

**MARCH 19, 2017**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MONDAY – Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 Dennis Pedote req. by the McGuires  
 Nancy Zande req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton

**TUESDAY**

8:30 Rita Dakake req. by the Novak Family  
 Dr. Howard O’Gorman req. by Betsy Sutherland

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 Dr. Frank Armenio req. by Bill & Nancy Dorcas  
 Ed Ellis (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) req. by his wife, Gerri

**THURSDAY - Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo**

8:30 Clare Clark req. by her daughter, Kathryn  
 Elba Robelen req. by Demauro & Robelen &  
 Kirby Families

**FRIDAY – Blessed Oscar Romero**

8:30 Cecelia Donkersloot req. by Kim Thompson

**SATURDAY – The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:30 Dennis Nick req. by Anne Bowness  
 Charles Novak req. by the Novak family  
 5:30 Helene Bell req. by Bob & Doris Mayer  
 Jacqueline Martino req. by Dottie Capasso

**MARCH 26, 2017**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:45 Stephen Donnelly req. by Joe & Celeste Alonzo

9:00 Patricia Anne Kujala req. by Carl & Jo Doubet  
 Tina Montesano req. by the Montesano Family

10:30 People of the Parish  
 Eileen DeNobile req. by Mae & Charlie Catalano

12:00 Juliette Dajani req. by the Castimore Family  
 Mary Joan Ahokas req. by Jacqueline Murray

5:00 Jerzy Bradtke

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>March 12, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 10,677</b>
<b>Diocesan Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 2,229</b>

**REFLECTION**

**JESUS – THE LIVING WATER**

Nobody likes admitting their sins. Whether you have broken a window or gotten a speeding ticket, you know how embarrassing it feels when someone points out what you have done wrong.



That’s why today’s Gospel reading is so striking. When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman about her sin, she didn’t respond in fear. She didn’t even seem ashamed. Quite the opposite, when Jesus told her that he knew she has had five husbands and was living in adultery with a sixth man, she was in awe. Their conversation then compelled her to run to her neighbors and tell them all about him.

Why did she respond this way? She was touched by the mercy of Jesus and transformed. Let’s look at how this happened.

First, Jesus *reached out* to her, and his love moved her heart. He knew everything about her, the bad as well as the good, and he welcomed her. He does the same for us. Before we even admit our sins, he knows them, but he never stops reaching out to us. He waits for us, just as he waited by that well.

Second, Jesus offered her *living water*. It’s quite possible that this woman had been living in guilt and shame. She likely came to the well at midday to avoid meeting everyone else, who would draw water at a cooler hour. But Jesus saw her as a child of God who needed to be set free. He offered her his love and presence, the water of life that would fill her and change her. And it did – she left her water jar behind because her encounter with Jesus gave her a new source of life.

Jesus is ready to fill you with the living water of the Holy Spirit today. He is reaching out to you with compassion. Ask him to fill your heart and change your life.

From *The Word Among Us*



## THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/20/17 TO 3/26/17

Mon.	7:30 PM Advisory	Cassidy Hall
	7:00 PM Theresa of Avila	Library
	7:00 – 8:30 Coming Home Confessions	
	8:00 PM K of C Social	McKenna Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Sister Anita (Reflection)	Church
	7:30 PM Parent Support	St. Benedict
Wed.	5– 9:00 PM RB Uniform Exchange	McKenna
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:30 PM Mother's Lenten Group	Library
Fri.	6-10:00 PM Paint Night	McKenna Hall
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	6:00 PM Nothing Is Impossible	McKenna Hall
Sun.	1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall

## LITURGY

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

#### Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

#### Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

## 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, 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

## New Altar Servers commissioned!



On Sunday, March 5th, Our Lady of the Lake community gathered at 9:00 o'clock Mass and commissioned five new altar servers. Three boys and two girls were trained on Saturdays and Mondays in February in our church. I would like to address special words of gratitude to Deacon James McGovern who led us through our meetings. Moreover, our senior altar servers helped us practicing the Liturgy. Therefore, I would like to thank Stephen Campana, Rachel Robayo and her Father John Robayo for their time and good will to help us.

May God bless all of you!  
Fr. Marcin

## 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.**

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### BELONGING

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on their baptism. Through Baptism we are initiated into the life of Christ and his Body, the Church. Our membership in the Christian Community is both a privilege and a responsibility. How are we as a parish witnessing the Holy Spirit's presence to others?

### DOGMA TEAM/YOUTH GROUP

Dogma Team meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room.

## A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

A spiritual journey through St. Teresa of Avila's Classic: **Interior Castle** - Meetings will be held on **Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 PM** and will be in the Parish Library. We will proceed at a pace determined by the group. It is highly recommended that participants use the book titled, St. Teresa of Avila, The Interior Castle, Study Edition. Published by ICS. Please contact Nancy Hefelee at (973) 713-1376 or Jeff Tucker at (973) 726-9011 for details to sign up and for book ordering.

## RENEW FOR CORNERSTONE! REGISTER NOW!

**Women's Cornerstone** will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, **March 31<sup>st</sup> through Saturday evening, April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Women's Retreat contacts:**

Eileen Vandenberg (201) 310-6091 or Tawnie Scymanski at [OLLWOMENCORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OLLWOMENCORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM)

**Men's Cornerstone** will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, **April 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday evening, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### **Men's Retreat contacts:**

Victor Puglio ((973) 670-6999 or James Stanski at (917) 250-4981

Do not miss this unique opportunity to spend 26 hours that could have a profound impact on your outlook and your life! Step out of your routine to think about those things that matter most. Reflect, Renew, Relax, and Strengthen Your Faith. Further information and registration forms are in the retreat brochures available in church or at the parish office. This is the year to give yourself the gift of Cornerstone. Participate as much or as little as you choose. Questions? Comments? See contacts above or call the Parish Office (973) 729-6107.

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## THANK YOU FROM LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

J.M.J.

March 7, 2017

Dear Fr. McDonnell,

A quick note to express our gratitude for allowing us beg funds from your parishioners favoring our apostolate with the elderly of low income. They have been very generous giving at first count over \$4,500.00.

Later a final amount will be sent to you as we await the returns of envelopes taken by some of the people.

Sister Veronica and I thank you for the coffee, pastries and sharing. God will bless you and your parishioners for your generosity.

Be assured of our prayers and that of our elderly for you and your collaborators.

In Christ,

*Sr. Cecilia, LSP*

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## WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

### **Parish Mission at O.L. Queen of Peace**

Sun., March 26 through Wednesday, March 29, 7:30 PM. Fr. David W. Gunter, MIC will be giving the mission at O.L. Queen of Peace, 209 US Highway 206, Branchville, NJ. He is a member of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception located in Stockbridge, MA. For more info please call (973) 948-3185.

### **Bishop George Ahr - St. Thomas High School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

In anticipation of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Bishop George Ahr/St. Thomas High School, Edison, NJ wants to reconnect with all of its alumni. We have a news article on the website [www.bgahs.org](http://www.bgahs.org) asking alumni to update their most recent contact information. You may reach us at [dchippendale@bgahs.org](mailto:dchippendale@bgahs.org) the alumni office, so we can keep you informed of the events planned for our upcoming milestone celebration.

### **Flea Market/Craft Fair**

Our Lady Star of the Sea on Espanong Rd., Lk Hopatcong is having an indoor flea market/craft fair on Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For additional information contact Lisa Gonzales at 973-647-8700.

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### **MANNA HOUSE**

**All food donations during the month of March will be given to Manna House.** Manna House is a free lunch program open to anyone who feels the need of its service. Members of the Presbyterian Church in Newton saw the need for such a program and thought that other churches in the county would like to be part of the program. Our Lady of the Lake Church is one of twenty churches in Sussex County working to support Manna House. Each church takes one day a month to prepare and serve the meal and clean up afterward.



### **REV BROWN STUDENTS FOCUS ON VOCATIONS**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School are focusing their religion classes this week on vocations. St Frances de Sales Church in Vernon, shared their vocation chalice with the students. Each class is discussing what vocations are, and they are saying special prayers for vocations during Lent.

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Monday, April 10

Chrism Mass at St. Philips, Clifton

### Tuesday, April 11

7:00 PM - Parish Penance Service

### Holy Thursday – April 13

8:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 PM – Midnight – Eucharistic Adoration

### Good Friday – April 14

12:00 Noon 7 Last Words of Christ

2:00 PM Passion of the Lord

3:15 PM Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross



### Holy Saturday – April 15

12:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena

1:00 PM Blessing of the Food

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday – April 16

#### Mass in Church

7:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

#### Mass in McKenna Hall

10:35 AM, 12:05 PM

*(There is No 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)*



**MARQUETTE COUNCIL # 588**

11th Annual

Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner

**Fri. March 31, 2017**

**6 PM to 8 PM**

Take-out available  
starting at 5:30PM



**Pope John Cafeteria**

**Sparta, NJ**

Adults (Ages 8 years and above) - \$13.00 each

Seniors (65+) - \$10.00

Children under 8 - \$6.00 each

Coffee, Tea and Dessert included

For additional information and tickets, please call:

J R Giacchi 973-479-7039 or Ray Convey-973-886-7173

Or visit us on FACEBOOK-Marquette 588

Funds raised from the event help fund scholarships at Rev. Brown and Pope John Schools. Funds also are used to sponsor seminarians and various charities throughout the community.

## **LENT 2017** **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of strict Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

### **Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)**

All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

### **Weekdays of Lent:**

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

### **Easter Duty Obligation:**

After they have received their First Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

### **RECONCILIATION**

Confessions are heard every Saturday from  
4:00–5:00 PM

### **RECONCILIATION ADDITIONAL HOURS**

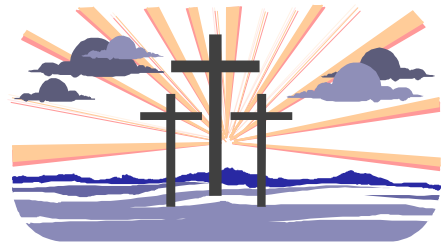
7:00 – 8:30 PM Mondays: March 6, March 13,  
March 20, March 27, and April 3

Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, April 11 at  
7:00 PM

### **PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

In Lent it is especially meaningful to pray the stations. Join us as a community when we

pray them on Friday nights at 7:00 PM in Lent. It can also be done alone at any time, going from station to station as we pray. It can even be done at home!



### **LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION**

**March 21, 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Church**

#### **Come to the Water...**

*If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4: 10*

As we thirst for God, do we realize that God thirsts for us as well? Come to the water and experience the abundance of God's love and compassionate healing. Renew and refresh your spirit, as this Lenten season reveals the God of our longing.