



Saturday	January 4
5:30 pm	Robert Halm and Matthew Riccardi
Sunday	January 5 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>
7:30 am	Kelly Costa McNiff
9:30 am	Leo Kallas and Our Parishioners
11:30 am	Intention of the Sheridan Family
Monday	January 6
6:45 am	Elizabeth Henderson
12:00 pm	Peggy Hoff and Edmund Keyes
Tuesday	January 7
6:45 am	James Schiotis
12:00 pm	Merry Lewkow
Wednesday	January 8
6:45 am	Ray Morgan
12:00 pm	Paul Schmidt
Thursday	January 9
6:45 am	Deana Testa
12:00 pm	Private Intention of Fr. Michal
Friday	January 10
6:45 am	Thomas and Mary Jo Young
12:00 pm	Gonda Thornburg
Saturday	January 11
8:00 am	Private Intention of Fr. Michal
5:30 pm	Kelly Costa McNiff and Catherine Hibinski
Sunday	January 12 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
7:30 am	Peggy Hoff and Our Parishioners
9:30 am	Salvatore Russo and Angelo Cubelli
11:30 am	Matthew Riccardi and Robert Halm

January 11/12 Celebrant Schedule

5:30 pm	Fr. Michal Rybinski
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9:30 am	Fr. Jared Brogan
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Moms & Tots resumes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 9:30-11am

Prayer Group resumes Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1:00 pm

Scripture Study resumes Monday, Jan. 13, 1:00 pm, continuing with Revelations Ch 17

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
January 12, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

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 8. We bless our homes with recalling the visit of the Magi. The household gathers at the manger to read Matthew 2:1-12.

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, mark this on the lintel over the main door of the house: 20 + C + M + B + 20

(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.)

Spiritual, Service, & Social Opportunities

Spiritual

Scripture Study – Resumes January 13 on Mondays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Library

Prayer Group Book Study – Resumes January 8 on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center

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

Women's Retreat – March 13-15

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 – Resumes January 7 on Tuesdays from 9:30-11am in the gym

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



Solemnity of the Epiphany

Today we celebrate the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem. The meaning of this feast is summed up well in the Preface (the prayer that begins the Eucharistic Prayer, preceding the Holy, Holy): *“For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”* Those words capture for us the meaning of Christmas, and of all the liturgical celebrations, including the Epiphany, that occur during Christmastime: because God became human, because the Word became flesh, human nature — you and I — have been made new because we have been made sharers in the divine! What a powerful, yet challenging, truth to reflect upon!

Pope Benedict XVI described a faith journey, like that of the magi, by saying: “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person – Jesus Christ – who gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” He continued, “faith is above all a personal, intimate encounter with Jesus, an experience of his closeness, his friendship, his love; only in this way does one learn to know him ever more, and to love and follow him ever more.” Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we have an encounter with the divine. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, it is Christmas Day.

Happy New Year

As we begin the new year, we may be resolving to accomplish one thing or another in 2020. Often we try to better ourselves physically, but I would encourage us all to resolve to accomplish something spiritually for our ourselves and our families. I offer a few possibilities that I have taken from the words of Pope Francis.

— “Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.”

— “Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love.”

— “Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy.”

— “Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence.”

— “Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the

wounds we have caused others.”

— “Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord.”

— “Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people.”

— “Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation.”

— “Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this.”

May God continue to bless you and your families in 2020!

Peace,
Fr. Jared

SAVE THE DATE: St. Catherine’s annual women’s retreat will be held March 13-15 at Villa Pauline. Details to follow.



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

- 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

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



**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

**Set Free: Journey of Recovery
through Christian Virtues**

Our addictions do not make us less loved by God. Again and again, Jesus reminds us that with Him, we are capable of living in freedom. So if God believes in us, why don't we believe in ourselves? Join us for lecture and group discussion on the following **Tuesdays at 7:30 pm:**

Jan 21, Feb 18, March 24 and May 19.

St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Ave, Madison

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

**Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point
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: \$135 pp, double occupancy. Financial aid available.

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