

**JANUARY 14, 2018  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY**

8:30 Jim Cahill req. by Betsy Sutherland

**TUESDAY**

8:30 Doug Schroeder

**WEDNESDAY – Saint Anthony, Abbot**

8:30 Milton & Genevieve Kozdron req. by the Mattos Family

**THURSDAY – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**

8:30 Simon and Victoria Lewczak req. by the Mattos Family

**FRIDAY**

8:30 Judith Blain, Darren Blain, and Carolyn O'Hara req. by the Mattos Family

**SATURDAY - Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

8:30 Rose Grillo req. by Anna & Simon Levien

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

**JANUARY 21, 2018  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:45 Eugene Kowitski req. by Karen Macios

9:00 Lou Pagano req. by Ray & Pat Convey  
David Vissat req. by James & Maryellen Forneris

10:30 Philip Daly req. by Cathy & Lauren Codner  
Anthony Egan req. by the LaBanca Family

12:00 People of the Parish  
Rita Macellaio req. by the Cornerstone Sisters

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>January 7, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 11,815</b>
<b>H.E.L.P. – Parish Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 2,797</b>



**HOLD ON TO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

Another Christmas has come and gone. I hope it was an enjoyable one for you and all your loved ones. There's something unique and special about Christmas. True, we rush around buying gifts and sending cards, and promise ourselves that we will be more organized next year. But if you're like me, it never happens. And yet, in the end, everything fits into place.

Christmas was particularly busy this year because it fell on a Sunday, so we were in Church more than usual. But things worked out and we survived. We enjoyed how the Church was decorated – the lighted trees, the candles, the wreaths – and we're grateful to Rob Loyas and all who helped him beautify our worship space. Many commented on how warm and welcoming our Church was.

Leading up to the big celebration, we were mindful of the needy among us and in our diocese. You stepped up to the plate, and provided gifts for families who otherwise would be ignored. They didn't look for expensive gifts, just the basic necessities. I received thank-you notes from the receiving parishes, and they were deeply moved by your generosity.

Now, as we bid farewell to this season of joy, let us be careful not to forget its message: that Christ is born among us, and walks with us into another year. As we carefully put the ornaments away, let us hold on to the spirit of good-will that was so evident these past few weeks. As we toss the Christmas tree on the curb, let us remember that people are still in need of our generosity and compassion. For, in a true sense, the spirit of Christmas continues throughout the year.

As we journey into 2018, I'd like to extend the blessing from the Book of Numbers, which we read on January 1:

*May the Lord bless and protect you,*

*May he show you mercy and kindness.*

*May the Lord be good to you and give you peace.*

*Happy New Year!*

Sincerely,

Father David

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH - 1/14/18 to 1/20/18

Sun. NO CCD	
Mon. 4:00 PM Care for God's Creation	Library
7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy
8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues. 9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
7:30 PM Parent Support	St. Joseph
Wed. 7:00 PM Cornerstone Support	St. Joseph
Thur. 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri. – Sat. – Conf. Retreat- Mc Kenna & Parish Center (No AA) Neither Cassidy nor McKenna Hall	

## LITURGY

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

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

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

#### Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT REMINDER

We are delighted that our retreat will be filled to capacity. Important times

**Friday Night Arrival** – 7:00 PM in McKenna Hall

**Friday Night Pickup** -10:30 PM – McKenna Hall

**Saturday Morning Arrival** – 7:45 AM in McKenna Hall

**Saturday Night Closing Mass** – 7:30 PM in Church

Please have your son or daughter **arrive at McKenna Hall promptly at 7:00 PM** on the Friday evening for the start of the retreat. We will provide a snack Friday evening, no dinner will be provided on the first night. Saturday we will provide three nutritious and balanced meals.

**DOGMA Meeting - Monday, January 15 from 6:30-8pm.**  
We will be finalizing confirmation retreat items.

## 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



"Mrs. Darlene O'Neill's grade 2 Sunday morning Religious Ed class seen here holding candy canes attached to notes of Christmas cheer they made in class that will go on the ADOPT A FAMILY bags for the needy. Truly a fun activity focusing on the true spirit of Christmas."



"Mrs. Carolyn Stenderowicz' grade 8 Sunday morning Religious Ed class seen here having wrapped presents for ADOPT A FAMILY that will go to the needy, displaying remarkable generosity on the part of our young people."

## 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

## CATHOLIC ACADEMY

The Catholic Academy will host Welcome Wednesdays, inviting prospective families to tour all three Academy schools. Each Wednesday, starting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, Reverend George A. Brown Elementary School, Pope John XXIII Middle School, and Pope John XXIII High School, will host tours starting at 8:30 AM. If interested in taking a tour, please call (973) 729-6126.

## WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

### March for Life Bus Trip

We would like to let you know that Our Lady Queen of Peace in Branchville is running a bus to The Right to Life March in Washington DC On Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to join them, please call Queen of Peace for details. Their phone number is 973-948-3185

### The Auxilium School, Newton, NJ

Now registering for the 2018-2019 School Year  
Our programs include: Juniors, PreK3, Prek4 & Year to Grow

### Open House Schedule

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – 9:30 to 11:00 AM

SPECIAL – 50% off NEW REGISTRATIONS – 1/31/18 only for our Catholic Schools Week Open House.

Sunday, March 4, 2018 – 1:00 to 3:00 PM  
Sunday, April 29, 2018 – 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Sunday, May 20, 2018 – 1:00 – 3:00 PM (Visitors always welcome Monday – Friday from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. Call for more information (973) 383-2621 Opt. 1 or visit us at [www.campauxilium.org](http://www.campauxilium.org).

### St. Kateri Blood Drive

January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 AM to 1:45 PM. Appointments can be scheduled online at [www.tinaurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives](http://www.tinaurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives). Walk-ins are always welcome. Call Mary Stanek at (973) 770-0429 for more information.

## 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.

## K OF C RIGHT TO LIFE ROSE SALE



The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Rose Sale outside Church after Masses this weekend to help support the Buses going to Washington, DC on January 19<sup>th</sup> for the March for Life.

## ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE 2018 PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**MARCH 17 IN MCKENNA HALL**

"Our Lady of the Lake is happy to announce that this year, our annual St. Patrick's Night will be held on the actual feast day: **March 17th, 2018**. Please save the date. More info will follow shortly.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Training will begin soon for new altar servers! We invite boys and girls in the 4th grade or above to join this important ministry!

To accommodate parents' busy schedules, training sessions will be on Friday evenings and Saturday noontime. Attendees will come to either Friday evening or Saturday noon sessions, not both.

The schedule for training is as follows:  
Friday evening training, 5 - 6:30 PM: February 16th, 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Saturday noontime training, 12 – 1:30 PM: February 17th, 24th and March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Registration forms will be distributed to Reverend Brown and CCD students, and also will be available on the Parish website at [www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org). Click on "Liturgy", then "Altar Servers" to find the link to the registration form which can be printed out in PDF format.



The Marquette Council 588 Knights of Columbus will be hosting a MARDI GRAS PARTY on February 10<sup>th</sup> in McKennana Hall at 7PM-11PM. There will be food, music and a GREAT TIME! The cost per ticket will be \$20.00. For tickets

and further information please contact John Kollar at [862-432-2391](tel:862-432-2391) or Don Reichert at [973-729-3599](tel:973-729-3599)

## 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

### *In Giving, We Receive*

If you have not yet responded to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2017 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2018. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org).

## *Our Lady of the Lake Parish Yacht Cruise Sailing on a Mediterranean*

*July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

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### **SPARTA ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY CHANGE OF HOURS**

For those who receive food from the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Sparta, please note the change of hours.

The new hours are:

Wednesdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Thursdays 9:00 AM to 12 Noon  
Fridays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

There will be no evening hours for the months of January and February. They will resume in March

## FINANCE

### **AMAZON.COM TO HELP OUR PARISH**

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](http://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.

### **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:

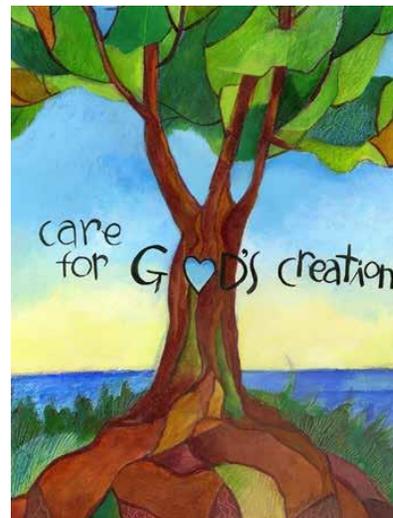
- Their ParishPay user name
- The last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card used with ParishPay

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@4lpi.com](mailto:WeShare@4lpi.com) or call 1 (800) 950-9952 and select *Option 1*.

### **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. 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](mailto:LaudatoSi.OLL@gmail.com).