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Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings

Reading I: Genesis 9:8-15 The story of the Great Flood and Noah's leadership is one in which the world is cleansed by water. There follows a covenant between God and the people symbolized by a rainbow which will mean the end of future rainstorms before they destroy the world.

Reading II: 1 Peter 3:18-22 The victory of Christ over sin is applied to Christians by baptism. This was prefigured by the cleansing waters of the Great Flood.

The Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 The brief and simple narrative of Mark contrasts with the more elaborate scriptural debate between the devil and Jesus, as portrayed in both Matthew and Luke, both of which followed Mark in time.

Readings for the Week

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32 Thursday 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19 Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26 Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48 Sunday Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

Each Friday of Lent

Go on a Journey with St. Catharine's Lenten Reflections Series

St. Catharine's CONNECT will bring you insightful perspectives from the familiar faces of St. Catharine's clergy - delivered directly to your inbox! Spend some time with Jesus, wherever you are! Dive deep into moments of introspection, prayer & spiritual growth, and enrich your relationship with God this Lent!

Already receive CONNECT emails?—you are all set! Need to sign-up for St. Catharine CONNECT emails? Scan the QR code or visit www.stcatharinechurch.org (see St. Catharine Connect at the bottom of our homepage)



Registered Nurses are Needed!

This is a great discipleship opportunity for RNs! Once-a-month Blood Pressure Screenings are done after the 8AM and 10AM Sunday Masses in Community Hall. Screenings are regularly scheduled on the first Sunday of the month and coincide with Coffee & Community. Registered nurses are scheduled 2/3 times per year on a rotating basis. Documentation of blood pressures is maintained and consistent with HIPPA policies.

Please consider joining this ministry! Contact Esther Nelson for more information at esthercece@aol.com.

St. Catharine Church - Served by



Rev. Dominick Lenoci. Pastor Rev. Darren Santo Tomas, Parochial Vicar Salesians of Don Bosco, Weekend Assistants Leonard A. Minichino, Deacon James A. Mueller, Deacon John A. Sarno, Deacon Joseph Castoro, Deacon

George Carbone, Deacon

Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

Confession / Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4 - 4:30 PM in the Church or by appointment.

Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated in the Church at 1:30 PM on the following Sundays: April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. Please call the parish office (hours above) to schedule a Baptism. Baptism is not celebrated during Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Ministry Center Chapel following 8 AM Mass until Benediction at 9:30 AM.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent has begun. We use this time to bring ourselves closer to God. During this season we work at turning away from sin and following God's Will. Then we can continue to live in this way after we celebrate Easter.

Temptation to sin is always going to be present. Part of following God's Will means resisting temptation. We know this isn't always easy. This is where we learn about putting God first.

In today's gospel, Jesus is fasting in the desert and is tempted three times by the devil. Jesus was tired and hungry but he never gave in. He resisted the devil. He put God first!

As we go through the season of Lent, let's put God first. When we think about where we battle with sin the most, let's not give into temptation but turn away from that sin. Then we can follow Jesus' example in the desert and not let anything get in the way of our relationship with God. We can prepare to celebrate Easter, where Jesus gained for us the gift of eternal life!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Dominick



Prayer for Our Troops O God of mercy, we ask You to protect in a special way those who are fighting for us and for the country we love. Bless them and take care of them. Give them strength. Give them comfort. Touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know

that You are near them. Hasten the day, dear Lord, when we may all enjoy the blessings of peace. Amen.

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The Season of Lent is Upon Us

- Stations of the Cross Saturday mornings after
 9AM Mass in the Church
- ◆ Lenten Penance Service Tuesday, March 19th at 7PM
- ◆ Tenebrae Service Thursday, March 21st at 7PM
- ◆ Palm Sunday March 24th
- Holy Thursday March 28th
 9AM Morning Prayer; 7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ◆ Good Friday March 29th
 9AM Morning Prayer; 3PM Veneration of the Cross
- Holy Saturday March 30th
 9AM Morning Prayer; Followed by Blessing of Easter Food
 8PM Easter Vigil
- ◆ Easter Sunday March 31st

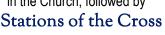


Join us for Daily Mass

Monday - Friday at 8AM in the Ministry Center Chapel Also, please join us to Pray the Rosary after daily Mass in the Ministry Center Chapel

Saturdays this Lent

Saturday 9AM Mass will be celebrated in the Church, followed by





Men's Cornerstone 2024

Men of the parish are invited to experience St. Catharine's Men's Cornerstone Retreat!

Cornerstone is held in the Ministry Center and begins with dinner at 7PM on Friday, March 1st

and concludes with <u>7PM Mass on Saturday, March 2nd.</u>

Our Cornerstone retreat provides you with the opportunity to reflect, renew and strengthen your faith, while meeting other members of our community. It's a simple, but moving experience—ordinary people sharing stories and experiences of trying to live a life of faith and hope, amidst the challenges of today's world. Most of all, it is a great opportunity to step out of your daily routine to think about those things that matter the most to you. See flyers are in the Narthex—We hope you will join us!! To register please contact: Brian Van Schoonhoven at nycvans@earthlink.net; Jim Kurz at jimkurz@gmail.com; or Gil Gallego at Gilbert.a.gallego@gmail.com.



Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Carol Walsh, Ellen Pleus Barbara Reynolds and Gloria Rorro

Our parish community extends our deepest sympathy to each family on their loss.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 17

5 PM Joanne Fortescue req. Loretta & Jim McKenna Joey Hyde req. Religious Education Office

Sunday, February 18

8 AM Lawrence Family req. Mr. & Mrs. R. McCormick McCormick Family req. Mr. & Mrs. R. McCormick

10 AM Joanne Fortescue req. Ed & Moira DeSalvio Al Yancius req. Nancy & Steve Sclafani

12 PM Adele & Frank Orsini req. Mayer Family
James McHale req. Janice & Charlie Henzel

Monday, February 19

9 AM William J. Hennecke reg. Fair Lawn BOE Transportation Dept.

Tuesday, February 20

8 AM Ken Poblete (Living Intention) req. In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 21

8 AM Monica Seibert req. Erica Seibert

Thursday, February 22

8 AM S. Victor, Angela & Nicholas Gugliotta reg. Paula & Ron Mineo

Friday, February 23

8 AM Rita O'Neill (Living Intention)

reg. Kevin, Claire & Ryan Donaghy

Saturday, February 24

9 AM All Parishioners

Rick Matanle req. Dello Buono Family

5 PM Leo & Margaret Gori req. Mayer Family Ted King, Sr. req. Bontekoe Family

Sunday, February 25

8 AM Thomas Gaughan req. Gaughan Family Dillon Rinaldo req. Carol & Hal Knapp

10 AM Ann Maxwell req. Tom & Kathleen Sullivan
Blanche Rapenske req. Mary & Peter Weinstein

12 PM Margaret Mary Salzano req. Salzano Family William Mathews req. Kerry & Mike Miller

Please Note: This Monday, Feb. 19th Mass will be celebrated at 9AM and the rectory office will be closed.

Prayers for the Sick

We remember those who are ill, especially:

Ruben DeLucca, Katherine Dworetzky, Fred Gaudart, Steven Geier, Jr., Kathleen Harnig, Sydney Heinold, Brandon Higgins, Alda Mechetti, Mary Beth Mueller, Joseph Neri, Alexis Nunez, Mary Ann Rogan, Nicole Salzano, Mary Sweeney, Valerie Stephenson, Sr. Matthew James Gay St. Catharine Church page 3



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CYO Tonight! 2/18 - February BDays & Valentine Fun **7PM in Community Hall**

Register NOW! Daylight XXII Retreat Feb. 23-25 — Camp Deerpark, Westbrookville NY

This retreat is open to ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADES!

Our Daylight Retreat is a great experience for teens! Discussions on various topics in their lives—such as family, friends, faith and themselves-mixed in with friends and fun! We welcome all High School teens to join us on this retreat. Permission slips due NOW!

stcatharinechurch.org/cyo-retreats

Please contact Youth Ministry Director Dana McStowe with any questions: dmcstowecyo@gmail.com.

All High School students are welcome to join our Youth Ministry!

Help for New Moms

Birthright of Bergen County, a crisis pregnancy center dedicated to encouraging and helping women choose life for their babies, is in need of volunteers to share their time and love for God's miracle of life. Birthright provides community resources, clothing, diapers and financial help to women. Volunteers are needed in the office at 19 W Pleasant Ave in Maywood. The role of the Birthright volunteer is to offer friendship, emotional support, mentoring and guidance to mothers-to-be who come in or call for assistance. If you would like to help, please call Mary Pat or Barbara at 201-845-4646.



No Monday Religious Education this week, Feb. 19th We will meet next Monday, Feb. 26th from 4 -5:15PM.

Weekend Family Catechesis The next gatherings take place on March 9/10.

Children's Liturgy of the Word CLOW will take place at the 10AM Mass on the following Sundays: Feb. 25, Mar. 3, 10, 17. All children ages 4½ - 4th grade are welcome to participate! CLOW allows children to hear the same Gospel message as their parents, on a more age-appropriate level. Children are led out of church after opening prayers by our CLOW teachers and they return to the church after the Homily & Prayer of the Faithful. No registration is required.

If You Are New to Our Parish - Welcome! Please register as a parishioner by contacting the rectory office. Parish registration is required for participation in our Religious Ed Programs. The Religious Ed Office will be happy to answer any questions about our programs. Contact the office at stcatharinereligioused@gmail.com.



All are invited to Join St. Catharine's Laudato Si' Green Team

Help Care for All God's Creations

All are invited to our first meeting of 2024:

Tuesday, March 12th at 7:30 PM in Community Hall.

The team's mission is to raise awareness for the care of our Common Home through Education, Sustainability Initiatives, Lifestyle Choices, and Advocacy at all levels. Through prayer and reflection, we strive to deepen our relationship to God, one another and all God's Creation. For additional information please contact jessica.caron94@gmail.com.

Fundraiser to benefit the students of Academy of Our Lady!

Lenten Dinner - Takeout!

Friday, March 1st 5:30 PM

Pick up at the Holmes Building - Take Out Only!



- 1. Lemon Sole Sandwich \$13
- 4. All Veggie Wrap \$13
- 2. Tuna Wrap lettuce/tomato \$13
- 5. Mozzarella Burrata Salad \$13
- 3. Grilled Eggplant Wrap \$13
- *visit link f for menu item description Catered by La Strada, Midland Park

Questions? Email Jadyn Miller at jadyn.a.miller@outlook.com Presented by AoOL HSA - Thank you for your support!

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Join us every Wednesday from 9AM - 11:30AM in the Ministry Center Playroom!

Now also meeting on Mondays during CCD from 3:45 - 5:15pm!

Please reach out to our Playgroup Coordinators for sign up details and more info:

Darby Vinciguerra darby.vinciguerra@gmail.com

Jadyn Miller jadyn.a.miller@outlook.com

Safe Environment Requirements must be completed prior to attending playgroups.

For assistance please contact the rectory at parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org

Moms & little ones. . . Join us!!

Livestream

Livestream Volunteers Needed

We are looking for Livestream Ministry volunteers for masses, weddings and funerals.

Training will be provided and familiarity with laptop computers is important.

This ministry is a great way to help our parish behind-the-scenes by sharing our liturgies online with those who can not make it to church. We especially need volunteers who can be available on occasional weekday mornings for funerals. If you are interested, please contact Pat Brennan at tuck95@yahoo.com.

Faith & Grief Support Gatherings

Open to all faiths, Faith & Grief Gatherings are opportunities for those mourning the loss of a loved one to gather together and be strengthened through sharing, scripture, prayer & reflection. In cooperation with Valley Hospice, CHCC offers these gatherings on the third Wednesday of the month. Our mission is to provide opportunities for comfort and hope to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 12 NOON at the Christian Health Care Center Auditorium (700 Mountain Ave., Wyckoff). Registration is required.

To register, visit FaithandGrief.org/gatherings. For more info contact CHCC Pastoral Care Dept. at 201-848-5839.

Catholic Women of Zion Chapter 3

Women's Retreat – Saturday, March 9th 9AM – 2PM

St. Andrew Church, 120 Washington Ave, Westwood This retreat is open to all women and includes Mass, prayer, music, speaker, sharing & prayers for healing. Our guest speaker is

sic, speaker, sharing & prayers for healing. Our guest speaker is Sr. Patricia Wormann, Delegate for Religious for the Archdiocese of Newark. Her presentation, "We Are All Broken. That's How the Light Gets In" encourages us to experience the many blessings and graces God has for us. Register no later than Tuesday, March 5, through our website www.cwoz.org. Donation of \$25 payable at the door includes box lunch. Please call 201-370-2577 and leave your name, phone# and indicate lunch preference: 1)turkey/prov 2)ham/swiss 3)grilled chick/roasted peppers 4)grilled veggies.



Please join us in the Ministry Center this Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 7:30PM (rescheduled from last week)

Our ministry fashions, blesses & donates handmade prayer shawls and lapghans. These gifts benefit those who face bereavement, illness or other life changing challenges.

Everyone is invited - no experience is necessary!

Directions, materials and mutual support are freely offered.

Email shawl requests to <u>stcatharineshawlministry @gmail.com</u> or call the rectory 201-445-3703. Recipients need not be parishioners, our creations have literally been sent around the world!

Lazarus Ministry

Join the Lazarus Bereavement Ministry team and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our St. Catharine community. We are seeking compassionate individuals to assist at funeral masses, supporting those who have experienced loss.

For more info, please contact Mike McAndrews at 201-670-8522 or Jackie O'Brien at obrienhw@aol.com.

As God has comforted us, let us bring that comfort to those in sadness.

Lenten Regulations - Archdiocese of Newark

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one(1) full meal is permitted, and two(2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

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Visit www.loyola.org for more event/retreat information.

Day of Prayer - This Tuesday, Feb. 20th 9AM - 3PM Lightening Our Darkness

'Lent' comes from an Old English word meaning lengthening - the lengthening of days and daylight hours that comes in the season of spring. In our spiritual seasoning, it is a time to mark our movement from darkness of pride, fear & despair to the full light of humility, boldness, and hope. We will use the pilgrimage of Nicodemus as our guide in growing in Lenten discipleship. We will explore the three times he appears in the Gospel of John, probing his first encounter with Jesus at night - to his embracing Jesus's body at the cross in full light of day. We will claim as our own his courage to question, to confront, and to love. Led by Linda Baratte, Ph.D.

Men's Weekend Retreat - Feb 23 - 25

Where Is Our Hope? What is it to hope only in Christ? To hope only in God? Join us as we discuss that hope and its many manifestations on our weekend retreat. Led by Fr. Steve Pugliese, S.J.

Co-Ed Weekend Retreat – March 8 - 10 Growing in Wisdom Grace

As we move along on life's journey, we can get caught by focusing on its challenges (sickness, diminishment, etc). We can easily miss noticing the gifts (the graces) within those very same experiences. Come and spend a few hours of quiet and reflection, exploring the blessings of this time in your life. Led by: Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C.

Co-Ed Weekend - March 22-24

Many would agree that constant "doing and business" comes at a price. Most often our relationship with God suffers and we lose the awareness of God, others and even of ourselves. The practice of pause is simply creating small spaces of time to step away from "doing" and to simply "be" with your God during your day in a deep intimate way. Led by Anna Graziano

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything..."

Register for retreats at: www.loyola.org or call Loyola Jesuit Center 973-539-0740

We Invite you to Register at St. Catharine's!

If you do not receive parish Offering Envelopes, or are not contributing online through Faith Direct, chances are you are not registered. Please keep in mind that no one is automatically registered with the parish because they were married here or received other sacraments here in their youth. Registration is required for families in our Religious Education programs.

If you are uncertain, please email the parish office: parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org.

The Act of Contrition My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

Support for Unemployed / Underemployed St. Cajetan Ministry Network

Attention Unemployed Parishioners The St. Cajetan Ministry Network (parishes of St. Catharine's and St. Anne's) invites all unemployed/underemployed men & women to join this ministry which provides support through prayer & helpful guidance in the job search process. If you know of someone who is out of work tell them about the St. Cajetan Ministry Network.

<u>For more information</u> contact John Lederer at 201-286-9354 or Joe Bonis at 201-390-7169 or Eamon Jennings at 917-841-2558.

Upcoming dates:

Thur, Feb. 22: St. Catharine's Ministry Center (1st floor meeting room)
Sat, Feb. 24: St. Anne's Faith Center, Fair Lawn (rectory, lower level)
Meeting times: Thursdays from 7-9pm; Saturdays from 10am - 12noon



"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - MARK 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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Fridays at 10 AM: 2/23, 3/1, 3/8 and 3/15

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