

WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women of the Parish are invited to attend the Annual Women's Retreat on the weekend of March 5-7 to be held at Villa Pauline in Mendham. Our Guest speaker is Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, S.C., General Superior of the Sisters of Charity in St. Elizabeth. The cost for the weekend is \$155.00, the cost for Saturday only is \$85.00. This is a great weekend filled with spiritual enthusiasm. Please call Barbara at 973.334.5257 for information or for your reservation.

LUNCH WITH A LEPRECHAUN

On Saturday, March 6th the Knights of Columbus #3369 and St. Catherine's are sponsoring "**Lunch with a Leprechaun**", from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Enjoy Corned Beef Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Soda, Coffee & Tea, while being entertained by Irish dancers and fiddlers and join in an old fashioned sing-a-long . . . and enjoy a visit from our honored guest **The Leprechaun**. Tickets for children 3-12 are \$5.00, for adults \$10.00. and will be on sale after all Masses this weekend of Feb. 27/28. Tickets also will be available at the door.



MOMS AND TOTS

The Moms and Tots Group meet on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 11:30am in the church hall. For additional information please contact Kara Heinrich 973.541.0795.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES ADULT EDUCATION II

Beginning on the second Wednesday of Lent (February 24th), join Fr. Tom for study of the **Early Church Fathers** as viewed by Pope Benedict XVI. Sessions will be held in the Parish Library every Wednesday evening from 7:30 – 9:00pm.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION I

"People of Interest in the New Testament" is the subject of the current weekly series of lectures by Sister Bernadette Weller. Sister explores the lives of people who are directly connected with the life of Jesus such as John the Baptist and his parents, Pilate, Judas, the Apostles, etc.. Information will be gathered mainly from Scripture but also from other historical sources. The series is given on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Library from 7:30 – 8:30pm. Please feel free to join in this "work in progress" as a great spiritual way to participate in the Lenten season. Register with Sister at 973.586.6296.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers needed for a disabled parishioner from Mountain Lakes to Kessler Rehab. Center, West Orange, on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. If you are able to drive either 1 morning or 1 afternoon a week (1 hour

round trip), please contact Bonny O'Mullane 973 331 9310 or bonnyomullane@hotmail.com.

NJ CONSERVATORY WINTER CONCERT

NJ Conservatory's Denville Youth Choruses will perform in concert Sunday, March 14, at Church of the Saviour, Denville, starting at 7:30:pm. For advance tickets, please call 973.402.2004. A limited number will be sold at the door.



WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Reconciliation throughout Lent, 2009

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative inviting all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to Our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday evening during Lent from February 22 through March 22 from 7:00 – 8:30pm in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson, including here at St. Catherine's. So be not afraid! Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER 973.334.5257

The children of St. Catherine's Religious Education classes have been asked to consider ways to help our brothers and sisters in our Sister Parish in Haiti by doing additional chores at home, donating part of their allowance or in any other way to help raise money. To date these children have raised \$234.00.!. Please encourage your children to support this effort and help them learn the meaning of sacrificing, "giving up", and performing acts of kindness during this Lenten Season.



LENTEN OBSERVANCE

During Lent, the faithful are encouraged to examine their lives in light of their baptismal commitment; to ask forgiveness for when they have been unfaithful, and to strengthen their faith through: frequent celebration of the Eucharist, daily pondering of the Scripture, celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participation in Lenten Devotions such as Stations of the Cross, and acts of self denial, charity, and mercy.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both
Fast and Abstinence.
All Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast, the individual is permitted only one full meal in the day. From the age of 14, all are obliged to abstain. The law of abstinence forbids eating meat, but not eggs, milk

products, or condiments of any kind even though made from animal fat.