

**JANUARY 10, 2016
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

MONDAY

8:30 Jack Auwerda req. by Mary Ellen & Steve Ryan

TUESDAY

8:30 Kevin Adams (1st Anniv.) req. by Christine
Cornish
Michael Larned req. by his family

WEDNESDAY – Saint Hilary

8:30 John Pavlick
Joseph DiPalma req. by the Fabiano Family

THURSDAY

8:30 Chuck Krueger (3rd Anniv.) req. by his wife, Carol

FRIDAY

8:30 Fr. Jude Duffy req. by Jean McGovern
Theresa Cecilia Haschak req. by Christine
Cornish

SATURDAY

8:30 Deceased members of the McGauley & Winberry
Family req. by Family
5:30 People of the Parish

JANUARY 17, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Members of the Purgatorial Society
9:00 John P. Cullen req. by the Walsh Family
10:30 Angela Livera req. by Kathleen & Tom Makouj
Barry Ward req. by Teri & Felix McIntyre
12:00 Adeline Annese req. by the Castiglia Family
5:00 Camille Angeli req. by Rosetta & Ed DiTomasso

PARISH FINANCES

Christmas 2015	\$ 38,750
December 27, 2015	\$ 9,877
New Year's 2016	\$ 2,647
January 3, 2016	\$ 11,214
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 3,069
ParishPay December	\$ 9,738
<u>Amazon.com for September</u>	<u>\$ 86.78</u>
Christmas 2014	\$ 36,432
December 28, 2014	\$ 9,581
New Year's 2015	\$ 744
January 4, 2015	\$ 11,229
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 2,779



RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

“What was Pope Francis’ Pro-Life message to our Country and how can we live it?”

Pro-Life. Pro-Life is a crucial adjective that all people should live by. It simply means against abortion. Abortion is a medical procedure used to end a pregnancy and cause the death of the fetus. Many Catholics are making a stand against abortion including our very own Pope Francis. It is extremely important to make people aware of the sacredness of every possible life, whether the child is born yet, or still in the womb.

Pope Francis is spreading the message of the significance of being pro-life. He has spoken about this topic numerous times during the course of all of his speeches. The Pope demands “absolute respect for life in all its stages and dimension.” He also states that all people, men and women, must rise on “the foundations of a right understanding of universal fraternity and respect for the sacredness of every human life.” He then added that it includes “the unborn.” He said that we have to defend “those considered disposable.” Pope Francis also pointed at the Golden Rule and said it was a “yardstick” that “reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life in every stage of its development.” In conclusion, the Pope called abortion a “scourge” on society and stated that “a just society recognizes the primacy of the right to life from conception to natural death.”

Pope Francis is saying that every life is sacred and has to be respected and defended no matter what stage the life is in. He also means that every person has a right to live from being conceived to natural death. Pope Francis is very passionate about this subject. He wants it to be resolved so that all possible lives are cherished and preserved. His message is being spread world-wide.

We need to live by all of Pope Francis’ teachings and lessons so that we can live our lives in a more faithful and peaceful way. We can live by his teachings by living them ourselves. We can spread the message of no abortion to our families and close friends. By informing hospitals and medical centers, we will save many lives. Together, we can eradicate abortion.

I would like to end this essay by saying one thing: If anyone knows someone who is considering the option of abortion, please try everything you can to change their mind. Even if that particular mother isn’t ready for the responsibility of a child, some other parent is. There are other options. Abortion isn’t the right one.

By Amanda Scanlan
7th Grade Essay Contest Winner

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/11/16 – 1/16/16

Mon.	7:30 PM Advisory	Library
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
	7:00 PM Endowment	St. Benedict
Wed.	7:00 PM Rev. Brown Parents	McKenna Hall
Thurs.	BINGO (Non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	9:15 AM Liturgy	Library
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
Sat. & Sun.	After Masses – K of C Selling Roses	

LITURGY

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, Christopher Tantillo, Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard. Please continue to pray for all our service men & women.

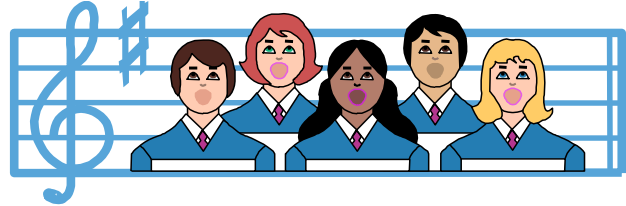
TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY



Come join us on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall, with Jeff Cavins presenting THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION. This workshop utilizes DVD presentations and follow-up discussion. ALL ARE WELCOME.

MUSIC MINISTRY - CHOIR PRACTICE

The Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.



Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office.

New and existing members are invited.



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**9:00 A.M.
7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 3rd
Wednesday, February 3rd**

**For more information please visit our website at: Revbrownschool.org
To make an appointment please call 973-729-9174**



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- Instilling Respect for Self, Others, and the World
- Developing Service-Oriented Young People
- Innovators
- Leaders



REDISCOVER JESUS: An Invitation
By Matthew Kelly

If you have been reading one chapter of *Rediscover Jesus* each day, perhaps you've finished the second set of seven chapters:

- Jesus was a radical, and His radical love is at the heart of the Gospel. His teachings invite us to love radically in the daily events of our lives, instead of settling for the shallow and superficial.
- Jesus' life and teachings try to expose and transform our hearts. Which of His teachings do you find most difficult to live out? Are you honestly striving to open your heart and mind to His invitation to change?
- Jesus summarized all the Jewish laws with "Love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." May we ask Jesus to teach us to love ourselves as He loves us, so that we can love others in a way that reminds them of Him.
- One radical invitation found in the Gospel is the invitation to generosity: to be generous with our time, talent, and treasure, with our praise and encouragement, with our compassion and patience. May we pray for the grace to live lives of staggering, astonishing generosity.
- Another radical invitation found in the Gospel is the invitation to forgiveness. Whom is God calling us to forgive? Do we "love our enemies" by praying for the people who make our skin crawl or our blood boil?
- Jesus taught that we are all children of God, of equal and inestimable value in His eyes. The poor, the needy, the hungry, the lonely, the ignorant, the afflicted are His special friends who need our special care. It is easy to say, "I love God," and, "I am a Christian," but Jesus challenges us to prove it.
- Our sight is an incredible gift from God, but in our hypersexual culture, sexual images may often inspire lust in us. The Gospel invites us to practice "custody of the eyes" -- using self-control to decide what we allow ourselves to look at.

You are invited to **A Parish Day of Reflection, on THE FACE OF MERCY**, Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30 – 2:30 in McKenna Hall, led by Sister Anita Constance, S.C. This day of reflection will unfold the garment of mercy, as we focus, receive, and experience the mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ. Please RSVP by calling the parish office at 973-729-6107. Light refreshments & lunch will be provided. Free will donation will be appreciated.

MARCH FOR LIFE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016



Our Lady of the Lake's Respect Life Committee is hosting a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22, 2016. We will be departing from the parking lot at 6:00 AM and returning by about 10:00 PM. The cost is \$25 per person; please sign up at the parish office (973) 729-6107, by January 15. For more information, please contact

Christine Levin at (973) 729-4293. Please join us this year to offer prayers and witness for the sanctity of human life from its very beginnings to its natural end.

OLL RESPECT LIFE ESSAY/POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners of our annual OLL Respect Life Essay/Poster Contest. We will honor the students listed below on Sunday, Jan. 17th at 1:00 PM in Cassidy Hall. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

GRADES K-3 POSTER CONTEST

1 st :	Adam Komosinski	(2 nd Grade)
2 nd :	Katie Fiore	(3 rd Grade)
3 rd :	Kristian Vozza	(2 nd Grade)
Honorable Mention:	Jacqueline Edelman	(1 st Grade)
Honorable Mention:	David Sturchio	(Kindergarten)

GRADES 4 & 5 ESSAY CONTEST

1 st :	Cristian Cantada	(5 th Grade)
2 nd :	Madison Miller	(4 th Grade)
3 rd :	Danielle Kelly	(5 th Grade)
Honorable Mention	Claire Gallagher	(4 th Grade)
Honorable Mention:	Arianna Correa	(5 th Grade)

GRADES 6 & 7 ESSAY CONTEST

1 st :	Amanda Scanlan	(7 th Grade)
2 nd :	Michael Lavin	(7 th Grade)
3 rd :	Ben Tybur	(6 th Grade)
Honorable Mention:	Cameron Schwesinger	(6 th Grade)
Honorable Mention:	Elise Carlucci	(6 th Grade)

SEMINARIAN BUFFET BREAKFAST

Hosted by Marquette Council Knights of Columbus. NEW HOURS – 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (So our friends from the 10:30 AM Mass may attend, don't disappoint us!) The date is **next Sunday, January 17th** in delicious



breakfast with all of the favorites. Why cook or clean when you can have the Knights do it for a good cause? All proceeds go to benefit the Council's support for our future parish priests. So please come out and show your support! Breakfast serving hours are now 8:30 AM

through 12:30 PM. Cost is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, children \$6 and special family price of \$25 for immediate family.

**U.S. NATIONAL PARKS TOUR
MAY 23 - JUNE 5, 2017**

Visit our country's greatest natural treasures on this comfortably-paced and in-depth National Parks tour. Travelers have been calling it the trip of a lifetime. It's impossible to duplicate the vast open spaces of the American West. Discover God's handiwork in six U.S. National Parks-

- *Yellowstone-the 1st National Park*
- *Grand Teton, along the trail of Lewis & Clark*
- *The Arches National Park*
- *Grand Canyon National Park*
- *Bryce Canyon National park*
- *Zion National Park*
- *Monument Park, a tribal park.*

We'll journey from jagged peaks to verdant forests and cascading waterfalls. See the unmatched splendor of the canyons and the red-rock formations. You'll have a genealogy demonstration at Salt Lake City, as well as a concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. What's more, your experience will be enhanced by spending six nights at official National Parks Lodges. The grand finale of the trip will be a night in Las Vegas!

This comprehensive American West experience is not to be missed!

For more information, call the parish office or Judy and Bill Bosworth, 973-729-4629

Saint Patrick's Dinner Dance



SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 19, 2016

6:30 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSE SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling lapel roses on the weekend of January 16-17 to raise funds to help Right to Life pay for the bus to Washington, DC on January 22nd for the March for Life. Please make a donation and wear the rose showing your support of this worthy cause.

**RENEWAL AT CORNERSTONE
APRIL 2016**

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If you're shopping online please keep in mind that if you make purchases through Amazon.com, you can help our parish by using the link on our website (www.ourladyofthelake.org). The church gets a little money back for every dollar that people spend on Amazon using our link. To find the link, click on the "Getting Involved" button and you will see the Amazon.com link at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

PARISHPAY - AUTOMATED GIVING

ParishPay is an automated giving program. Those who wish can make their church donations by automatic deduction or by credit card. To enroll: a) call 1-866-727-4741, or b) use the website, (www.parishpay.com) through the link on the parish website. Please keep in mind that signing up for ParishPay does not register you with the parish if you are just joining our parish; please come into the office to register.



All parish volunteers are invited
to
**Our Lady of the Lake
Volunteer Appreciation Night,**
in appreciation for all that you
do for our parish. Please join us
for a night of fun, food, music
and community.
**January 29, 2016
7:00 PM at McKenna Hall.**
Spouses are welcome.
RSVP by Jan. 22nd
at
(973) 729-6107.