

**APRIL 10, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MONDAY – Saint Stanislaus

8:30 Joseph Azzolina req. by his sisters, Ann & Kathy

TUESDAY

8:30 John Townley req. by Carl & Jo Doubet
Anthony Luongo req. by children

WEDNESDAY – Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:30 Dr. Aldana req. by Denise Aldana
Tristan Newbold req. by Mom & Dad

THURSDAY

8:30 Spencer Trapp req. by Clare Cronin

FRIDAY

8:30 Norman Clark req. by Ann Jachts

SATURDAY

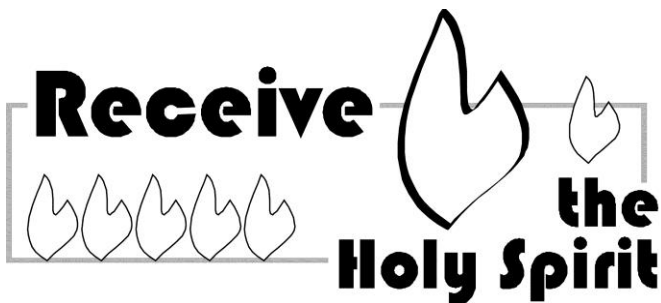
8:30 Clarita Borja req. by Vivian Tabaranza
5:30 Joan Kociencki req. by Lourdes & Gar Paladino

**APRIL 17, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:45 Members of the Purgatorial Society
Michael Filosa
9:00 Alice & Bill Collins req. by Terry Mazzaferre
10:30 People of the Parish
Richard H. Miller req. by Celeste Burghardt
12:00 James Nicholas Costello req. by Tom & Bridget Manning
Special Intention for Simon Levien req. by Mom
5:00 Esther Gillan req. by Patricia Olsen
Joan Smith req. by the Patel Family

PARISH FINANCES

April 3, 2016	\$ 10,204
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 3,025
ParishPay March	\$ 9,506
Amazon.com – January	\$12.47



YOUTH GROUP - MONDAY NIGHTS
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM
COME, BRING A FRIEND
FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

REFLECTION

That was Sicily for me

Late one afternoon, I found my way to the Galleria Regionale, where I roamed the galleries, pausing at many beautiful artworks – madonnas, saints in cruel martyrdom, crosses – until one piece stopped me cold. It was on a stand, isolated from crowded walls, an image of the Virgin Mary, the Annunciation by Antonello da Messina.

The painting is small, a bit under 18 inches by 14 inches, but it radiates power. I stood



staring at the image for a while, then sat down in a chair poised for gazing at the painting. Minutes passed; the better part of a half hour went by. No one disturbed my meditation.

The Annunciation is a common religious subject, appearing in frescoes, mosaics, triptychs, canvasses, sculpture. It gave artists free reign to paint exotic angels with elaborate wings and gentle gestures, a white dove hovering overhead. Many Annunciations have a ribbon of words coming from the mouths of Gabriel and Mary.

The exotic touches do not account for all of the popularity of Annunciation paintings. For this image shows the beginning of the story of Jesus incarnate. From now on God is actually with us in human form. Here the divine, through a messenger, approaches the human and looks for cooperation that exceeds whatever went before. Here a teenage girl confronts a destiny beyond her imagination. And this is any of us coming to grips with God's divine breath breathed into us giving us life, offering us possibility.

By Edward W. Schmidt, S.J.

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, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1ST Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard; Anthony Tantillo, US Coast Guard. Please continue to pray for all our service men & women.

LITURGY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The high priest chastised Peter and the other apostles for continuing to preach when they had been ordered to stop. Peter replied he would rather obey God than men, considering God's power even over death. They are again warned to stop speaking of Jesus, and then freed.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

John had a vision of many angels and all the living creatures of the world gathered around a throne. The angels cried out that the slain Lamb was worthy of receiving power, glory and praise. Then every creature on earth called out praise to God and the Lamb, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time since his resurrection while they were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, and then Jesus advised them to cast their net from the other side of the boat. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish. Jesus then asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter said he did, Jesus asked him to tend and feed his sheep.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Remembering

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist reflected on what Jesus celebrated at the Last Supper. The Eucharistic prayer is the Church's great prayer of thanksgiving. At the Eucharist through the power of the Holy Spirit we join with the living Christ to give praise and glory to the Father. How are we as a parish gathering to remember and celebrate Jesus?

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH - 4/11/16- 4/16/16

Sun.	R.B. Daisies selling cookies after Masses	
Tues	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Pope Francis Series	Cassidy Hall
	7:30 PM Endowment	St. Benedict
Wed.	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Thurs.	Confirmation Practice	
	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	9:15 AM Liturgy	Library
	7:30 PM Confirmation	Church
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
Sun.	Girl Scouts selling cookies after Masses	

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.

A RETREAT WITH POPE FRANCIS SERIES

Beginning Tuesday, April 12th

7:00 – 8:30 PM in Cassidy Hall

Pope Francis has captured the hearts of the faithful throughout the world. Now, you can attend a retreat with his words and his personal example, opening the door to a deeper relationship with God. Led by Fr. Anthony Ciorra, Ph.D. on DVD and follow-up discussion.

April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17. All are Welcome!

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Course Offerings in Theology

Assumption College for Sisters

Summer Session 2016, June 1 – July 8

200 A Morris Ave, Denville, NJ 07834

Th 201 The Church: Its Nature and History

Mon, Wed. & Fri 9:00 – 11:45 AM (3 credits)

Th 203 Fundamental Moral Theology

Mon, Wed. & Fri 12:45 – 3:30 PM (3 credits)

Cost – Three Credit Course - \$495

Cost – Audited Course - \$248

Information Phone: 973-957-0188 Ext 106

Email: academicdean@acs350.org

Dominican College

There will be an information session for prospective students interested in Undergraduate and Graduate degrees including Undergraduate online programs, scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Hennessy Center. At 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY 10962. For information or directions call 1-866-4dc-info, email

admissions@dc.edu or visit us online at www.dc.edu.

R.C.I.A.
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



This year we were blessed with a group of five individuals who undertook the journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation. One was baptized, one who was baptized in another faith tradition professed her desire for and belief in the Catholic Church, and others completed their sacraments of initiation by being confirmed. Welcome!



Pictured above are catechumens who received the sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. From left to right: Timothy Hiler (First Communion and Confirmation), Robert Benning (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation), Dianna Kollar (First Communion and Confirmation), and Robyn Curcio (Confirmation). Congratulations to all, and may the Holy Spirit be with you always!

CLOTHING DRIVE & TIN PAN DINNER DRIVE
 Used clothing and "tin pan dinners" will be collected on Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM by the rectory garages. They will be donated to the Father English Center in Paterson.

**DIOCESAN BLUE MASS
 AT ST. GERARD CHURCH,
 501 WEST BROADWAY, PATERSON
 TUESDAY, MAY 3, 10:30 AM**



The Blue Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for those employed in the "public safety field" (i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel). The color blue relates to the blue-colored uniforms predominantly used by these services. The Mass is an opportunity for the community to show gratitude to the first responders and their families.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

More than a hundred people gathered in worship and celebrated the Feast of Divine Mercy. Many took the opportunity to make the sacrament of Reconciliation, and prayed both the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary as a parish family. It was beautiful to see so many joined in prayer; and it was great to see people of all generations united for the same purpose.

Young and old alike attended the Divine Mercy celebration last Sunday. Jesus told Saint Faustina that the soul who prayed the Novena of Divine Mercy, went to confession and received Holy Communion on this feast day would receive full remission from sin and would not be subject to His Father's punishment.

Father David, Father Greg and Father Bogie from Immaculate Conception Church were available to hear confessions all afternoon. Deacon Dawid Zajacki blessed the Divine Mercy image and exposed the Blessed Sacrament. All who attended, fervently prayed, meditated, adored and venerated the Divine Mercy Image and Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It was very heartwarming to see a young father bring his baby up in front of the Blessed Sacrament as he appeared to be telling him about Jesus; and to hear even the little children singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



After Benediction, the celebration was not over, everyone was invited to Cassidy Hall where they had refreshments and a chance to meet other parishioners. It was a wonderful day of prayer and fellowship! If you couldn't join us this year, perhaps we'll see you next year for this Holy Feast.



Pictured here are Jim and Rachel Landry and their family.

**We Had A Great Time At
Cornerstone
April 2016**

SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

205 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940
(973) 377-1004

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Jewel of the Diocese

Come learn about the history of St. John the Baptist Cathedral from Msgr. Raymond Kupke, Diocesan Archivist.

Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 a.m. – noon

What are the Seven Habits of Christian Disciples?

Join Br. Jude Lasota to find the answer to this question and learn much more.

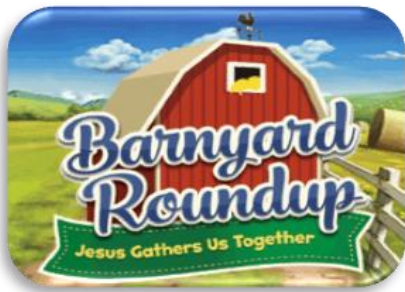
Pope Francis and Capitalism: The Enemy or the Answer?

Tuesday, May 3 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

A conversation with William McGurn, columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* and former chief speech writer for President George W. Bush.

2016 Gala – St. Paul Inside the Walls is hosting their Annual Gala fundraiser on May 7th. This elegant cocktail party will be hosted by Bishop Serratelli and members of St. Paul Inside the Walls staff. If you would like to join us, please contact the Center for more information.

Go to www.insidethewalls.org to see what else is available and how to register.



**The SON is calling you this summer!
VBS Volunteers Needed ~ Summer 2016
July 11th - 15th (8:30am-12pm)**

We are looking for volunteers entering 6th grade through adult. All adults 18 and over must be Virtus trained. Excellent way to earn service hours!

**Please leave a message with Kristi Carlucci:
973-568-8971 or kristibc@yahoo.com**

**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016**

“But Peter and the apostles said in reply ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’ So they left the Sanhedrin rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.”

How amazing that in such a short time following Peter’s denial, he boldly proclaimed his faith before the very same authority. He had no trouble stating that he and his companions were witnesses of the grace of the paschal mystery.

The Easter time is most appropriate for all to consider what it means to be a witness and how we can make this same mystery relevant to our needy world.

We remind ourselves of the basic steps. We have an encounter with the Risen Christ, through the scriptures, a special event, through one of His ministers. We are drawn to form a relationship with Him through prayer. This leads us to become like Peter, knowing the Christ and then willingly speak of Him, and His role in our lives.

Consider for a moment. What if Peter’s talk had not been recorded in the Acts of the Apostles? What if he had failed to answer the question posed by Jesus – ‘Peter do you love me?’ Peter indicated he was a witness. Am I?

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS**

Our parish will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) on April 24th. The programs funded by CCHD help to change the lives of the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families that are on the margins. People with disabilities will find affordable and supportive housing, men and women reentering society after incarceration will have the opportunity to learn new skills, and community agriculture projects will receive grants to become sustainable. **Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD.**