



Saturday August 31
 5:30 pm J. Victor and Sophronia Lynch
Sunday September 1 *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Gene Caulfield and Marie Suk
 11:30 am Patrick DiMartino
Monday September 2 * *Note time change* *
8:00 am Our Parishioners
Tuesday September 3 *St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*
 6:45 am Rev. Patrick Rice
 12:00 pm Private Intention
Wednesday September 4
 6:45 am The Sick in our Parish
 12:00 pm Kimberly Burdorf
Thursday September 5
 6:45 am Marian and George Haerer
 12:00 pm David Delaney
Friday September 6
 6:45 am Angela Commarato
 12:00 pm Walter Sullivan
Saturday September 7
 8:00 am Angela Commarato
 5:30 pm Robert Halm and Ida Crapanzano
Sunday September 8 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 am Lisa Calabrese and Our Parishioners
 9:30 am Carlos Ribeiro and Gene Caulfield
 11:30 am Diane Girona and the Santino Family

Note: There will be one Mass at 8:00 am on Labor Day, September 2. The noon Mass will resume Tuesday, September 3.

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, Rob Leavy, Carol Campbell, Winifred Pierce, Phil Cibiniak, Rachel Agzigian, Terry Chavelez, Tracy Tovo, Gary Marcello, Gerald Hoy, Barbara Dietrick, Kelly Ramirez, Peggy Hoff, 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, and Ed Waite.

STEWARDSHIP

August 26, 2018 collection & PP	\$ 8,919
MASS ATTENDANCE 701	
August 25, 2019	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,481
ParishPay	1,247
Weekly total	\$ 9,728
MASS ATTENDANCE 663	
Weekly operating expense	\$15,156

**Scripture Readings
 September 8, 2019
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

September 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

Join us for coffee and pastries in the gym following the 7:30 am Mass every second Sunday

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

The Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a ministry for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. There are several groups of people who are able to participate in this ministry:

- * Adults who have never been baptized (members of other religions or no religion at all)
- * Adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition
- * Adults who were baptized Catholic but have had no instruction in the faith or have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- * Catholic adults who have a desire to learn more about the faith and a desire to accompany others on their journey towards initiation

RCIA is about growth in faith and growth in a relationship with God. Please contact Fr. Jared if you or someone you know would be interested or would like to have more information. The RCIA will begin in the fall.



From the Desk of Fr. Jared

**PARISH RENEWAL:
BUILDING FORWARD IN OUR FAITH**

(This letter was sent to all of our Religious Education families. However, it is for all of our parishioners.)

This fall we as a parish will embark on a parish renewal rooted in missionary discipleship. This renewal will be parish wide and therefore impact our Religious Education program, which each year serves 500+ students. The delivery of Religious Education has been changing over the past two decades. The classroom model of catechizing children, a model used by the Church for decades, no longer is effective because the culture has changed so significantly. As a society we face a crisis of faith and the breakdown of the family unit. Many Catholic families universally desire to “get the sacraments” for their children (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) without being offered a path of true spiritual growth and active engagement in the faith. Simply “getting the sacraments” has little to no impact. We trust in God’s grace, but that grace builds on our nature. We have to participate in that grace. **As families**, we need to be present and participate in the community (*belong*), learn about our faith (*believe*), and then live it (*behave*).

The parish exists to form disciples of Jesus Christ, offering a path of true spiritual growth and opportunities for committed engagement in the faith. Achieving such engagement suggests that parents/families should seek to:

- Pursue a personal relationship with Jesus
- Develop a regular rhythm of participation in Mass and in the life of the parish
- Pursue opportunities to learn and grow in the fullness of our faith
- Recognize Christ’s presence in ordinary moments of daily life.

As parishioners, we enter into relationship with the other committed disciples who are on this spiritual journey. Clear expectations are at the heart of every healthy relationship.

What can you expect from your parish?

- Dynamic and uplifting liturgies.
- A place where you will be loved and supported, regardless of the messiness and struggles of your life, through a transformation to become more and more the person God has created you to be
- A place where you will be valued and recognized as having unique gifts and talents for the service of God and others

- A place where your financial contributions will be honored and put to work for building up the Kingdom of God with transparency and accountability

What is expected of you as a parishioner of St. Catherine Parish?

- To connect (belong)
- To worship and grow (believe)
- To serve and give (behave)

We exist as a parish in order to form disciples of Jesus Christ. We will travel together on this new and exciting spiritual journey. As part of this renewal, you and your families are asked to participate in one of three *Building Forward In Our Faith* “get-togethers” starting with Mass and followed by a gathering:

September 14 @ 5:30pm

September 29 @ 9:30am

September 29 @ 11:30am

At these gatherings you will hear more about our vision and have an opportunity to commit to ministries that will enable you and your family to flourish in the faith. I look forward to embarking on this renewal with you.

TRIP TO THE SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

On **Saturday, September 21**, the parish will be traveling to Lancaster, PA to see *Jesus*. This show is an action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside Christ and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. A bus will leave St. Catherine’s at 7:30 am for an 11 am show. Following the 2 hour and 30 minute show, we will have a late lunch at *Good ‘N Plenty Restaurant* and the bus will return to St. Catherine’s at 6 pm. The cost of the trip is \$135 for adults (ages 13 & over) and \$80 for children. This includes transportation, show, and lunch. For tickets, contact Whitney DuBose at 973-586-2777 or email her at queendubose@aol.com.

PARISH CELEBRATION OF SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

On **Sunday, September 22** at the 11:30 am Mass, we will celebrate and pray for couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. We invite couples celebrating 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years and over to participate. At the Mass we will have a renewal of wedding vows and a special blessing. Following the Mass, all are invited to a social in the gym. Please contact the parish office if you wish to participate.

Peace,
Fr. Jared

MONDAY ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

Monday Adoration will resume Monday, September 9. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the noon Mass from 12:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Visit our Lord and experience the peace and grace He wants to give you. The Sacrament cannot be left alone, so we need

volunteers to cover each hour. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. Monday evening confessions will also resume September 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm.



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

UPCOMING DATES:

September 4 at 7:00pm

1st and 3rd grade parent gathering to go over the format of the "class attached to Mass".

September 4 at 7:30pm

Catechists gathering for grades 9 and 10

September 5 at 11:00 am or 7:30 pm

Catechists gathering for grades 1-6

September 5 at 7:30pm

Catechists gathering for grades 7 and 8

In the upcoming 2019/20 school year, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades will be using the new format that we used with the 1st grade last year, "Class Attached to Mass". It will be offered on Sundays at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. This format allows families to make a connection from classroom catechesis to Mass. First grade families said that they loved being at Mass with other families and becoming a part of the St. Catherine community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS:

Monday, September 9

7th grade – 7:30-9:00 pm

Tuesday, September 10

5th grade – 4:00-5:15 pm

6th grade – 7:00-8:15 pm

Wednesday, September 12

4th grade – 4:00-5:15 pm

10th grade – 7:30-9:00 pm

Sunday, September 15

1st, 2nd and 3rd grades – 9:30 & 11:30 am

We look forward to a new year of getting to know our friend Jesus better and His great family.



THE WORK OF ANGELS

St. Catherine's is searching for people like you to sow the seed of God and transform the children at St. Catherine.

Is God calling you to be a catechist for religious education classes?

Isaiah 43:1 "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Our Religious Education program exists because of dedicated volunteers. Please consider joining God's Angel Corps here at St. Catherine's!

At this time, we need Angels/Catechists for the following classes:

Sunday: Class-Attached-to-Mass

9:30 am and 11:30 am

1st grade – 1 teacher

3rd grade – 1 teacher

Monday: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

7th grade – 2 teachers

8th grade – 3 teachers

Wednesday: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

9th grade – 1 teacher

The vocation of the Catechist calls us to be "on fire" for Christ. The following are reasons for becoming a catechist:

- You will grow in your own faith
- Learn the teachings of the Church
- Deepen your relationship with Christ
- Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

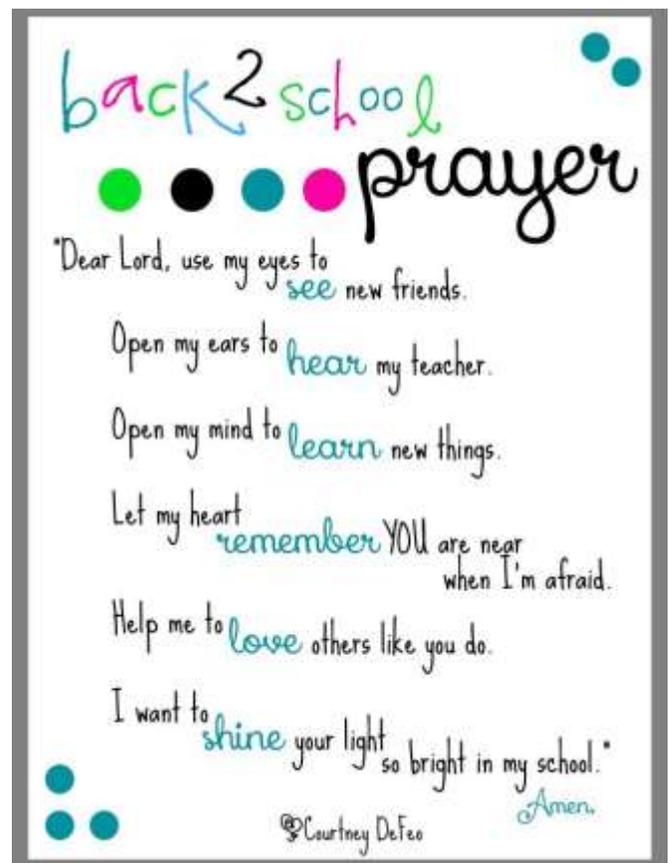
Please pray about becoming a catechist and then give me a call; I would be happy to answer any questions.

Thanks and God bless,

Lisa Gervasio

Religious Education office (973) 334-5257

DRE@stcatherine-ml.org





Thank you to all who helped with the Confirmation retreat August 24 and 25.

The Peer Leaders helped the candidates to discover the beautiful and joyful friendship that we find with Jesus. Many of the candidates learned that God accepts all people and is always there to talk to, no matter the circumstance; and that the Church is a community. The Holy Spirit took root in their hearts and increased their joy as they now await the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you for your prayers.

As we get ready to begin a new school year, we ask the Holy Spirit to be with us in our religious education here at St. Catherine of Siena by giving us blessed minds and warm hearts, and helping us to open ourselves to God and to do His work. Let us pray that we will be symbols of love and that the community will keep us together in the unique way in which we are blessed.

MOMS AND TOTS

The Moms & Tots playgroup will resume meeting every **Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:00 beginning September 17** in the parish center gym. All are welcome to join us for free play, a snack and craft each week. All we ask is that you bring a small monetary (\$1) or canned good donation for the Fr. English Food Pantry. Please contact Lauren Ficara 201-213-2723 or Lauren.m.ficara@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing all of our friends!



*** LAST CALL TO REGISTER *** for the CYO 2019/20 Basketball Season

Open to all boys and girls entering grades 3-8 Forms are available on the parish website www.stcatherine-ml.org under "ministries and activities".

Mail registration to:

Mark Langlois
8 Magnolia Ln
Boonton Twp, NJ 07005

Volunteers Needed to help with coaching, scheduling, scoring, concessions, registration, and uniform & equipment distribution. Contact Mark for details. 973-590-4984, aspe26@optonline.net

HAITI MINISTRY - NEWS FROM DAME MARIE

Opportunities to support St. Catherine of Siena School in Dame Marie are ongoing. Available for purchase are Tote Bags & Wine Caddies made in Haiti from recycled plastic. Please visit our parish website to download the order form or pick up one from the vestibule and return to the parish office. The Haiti Ministry will then be in touch with you. Thank you for your support!

MONDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Monday Scripture Study will resume **September 9 from 1-2:30 pm** in the Parish Library to study the *Revelation to Saint John*. This is a participatory group with text and commentary to read and consider prior to each weekly discussion session. Whether new to scripture study or experienced, enrich your faith journey in the company of a dozen or so of your peers. Please contact Debra Dewing (debra@dewing5.net) or Barbara Bailey (barbara.t.bailey@gmail.com) with any questions and to register.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

St. Catherine's Prayer Group will be meeting for 10 weeks this fall beginning **September 18 at 1 pm** in the parish center. We will continue to study the book *"The Ignatian Workout"* by Tim Muldoon picking up at Part 2. The book is available at Amazon. You are asked to read/review Part 1 before our first meeting. For further information or to register, please call Lee Maute (973-299-7016) or Joyce Mather (973-625-0826).

SAVE THE DATE:

Women's Breakfast:

Saturday, October 12 following 8:00 am Mass
Rockaway River Country Club

Young Adult Pub Night on the Patio

St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Ave, Madison
Wednesday, September 11, 7:30 – 9:00pm

All young adults in their 20's or 30's are welcome to attend and bring friends! Visit www.insidethewalls.org for details on this and other events.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, will be meeting on **Thursday, Sept. 12** at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program presenter is Lisa Athan, MA, Grief Specialist and National Speaker. For more information, contact Lily Capriglione 973-568-4164, lilycap@optonline.net

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Couples celebrating 60+ years are also invited. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held Sunday, November 3 at 3:30 pm. **Registration forms are in the vestibule. Please submit to the parish office no later than Friday, October 11.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous event!*