



Saturday December 14
 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

Monday December 16
 6:45 am Josephine Lonison
 12:00 pm Patricia Carroll and George Murray

Tuesday December 17
 6:45 am Frank Okamgba
 12:00 pm Jo-Mary Vieira

Wednesday December 18
 6:45 am Porfiria Bautista
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt and Kelly Costa McNiff

Thursday December 19
 6:45 am Barbara Flanagan
 12:00 pm Stephanie Blender

Friday December 20
 6:45 am Mary K. Coogan
 12:00 pm Ed Waite

Saturday December 21
 8:00 am Peggy Hoff
 5:30 pm Domenica Lori and Kelly Costa McNiff

Sunday December 22 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 7:30 am Raymond and Blanca Taylor
 And Roy Cardona
 9:30 am C. Mary Zimmerman and Ron Brown
 11:30 am Diane Gironde, Andrea Chester, and Frank Okamgba

**The Sanctuary Lamp before
 the Blessed Sacrament burns
 for the intention of Eleanor and Bruce Noel**

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, Amber Tosh, Bill Traeger, and Sally O'Brien.

STEWARDSHIP

December 8, 2019	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 10,781
ParishPay	2,595
Weekly total	\$ 13,376
MASS ATTENDANCE 723	

**Scripture Readings
 December 22, 2019
 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

December 21/22 Celebrant Schedule

5:30 pm	Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, OSB
7:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
9:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski
11:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan

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
*No noon Mass December 24	
*No 6:45 am Mass December 26	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays	4:00 – 5:00 pm
Mondays*	7:00 – 8:00 pm
*No Confession December 23	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays*	12:30 – 8:00 pm
*No Adoration December 23	

Christmas Eve Masses, Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm	Fr. Michal Rybinski <i>Cantor, Instrumentalists</i>
6:00 pm	Fr. Jared Brogan <i>Cantor, Instrumentalists</i>
10:00 pm	Fr. Michal Rybinski <i>Cantor, Instrumentalists</i>

Christmas carols will be sung before each Mass.

Christmas Day Masses, Wednesday, December 25

7:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan	<i>Cantor, organist</i>
9:30 am	Fr. Michal Rybinski	<i>Cantor, organist</i>
11:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan	<i>Cantor, organist</i>

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

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



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete: modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." Today, the third Sunday of Advent, the Church celebrates *Gaudete Sunday*. It is a turning point in the Advent season. Our focus is on the first coming of Jesus. The rose candle is lit on the Advent Wreath and the priest wears rose vestments. *Gaudete* is the Latin term for "rejoice." Joy is such an important virtue. It should be at the very heart of who we are as individuals and as the Church. In his book *The Church of Mercy*, Pope Francis wrote, "And here the first word that I wish to say to you: joy! Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but of having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst." In these remaining two weeks of Advent may we have a desire to encounter the person of Jesus Christ. He is the source of all of our joy. Be people of joy, allowing the child Jesus to penetrate our lives and we in turn touch the lives of others with joy. Make the effort to come to Mass an extra time or two, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or do an act of charity. All will be a cause of great joy for us and allow us to be messengers of joy for others.

Concert Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Christmas Concert featuring *Chanticleer*. We had a full house. It was a wonderful evening of music and social interaction. I am grateful to all of the parishioners and the many, many, many guests who came from near and far to celebrate with and support St. Catherine's. I am grateful to the concert committee who organized the selling of tickets, advertising, and the wine and cheese reception. It was a great way to begin our Christmas celebrations.

Retired Religious Collection

This weekend we 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.

Christmas Pageant

This Tuesday night, December 17, is our annual Christmas Pageant featuring the children of the parish. This is always a heart-warming presentation. It starts at 7:30 in the gym. All are invited.

Peace,
Fr. Jared



**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
9th 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**

Practice

Monday, December 16 4:00-5:00



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Christmas bags that went to two schools in Paterson. Bags for the Christmas service project were filled by our Religious Education children. Your donations made the holiday special for these children, many of whom grow up without the special treats that we put in the bags. Thank you for making a child's Christmas a little brighter and putting a smile on their faces.



**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

GIVING TREE

Our parish family has once again responded to the Giving Tree appeal with outstanding generosity. Together with Kim Sgro's group, "Nana's Attic", St. Catherine's was able to provide much appreciated gifts for the children of St. Agnes and St. Anthony Parishes, as well as for Straight & Narrow. Thank you for helping make Christmas more joyful for those less fortunate! A special thank you to Joni Cabassa, Michele and Jamie Gregorek, Marie Westerman and Pat Kelleher who sorted and bagged all the gifts.



Our annual Breakfast with Santa was a jolly success! A special thank you to Jerry Napolitano and the Knights of Columbus for providing breakfast, to our very own Santa, Rich Westerman, and to all those who helped.

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

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

Pro-Life Christmas Caroling
Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 pm
Please bring a flashlight.
outside Planned Parenthood
196 Speedwell Ave, Morristown

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 or call 973-769-4422.

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 21st 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 to register.

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.

DAYS OF PRAYER

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown

Advent

Tuesday, December 17, 9:30am – 3:00pm
Led by: Rev. George Collins, S.J.

Inner Healing/Healing of Memories

Thursday, January 23, 2020, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Led by: Anna Graziano, Spiritual Director

Cost of each program is \$40 and includes breakfast, lunch, Reconciliation and Mass.

Register at www.loyola.org

COLLEGE-AGE* RETREAT

Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point
January 3 – 5, 2020

This retreat is designed to bring young people together of **college-age** (17-22). So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$135 pp, double occupancy. Financial aid available. **Register:** www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

**High school seniors are welcome*