



Saturday February 29
 5:30 pm Peggy Hoff and Barbara Flanagan

Sunday March 1 *First Sunday of Lent*
 7:30 am Elaine Stoppel and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Ceil Cerbo
 11:30 am Mary Sekel and Earl Pedersen

Monday March 2
 6:45 am Thomas Hedge
 12:00 pm Joseph Crisanti

Tuesday March 3
 6:45 am Valerie and Dan Peters
 12:00 pm Edward Lee

Wednesday March 4
 6:45 am Robert Hiler
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt and Andrew G. Smith

Thursday March 5
 6:45 am James Brogan
 12:00 pm Frank Curreri

Friday March 6
 6:45 am Angela Commarato
 12:00 pm Edna O'Donnell

Saturday March 7
 8:00 am Angela Commarato
 5:30 pm Robert Halm ad Joan Doolan

Sunday March 8 *Second Sunday of Lent*
 7:30 am Lisa Calabrese and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Carlos Ribeiro (2nd anniversary) and Manuel DaSilva
 11:30 am Pietro DiMarco, Alfonso Andrade and Elise Ann Murawaski-Lawler

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, Barbara Dietrick, Kelly and Christian Ramirez, Thomas John, Lorraine Alicia, Mark Gerard, Dorothy McCoy, Robert Plucinsky, Sr., Alexander Scherman, Joyce Huebsch, Sr. Joan Phillips, Gus, Stephen, Peggy, and Sammy Jo Mitchell, Amber Tosh, Bill Traeger, Cheryl Granito, Sally O'Brien, Rosemarie Fischer, Terence Mahon and Barbara Connor.

STEWARDSHIP

February 23, 2020	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,489
ParishPay	<u>1,915</u>
Total	\$11,404

MASS ATTENDANCE 777

**Scripture Readings
 March 8, 2020
 Second Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
 God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
 Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

March 7/8 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

2019 tax contribution statements for those who use envelopes are available upon request. Please email the office parishoffice@stcatherine-ml.org to receive one.

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

Natalia Winsome Hamilton
daughter of Markland and Christina

Spiritual, Service, & Social Opportunities

Spiritual
Scripture Study – Mondays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center
Prayer Group Book Study – Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center
Adoration – Mondays from 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Women's Retreat – March 6, 7, 8 at Villa Pauline
Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30 during Lent beginning March 4

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 – Tuesdays from 9:30-11am in the gym
After Mass Socials – Following 7:30 am Mass every second Sunday.



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

Lenten Adult Faith Enrichment

This Lent, opportunities for enrichment continue. There are many topics and issues within our faith that are sometimes confusing, are of great interest, or sometimes just unknown. Therefore, this Lent you are invited to deepen your relationship with Christ and the Church, to grow in your own discipleship, by exploring various topics of the faith. There will be five presentations throughout Lent given by guest speakers. The presentations will occur on the Tuesdays of Lent. There will be two opportunities to participate in order to accommodate different schedules. The first is at 4pm and the next is at 7:30pm. Each presentation will be one hour with some time for questions and discussion.

March 3 ***New Evangelization and the Call to Discipleship***

Rev. Cesar Jaramillo, JCL

March 10 ***Women & Spirit Documentary***

March 17 ***Pastoral Care***

Rev. Anthony Sirianni, DMin

March 24 ***From Rivalry to Romance: What We Can Learn from the Irish-Italian Story***

Mr. Paul Moses

March 31 ***Cultivating Conscience***

Rev. Patrick Flanagan, CM

Lenten Reflections from Pope Francis (2017)

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (*Joel 2:12*), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. *Homily, 8 January 2016*).

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. *Lk 16:19-31*). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

1. The other person is a gift

The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful.

The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called *Lazarus*: a name full of promise, which literally means *God helps*. This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast (cf. *Homily, 8 January 2016*).

Lazarus teaches us that *other persons are a gift*. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbor or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man.

Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA

If you or a group you know is interested in attending an event at *Sight & Sound Theatre*, the parish has two gift cards available for purchase which could be used to acquire tickets. One is in the amount of \$177 and the other \$825.

Peace,
Fr. Jared



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

March 1 – 9th grade Rite of Enrollment at 11:30 Mass

March 7 – Confirmation at 11:00. Practice at 9 am

March 14 – Children's Way of the Cross after 5:30 Mass

March 15 – No regular Class Attached to Mass

March 29 – April 1– Last week of Rel. Ed classes

March 30 – 8th grade parent meeting at 8:15 pm

**ST. CATHERINE'S
ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Friday, March 6 --- Sunday, March 8

LAST CALL!

Please join us at Villa Pauline Retreat House in Mendham on **March 6, 7 & 8**. Cost for full weekend is \$200 and includes accommodations for 2 nights, 5 meals and 5 conferences. Cost for 1 night only is \$145.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact:

Cretia Rotella 201-919-1060, crenurse06@gmail.com or
Cheryl Clark 973-885-0908, clclark@optonline.net



**SAVE THE DATE:
LUNCH WITH A LEPRECHAUN**

Sunday, March 15 Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council #3359 will host **Lunch with a Leprechaun** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the parish center. Enjoy corned beef, hot dogs, soda, coffee, tea, scones and cupcakes while being entertained with Irish dancers, a bagpiper and other musicians, plus a visit from our honored guest, the leprechaun. Children age 3 to 12, \$10. Adults \$15. Tickets will be sold at the door.



**Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!
Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School**

**SAVE THE DATES:
June 29, 30, July 1, 2**

It is the summer event that puts kids on track for trusting Jesus. At Rocky Railway, kids explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountain top. You can roll along the railway as you can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and a serene setting that set a course for trusting Jesus' power.

**Let the good times roll with Rocky Railway
Vacation Bible School!
Registration will open soon**

OPEN HOUSE

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School
Monday, March 9 6:30-8:00 pm
205 Oak St, Boonton**

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their **19th Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 26** at the Hanover Marriott from 6:30-10:00 pm. The event features a 50/50 cash raffle and basket raffle, along with a silent and live auction. Proceeds are used for the support and education of the 20 international sisters from developing nations who are attending the college.

For event details, visit www.acs350.org/events-2/

Please join the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother in a *Stand for Peace* each Lenten Monday from 1-1:30 at the corner of Diamond Spring and Pocono Roads. If you can't join us, please offer a silent prayer for peace in ourselves, in our families, towns, country and world to strengthen our call to the Lord of Peace.

Navigating the Annulment Process

Come have your questions about the annulment process answered and receive step-by-step-support.

Wednesday, March 11 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm

St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Ave, Madison
www.insidethewalls.org

LENTEN PARISH MISSIONS

St. Peter the Apostle, Parsippany

A Journey to Joy

March 9, 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm

led by Catholic television actor Frank Runyeon

Monday: *Signs: The Gospel of John*

Tuesday: *Sermon on the Mount*

Wednesday: *Hollywood vs. Faith: The Struggle to Live as a Christian in the Age of Media Values*

Corpus Christi, Chatham

Plating Grace

March 7, 8 and 9

Led by author, speaker, TV and radio host and cook,
Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Saturday, 6:00 pm (RSVP required)

Celebrating Marriage and Committed Relationships

Sunday, 7:00 pm (Free event)

How to Become a Saint in a Troubled World

Monday, 7:00 pm (RSVP ticketed event)

Food and Faith cooking demo by Fr. Leo with meal provided

To RSVP, visit corpuschristi.org/Lenten-parish-mission or call 973-635-0070

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Since February 26 and continuing through April 5 there are *"40 Days for Life"* daily prayer vigils around the world outside of Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities. Please join us as we pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood of Morristown, 196 Speedwell Ave. Your gift of an hour or more of peaceful witness and prayer any time between 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Sunday, will help to save God's children in danger of abortion. Sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/Morristown or call or email 973-627-1654, 44lifeus@gmail.com.