

**JANUARY 7, 2018
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

MONDAY – The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 Margaret Tagliaferro req. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Belardo

TUESDAY

8:30 Anita Cooper req. by Genevieve Appel

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Herbert Eisenhardt req. by his wife, Marie

THURSDAY

8:30 Robert Dean Eckes req. by Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Sgarlato

Bolivar Lopez req. by the Lubrano Family

FRIDAY

8:30 Michael Richard Larned req. by his loving parents, Karen & Rich Larned

SATURDAY

8:30 Edna Pietrucha req. by Anna & Simon Levien
Roza Rona req. by the Dirla Family

5:30 Russell K. Mack req. by DeMauro, Kirby & Lombardi Family

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7:45 Special Intention of the Scanlon Family req. by Anna & Simon Levien
Charles Krueger (5th Anniv.) req. by his wife Carol & Family

9:00 Mary Elizabeth Crapo req. by Mr. & Mrs. William J. Kelly

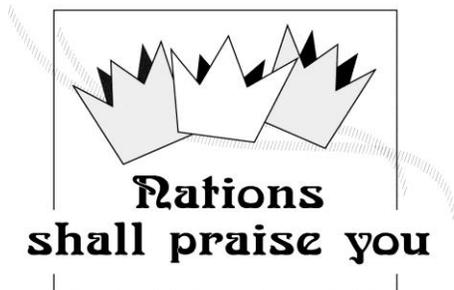
Joseph Beebe req. by Michael & Beverly Devine

10:30 People of the Parish
Laurie DiCianni req. by priests and staff of OLL

12:00 William L. and Kathleen G. Hassloch req. by Thomas W. Hassloch
Edna Pietrucha req. by Marie Eisenhardt

PARISH FINANCES

December 24, 2017	\$ 11,173
Christmas	\$ 31,416
December 31, 2017	\$ 9,406
The Beacon	\$ 1,538
January 1 – Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,613
Next week's second collection is for our Diocesan Assessment.	



THE EPIPHANIES OF EVERY DAY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany. Jesus, who is born into our world, is now revealed to the nations, represented by the Magi from the East. We kneel with them and pay him homage. He is there for all of us: the rich and poor, the young and old, shepherd and king. God has come to us in the person of Jesus as a light to the nations.

Childhood memories surface as we recall the Wise Men on their camels traveling long distances to present the child with gold, frankincense and myrrh. Someone gave me a plaque with words I found amusing. I'm sure the Magi would get a chuckle out of it too. It read:



Three wise women would have:

- ✦ Asked directions.
- ✦ Arrived on time.
- ✦ Helped deliver the baby.
- ✦ Cleaned the stable.
- ✦ Made a casserole
- ✦ Brought practical gifts.
- ✦ And there would be peace on earth.

As we reflect on our lives, we realize that God has been gradually revealing himself to us over the years. We see his presence in the love of our parents, the influence of a teacher, the kindness of a friend, the innocence of a child, the beauty of the world around us – in a hundred different ways.

As we celebrate this feast, let us commit our lives to Christ as the Magi did. Let us be more open to the epiphanies of Christ that come with the passing of each day: the gift of our families, the gift of our parish community that supports and encourages us in our faith. Above all the gift of the Eucharist which is food for our journey. We kneel with the Magi worshipping Christ and offer him the gift of our lives.

Sincerely,

Father David

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH - 1/7/18 to 1/14/18

Mon 7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy
8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues. 9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
Thur. 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri. 8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
6:30 PM Movie (<i>Moments of Grace</i>)	Cassidy Hall
8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sun. NO CCD	

LITURGY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

A NEW MINISTRY AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Join us on Mondays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the Parish Library beginning January 8th, 2018.



We will gather to pray and work in thanksgiving for the goodness of creation. We join our voices, as St. Francis of Assisi did in his Canticle of the Sun, and as Pope Francis echoed in his encyclical on the environment. "Praised be you, O Lord, for the beauty and goodness of the created world!" We thank God for the gift of creation and show our appreciation through our care.

If you are interested in working with us to Care for God's Creation let us know at LaudatoSi.OLL@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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



Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

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

IMPORTANT DOGMA MEETING

There will be an extended Dogma meeting on Monday, January 8th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM to finalize confirmation retreat items. Pizza will be served.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 7th.

Welcome back to Spring Semester 2018. 9th grade classes are 4 to 5:30 PM, 10th grade are 6 to 7:30 PM

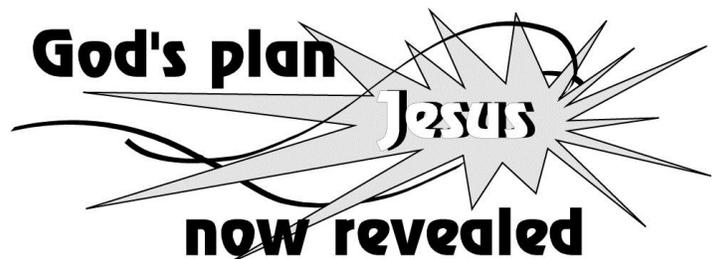
Allison Ognibene, our new Confirmation Coordinator, will be at the entrance of the CCD doors to introduce herself and to greet students and parents. If there are any forms or letters due, please give them to either Frank Torre or Allison Ognibene. Thank you.

MOMENTS OF GRACE

All are invited to join us for **MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE** on January 13th in Cassidy Hall right after the 5:30 Mass. We'll watch a movie whose theme is brokenness to healing followed by discussion of the film. Feel free to bring a beverage of choice, perhaps an appetizer or other goodie to munch on during the film.

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 morning Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together, it will be an hour well spent!

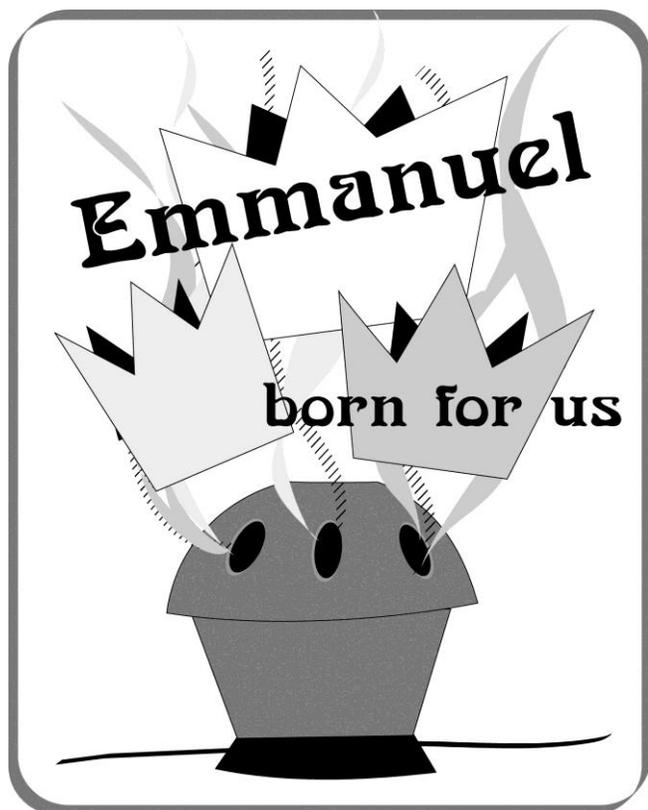


CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Would you like to know more about our parish? Go to www.ourladyofthelake.org. We have the same information as before, but in a new format. We hope you will like it. You can see the Sunday Bulletin – the current week and archived issues from the beginning of the year. You can find the schedules for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers under 'Liturgy'. Need to register in the parish? The Registration form is there under "New Members". How to sign your child up for Religious Education. And, of course, if you have any questions or have trouble finding anything, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

YOUR COATS CAN HELP!

Last year the Sparta Food Pantry gave away hundreds of coats to the clients of the food pantry. It was incredible! We give coats, hats, gloves, and scarves from November through March, or as long as it is cold outside! So... Let's Do it Again! If you have any coats, gloves, hats, scarves that you can offer to someone who does not, please bring them to the Sparta Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Sparta. They will be collecting gently-used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, through March 2018. This is a great way to help so many people this winter.



Our Lady of the Lake Parish Yacht Cruise Sailing on a Mediterranean July 28th – August 8th, 2018



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**For information, please contact Dan Scully c-973-534-6462 or
Daniel.Scully@ScullyTravel.com**



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Sparta, NJ 07871 WWW.ScullyTravel.com**

SAVE THE DATE

**Women's Conference (Feminine, Faithful & Fearless)
April 28, 2018 at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison
Speakers: Kate Wicker, Cindy Costello, & Katie
McKenna. Go to Stpaulinsidethewalls.org/family life to
register and for more information.**

FINANCE

WELCOME TO THE WeShare FAMILY!

ParishPay has transitioned to **WeShare**. Here are several things to keep in mind as you familiarize yourself with WeShare.

We take security seriously. Donors' recurring donations will continue as scheduled. But donors must authenticate their account and email to receive WeShare emails or to make any changes to their account. The first time a donor enters the system – they will have to go through a one-time validation requiring:

- Their ParishPay user name
- The last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card used with ParishPay

And ONE of the following two options:

- Their email address
- A collection name and the specific amount donated within the last 6 months.

Please feel free to contact the customer service team for assistance at WeShare@4ipi.com or call 1 (800) 950-9952 and select *Option 1*.

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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.

WE ARE INDEED LOVED

The greatest grace which God can give is the knowledge that he loves each one of us more than any lover ever loved his, or her, beloved. To realize that, and to allow it to sink deep into our minds and hearts, can change your lives completely... There are days when we fear that we face an uncertain future... But do not worry, because the time comes when we no longer carry heavy bags and all those possessions. We shall travel through the cold, light of a bleak English morning into God's spring and summer, into his light and warmth.

Cardinal Hume – "The Mystery of Love"

Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church 294 Sparta Ave., Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Lake is a Roman Catholic Community founded in tradition and based on our faith in Jesus Christ. With the help of the Holy Spirit we share the message of God's love with all. Through our ministries and school, we strive to address spiritual, social and educational needs. We are nourished by the Eucharist, enlightened by the Word and guided by our devotion to Mary, Our Lady of the Lake.

Rev. David McDonnell	Pastor
Rev. Marcin Bradtke	Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Krzysztof Ślimak	Deacon
Mr. James McGovern	Deacon
Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio	Deacon
Elizabeth Heldak	Director of Religious Education
Allison Ognibene	Conf/Youth Director
Krzysztof Kowalewski	Music Director
Denise Aldana	Social Ministries
Ellen Ormond	Secretary/Bookkeeper
Joanna Mattos	Secretary

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday	5:30 P.M.
Sunday	7:45, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 Noon

Weekday Masses

8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Masses

8:30, 9:30 A.M. (except August 15th), and 7:00 P.M.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 and at 6:30 P.M.

Novena

Miraculous Medal Devotions: Saturday 8:30 A.M.

Eucharist Adoration

Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Parish Membership

Our Parish Family invites all its members to participate fully. If you move to another Parish, or change your address, please notify us.

Please see our website for more information.

New Parishioners – Welcome!

Won't you please register at the Parish Office, Monday-Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Parish Office & Rectory	(973) 729-6107	Fax (973) 729-7203
Religious Education Office (on weekdays)	(973) 729-6107	
E-Mail	info@ourladyofthelake.org	
Web Site	www.ourladyofthelake.org	
School Offices		
Rev. George A. Brown (Pre-K to Gr. 4)	(973) 729-9174	
Pope John XXIII Middle School (Gr. 5 to 7)	(973) 729-1967	
Pope John XXIII High School (Gr. 8 to 12)	(973) 729-6125	