Ron Gironda ... Diane Gironda*

*Mother ... Michael Masters, III*

*Nancy Vella ... Hector Vella*

**Extra Large Wreath**

*The Alberts Family*

**Large Wreaths**

*Kathy Caulfield... Gene Caulfield*

*Ken and Amy Marhefka... Roberts - Kiernan and Marhefka - McCormick Families*

**Small Wreaths**

*John and Susan Rogers... Our parents, John and Mary Rogers; Charles Christiano and Gonda T. Thornburg*

*Susan and Wayne Merckling... Gurba and Merckling Families*

*Dr. John Cusano ... Rosemary Cusano (3 wreaths)*

**Lights**

*Cathy Barrett ... David Barrett, Jr.*

*Fernanda Ribeiro ... Carlos Ribeiro*

**If you would like to make a donation for a poinsettia for Christmas, you may do so by using the envelopes in the church vestibule or in your envelope packets.**



We would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to our parish for helping McKenzie Hegarty, age 17, collect over 250 coats for our local homeless shelters. McKenzie collected coats of all sizes for only a few short weeks and thanks to your help, our Parish community, Mountain Lakes and Denville residents, these coats will help many men, women and children stay a bit warmer this season.

*Jennifer and McKenzie Hegarty*

### 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.

### 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](http://insidethewalls.org/dec8)

### 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](mailto:lilycap@optonline.net).

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

The Knights of Columbus Councils 514 and 3359 invite you to join the bus trip to the 47<sup>th</sup> March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](http://www.acs350.org) for details or call or email 973-957-0188 xt 106, [academicdean@acs350.org](mailto:academicdean@acs350.org)

### AAUW CHORALE CONCERT AT ST. CATHERINE'S

Hum to a joyful mix of holiday tunes, from "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Hanukkah Shalom" to the novelty tune "Fruitcake," as sung by the 16-member University Women's Chorale led by Director Gloria Diamond. The group is the only singing group among 22 AAUW-NJ branches. A surprise piano piece is planned, so come and be prepared to be entertained."

**Thursday, December 12 at 1:00 pm in the church followed by cookies and coffee in the gym.**

### 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.

### MEMORY CAFÉ

A free, informal social gathering for people with dementia, especially those with younger onset Alzheimer's and their care partners.

**Holiday Party and Ornament Making  
Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 2-3:30 pm**

The Community Church of Mountain Lakes  
(chapel room – left side of building)  
48 Briarcliff Road

**Free!** Text or call 973-580-0697 or email [suelyon56@gmail.com](mailto:suelyon56@gmail.com) to register.

**Pro-Life Christmas Caroling  
Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 pm**

*Leaflet with carols and scripture will be provided.  
Please bring a flashlight.*

**outside Planned Parenthood  
196 Speedwell Ave, Morristown**

In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Join us as we share this Christmas hope where it's needed most: the abortion facility right here in our community.

Questions? Contact [lisahart@morriscountyrighttolife.org](mailto:lisahart@morriscountyrighttolife.org) or call 973-769-4422.