



**Saturday March 7**  
 5:30 pm Robert Halm and Joan Doolan

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

**Monday March 9**  
 6:45 am Doris Eckelhofer  
 12:00 pm Richard Johnson

**Tuesday March 10**  
 6:45 am Annelie Kleinen  
 12:00 pm Florence Whiteford

**Wednesday March 11**  
 6:45 am Mildred Buydos  
 12:00 pm Paul Schmidt

**Thursday March 12**  
 6:45 am James Brogan  
 12:00 pm Julianne Law and John Montuori

**Friday March 13**  
 6:45 am Jorge Luis Garcia  
 12:00 pm -----

**Saturday March 14**  
 8:00 am -----  
 5:30 pm William McEntyre and Henry Gurba, Jr.

**Sunday March 15** *Third Sunday of Lent*  
 7:30 am Peggy Hoff and Rosemary Crouse  
 9:30 am J. Victor and Sophronia Lynch and Our Parishioners  
 11:30 am Diane Girona and Robert Leavy

**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**

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| March 1, 2020                  |                  |
| Envelopes/Cash                 | \$ 10,270        |
| ParishPay                      | <u>1,670</u>     |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 11,940</b> |
| Diocesan Assessment Collection | \$ 2,527         |
| MASS ATTENDANCE                | 791              |

**Scripture Readings**  
**March 15, 2020**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

**First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

**March 14/15 Celebrant Schedule**

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|----------|---------------------|
| 5:30 pm  | Fr. Jared Brogan    |
| 7:30 am  | Fr. Jim Termyna     |
| 9:30 am  | Fr. Michal Rybinski |
| 11:30 am | Fr. Michal Rybinski |

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

**NEXT WEEKEND:**

***Food Collection for the Fr. English Food Pantry***  
***Assumption College for Sisters will be selling raffle tickets after Mass for their annual gala***

**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  
**Stations of the Cross** – Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30 during Lent

**Service**

**Soup Kitchen** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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 10** *Women & Spirit Documentary*

**March 17** *Finding that Quiet Space in Our Day to Hear the Lord*

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

### Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend Bishop Serratelli celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with forty-eight of our students. Please pray for them and their families that they may continue to faithfully live out their call to discipleship in being sent out into the world as witnesses to the gospel. I am grateful to our Director of Religious Education Lisa Gervasio and Youth Minister Gail Egan and all of the catechists who have worked with these young people.

### Recital Featuring Mezzo-Soprano

On **Sunday, March 22 at 3pm**, we will be hosting a recital featuring mezzo-soprano Nicole Karrs. She has performed various roles including Nellie Forbush (South Pacific), Giovanna (Rigoletto), Madame de la Haltiere (Cendrillon), Olga (Eugene Onegin), and Cherubino (Le Nozze di Figaro). Additionally, she has performed in concerts in Miami, Vienna, Zagreb, and New York City.

In addition, Ms. Karrs has extensive experience in Liturgical music, having worked as a cantor for over a decade throughout northern New Jersey. She performs recitals and concerts throughout the summer, which regularly include excerpts from Handel's Messiah and Faure's Requiem.

Ms. Karrs holds a B.A. in both Music Performance and Theatre from Muhlenberg College, and studied classical music abroad in Vienna, Austria. She is currently studying at the Mannes School of Music at the New School.

Freewill offerings will be accepted.

### Lenten Reflections from Pope Francis (2017) cont.

#### 2. Sin blinds us

The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his

extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. *Jer* 10:9) and kings (cf. *Jg* 8:26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride (cf. *Homily*, 20 September 2013).

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (*1 Tim* 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 55). Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.

The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him vain. His personality finds expression in appearances, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence (cf. *ibid.*, 62).

The lowest rung of this moral degradation is pride. The rich man dresses like a king and acts like a god, forgetting that he is merely mortal. For those corrupted by love of riches, nothing exists beyond their own ego. Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door.

Looking at this character, we can understand why the Gospel so bluntly condemns the love of money: "No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money" (*Mt* 6:24).

Peace,  
Fr. Jared



### NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

#### UPCOMING DATES:

**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** – 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting at 8:15 pm

#### **Open to the entire St. Catherine's Community**

#### *"A Night of Prayer and Praise"*

Eucharistic Adoration with Contemporary Praise and  
Worship Music

**Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 pm in the church**

Come pray with us and join us for Dunkin Donuts hot  
chocolate and donuts immediately following!



### Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

Again this Lent we are participating in CRS Rice Bowls. Use the cardboard CRS Rice Bowl that was handed out in Religious Education class to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Try to prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. **We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls during class the week of March 22. Please convert your change into a check made payable to St. Catherine of Siena Church with CRS Rice Bowl in the memo.**

As we look ahead to our Lenten journey, which began on Ash Wednesday, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms a making of peace, and our prayers the change of humble and grateful hearts. We ask for God's help to put our faith into action, to work in love and to persevere in hope through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



### 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. 973-334-2777**

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their **19<sup>th</sup> 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. **The sisters will be here next weekend selling raffle tickets after Mass.**

For event details, visit [www.acs350.org/events-2/](http://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.

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION 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*

### 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](http://www.insidethewalls.org)



### NEXT WEEKEND: LUNCH WITH A LEPRECHAUN at St. Catherine's

**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.

### St. Ann Church, Parsippany is seeking a part time Youth Minister

Responsibilities include developing and providing a comfortable environment for youth in which Catholic worship, evangelization, leadership, informal catechesis, service and community building take place. Invites and empowers youth to be involved and take leadership in each of these areas through various ministries within the parish and the community at large. Qualified to lead Antioch and coordinates the High School Religious Education and Confirmation programs. Must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing. Position effective June 30. Please forward resume to Sr. Frances Sanzo at [stannpa@saint-ann.net](mailto:stannpa@saint-ann.net) by March 30.

### COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, March 12** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program is, *"The Things People Say"* (pictures are always welcome). For more information, please contact Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164;

[lilycap@optonline.net](mailto:lilycap@optonline.net)