



**Saturday December 21**  
 5:30 pm Domenica Lori, Kelly Costa McNiff and Our Parishioners

**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 Girona, Andrea Chester, and Frank Okamgba

**Monday December 23**  
 6:45 am Ron and Maureen Lockwood  
 12:00 pm Earl "Pete" Pedersen

**Tuesday December 24**  
 6:45 am William Pavlos  
 4:00 pm Josephine Lonison, Matthew Pinto, Sr., and Thomas Patrick Kelly  
 6:00 pm Patricia Franklin and Our Parishioners  
 10:00 pm Brogan and Rybinski Families

**Wednesday December 25** *Christmas*  
 7:30 am Michael Kelleher, Lisa Calabrese and Anne Morgenthien  
 9:30 am Vincent Cina  
 11:30 am Les DiVite

**Thursday December 26** *St. Stephen, the first martyr*  
 12:00 pm Joseph Arcoleo

**Friday December 27** *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*  
 6:45 am Special Intention  
 12:00 pm Helen Brogan

**Saturday December 28** *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*  
 8:00 am Marie and John Knack  
 5:30 pm Philip Clark and Edward Keller, Jr. and Sr.

**Sunday December 29** *Holy Family*  
 7:30 am Michael Grivalsky and Our Parishioners  
 9:30 am Robert Leavy and Paul Monaco  
 11:30 am Carmen and Charles Franki and Intention of the Riccardi Family

**December 28/29 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

**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.

**Scripture Readings  
 December 29, 2019  
 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**  
 This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root."

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21**  
 Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

**Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**  
 An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarean."

**The offices will be closed  
 December 23 – January 1  
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**CHRISTMAS 2019**

**\*No Adoration December 23  
 \*No noon Mass December 24  
 \*No 6:45 am Mass December 26**

**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

*We welcome our recently baptized new member in the church to our parish community:*

**Jacob Stephen Steinheimer**  
*son of Stephen and Jessica*

**STEWARDSHIP**

December 15, 2019  
 Envelopes/Cash \$ 10,815  
 ParishPay 1,575  
**Weekly total \$ 12,390**  
 MASS ATTENDANCE 772  
 Religious Retirement \$ 7,146



*From the Desk of Fr. Jared*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

This year the fourth week of Advent is a whole three days, ending Tuesday afternoon prior to the first Christmas Vigil Mass here at 4pm. In these remaining hours of Advent, where are our minds? If we can be honest with one another, I think we can say we are all a bit preoccupied with one thing or another. Instead of forcing thoughts and anxieties about family, gifts, meals, and traffic, I suggest that we take all that to God. He is Emmanuel, God with us. That is what the Incarnation is all about. That is what we celebrate at Christmas. In the person of Jesus Christ, God entered into the messiness of our lives. Do not try to get rid of the messiness. Rather, see God in it all.

### Christmas Blessings

Merry Christmas! I would like to extend a welcome to all who have come to worship with us. To those who worship with us every week, how good it is to be with you again. To our visitors, we extend a warm greeting of welcome as well, and we want you to know how happy we are that you are here! All are welcome at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Everyone who joins us enhances our community. I am grateful for your presence. You are the reason why St. Catherine's is "the place to be." We have so much to be thankful for. May the abundant blessings of Christmas come to you and your family. As always, all the members of the Pastoral Staff and I are here to serve you in whatever way we can. On behalf of the entire staff, Merry Christmas!

### Feast of St. John the Apostle

Friday, December 27 tis the Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist. There is a tradition in the Church to bless wine on this day. The tradition is based on a legend surrounding the life of St. John. One day John was challenged by his enemies to drink a cup of wine filled with poison. The accounts of the legend differ as to what happens next. John either drank the wine and did not suffer any ill effect or he blessed the wine and the poison rose from the cup in the form of a serpent. In either case, John was not harmed by the wine and his enemies were confounded. At both Masses that day, at 6:45am and 12pm, you are invited to bring wine to be blessed.

Peace,  
Fr. Jared



### **NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

#### UPCOMING DATES:

**December 22 and December 29**

No class attached to Mass

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

### **Merry Christmas 2019**

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:  
The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son,  
and will call him Emmanuel – Isiah 7:14*

*The star of Bethlehem shone when Christ was  
born in the darkest nights,  
Christ's love still shines the brightest.*

*Have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas.  
The Religious Education Office*

**SAVE THE DATE:  
YOUTH NIGHT  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 7:30-9**



**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)

### **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.

### **FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS NEED YOU!**

The Franciscan Mystery Players are recruiting student performers (grades 9-12) to participate in their 10 performance Lenten presentation, "The Way of the Cross". Rehearsals begin January 24 at St. Catherine's. Contact Anne Marie Pikor at [973-876-3440](tel:973-876-3440) for details. Please visit our Facebook page, Franciscan Mystery Players of Morris County.

### **COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany in room 101. Program is "How does our grief affect family relationships" (Pictures are always welcome). For more information, contact Lily Capriglione at [973-568-4164](tel:973-568-4164) or [lilycap@optonline.net](mailto:lilycap@optonline.net)