



Saturday December 28
 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

Monday December 30
 6:45 am George and Rosalee Murray
 12:00 pm Brian McPadden

Tuesday December 31
 6:45 am Kevin Sullivan
 12:00 pm Christina Keenan

Wednesday January 1 *Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*
 11:00 Robert Halm and Paul Schmidt

Thursday January 2 *Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*
 6:45 am Rev. Basil Lobby
 12:00 pm Joseph P. McLaughlin

Friday January 3
 6:45 am Angela Commarato
 12:00 pm Kimberly Burdorf

Saturday January 4 *St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
 8:00 am Angela Commarato
 5:30 pm Robert Halm and Matthew Riccardi

Sunday January 5 *Epiphany of the Lord*
 7:30 am Kelly Costa McNiff
 9:30 am Leo Kallas and Our Parishioners
 11:30 am Intention of the Sheridan Family

January 4/5 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

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Diocesan Assessment

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.



Wednesday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

There will be one Mass only at 11:00 am.

The offices are closed through January 1
Happy New Year!

Scripture Readings

January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Feast of the Holy Family

This weekend is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We celebrate the unity and love so evident in the Holy Family. The primary prayer on this feast is that our families might imitate the virtues of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. None of us as individuals are perfect and therefore no family is perfect. Similarly, the Church, made up of human beings is not perfect. All families have conflict and all families deal with less-than-ideal situations. Do not become discouraged if your family cannot live up to the ideal of the Holy Family. Desire to put into practice the virtues of love, forgiveness, and sacrifice. God will take care of everything else.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This Wednesday, January 1 (aside from being New Year's Day) is the Octave (Eighth Day) of the Nativity of the Lord, and it is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at 11am. It has always been the ideal in the Catholic Church to have one gathering of the community on the Lord's Day to celebrate Eucharist. However, due to large communities and space issues, most Catholic communities gather multiple times on a Sunday to worship, as we do. It is a good problem to have. Every now and then we have an opportunity to worship in this ideal scenario. This Wednesday is one of those days. In honor of our Blessed Mother we will gather at one time to give praise and worship to God. What a great way to begin the new year praying with and for one another. Please join us for this special celebration.

We are Grateful!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratefulness to all who so kindly remembered Fr. Michal and myself this Christmas season. We are truly blessed to be among you all. As we embark in this new year may we continue to pray for one another and be open to the mysterious ways that God invites us into relationship with him and one another. With God, may we continue to build and grow as a parish family.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

YOUTH NIGHT

Thursday, January 9 from 7:30-9:00 pm
9th & 10th graders will earn service hours
for attending



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

January 5, 2020 – Religious Education class attached to Mass resumes

January 5 – 2nd grade Bible presentation during class

January 6 – 7th grade second semester begins

January 9 – Youth Night, 7:30-9:00 pm

January 12 – 7th grade family Mass – 11:30am

January 19 & 20 – No class attached to Mass or regular classes - MLK

January 26 – 2nd grade blessing for the preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist at 9:30am and 11:30am Masses

January 27 – 2nd grade parent meeting for 1st Holy Communion, 7:00pm

February 1 – Catechist Day of Reflection, 9:30-11:30am

January 16 - 18 – No class attached to Mass or regular classes

February 19 – 9th grade second semester begins

February 23 – Lenten Family Faith session following 11:30 Mass. No regular class attached to Mass.

February 24 – 8th grade second semester begins

February 29 – 2nd grade First Holy Communion retreat, 9:00am – 11:30am

January 5– Blessing of the homes on the Epiphany

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States, it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. Some communities have the



custom of blessing homes with recalling the visit of the Magi. The households gathers at the manger scene to read from the family's Bible Matthew 2:1-12. The light of the star guided the Three Kings on their journey. We too, must be lights for each other. Think of ways we can help others as we journey along in life.

House blessing: *Lord, God of heaven and earth, you revealed our only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Then with chalk, these are the markings on the lintel over the main door of the house.

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(The numbers should be those of the New Year (2020), the first initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The crosses stand for the four seasons.)



**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

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, January 9 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, please contact Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164 or 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.

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.

Holy Land 10-day Pilgrimage, February 15-24, 2020

Accompany the Paterson Diocesan Choir with Spiritual Director Rev. Daniel O'Mullane on an *"In the Footsteps of Jesus"* tour of the holy land. For details, visit www.petersway.com or email or call amy@petersway.com; 516-605-1551 x13

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SLOW DOWN?

"Slow down. Take a deep breath. What's the hurry? Why wear yourself out?" ~ Jeremiah 2:25. God doesn't want us to be stressed out or so busy that we race through life. God longs to give us peace, rest, and repose. Please join men from our parish family for a quiet listening retreat on **Friday, January 31 to Sunday, February 2** at Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown. Loyola is a welcoming, sacred place where you can slow down, be quiet and still with God, and experience His deep peace. The weekend includes preached talks on a theme, daily Mass, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, optional private consultations with retreat leaders, outdoor stations of the cross and generous amounts of free time for personal prayer and reflection. It is truly a wonderful experience and the only cost is a free will offering. All are welcome at Loyola regardless of financial status.

For more information or to register, contact Damiano Servidio, damiano.servidio@gmail.com, (973) 407-0186 or visit www.kofc3359.org

DAY OF PRAYER

**Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown
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

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES
Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point**

COLLEGE-AGE* RETREAT

**High school seniors are welcome*

January 3 – 5

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!

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

February 7 - 9

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost for either retreat: \$135 pp, double occupancy.
Financial aid available.

Register: www.capemaymarianists.org
or call 609-884-3829.