

MARCH 18, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MONDAY—St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Bernard Beihl, Sr. req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl

TUESDAY

8:30 Jack Brady req. by the Zieglers

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Raymond O'Leary req. by Regina Sax

THURSDAY

8:30 Mary Grillo req. by Regina Sax
 Diana Vance req. by Doug Vance

FRIDAY - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30 Clare Clark req. by her daughter, Kathryn

SATURDAY – Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop/Martyr

8:30 Milagros & Manuel Torres req. by Anna & Simon

5:30 Bethany Park req. by Rosemary, Jimmy Menger
 Senator Carmen Orechlo req. by Judge &
 Mrs. N. Peter Conforti

MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

7:45 George Sax req. by his wife, Regina

9:00 Marie Stanziale req. by Stephanie Stanziale
 & Family

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Special Intention of George & Luann Sensale &
 Family req. by Anna & Simon Levien
 Special Intention of Jean Carroll req. by Anna &
 Simon

PARISH FINANCES

March 11, 2018 **\$ 9,658**

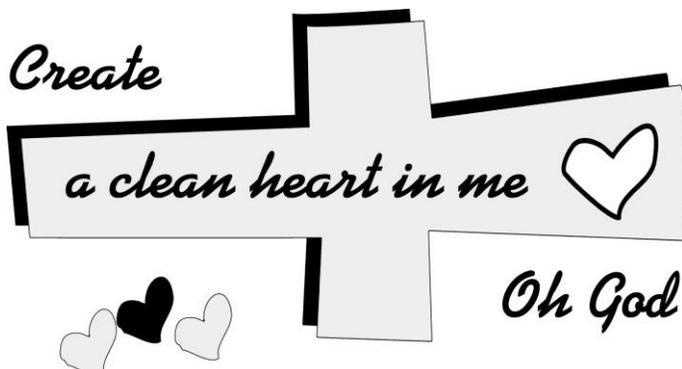
Diocesan Assessment **\$ 2,201**

50/50 Fundraiser



This year, once again, we will be conducting a 50/50 raffle to benefit our parish. This year's tickets are \$20 each.

We are hoping to sell 1200 tickets. First prize will be 30% of all ticket sales; second prize will be 15% of ticket sales and 3rd prize will be 5% of ticket sales. The drawing will be on the last night of our carnival in June. Please support this important fundraiser. Tickets will be going out in the mail shortly.



REFLECTION

THE MERCY OF GOD

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Psalm response)

Today's Responsorial Psalm portrays King David's response to God after he had committed adultery ordered Bathsheba's husband to be killed in battle. David was known as a man after God's own heart, but this story looks more like something you would see in a soap opera than what you would see in a man of God.

What's worse, David couldn't even see that he had done anything wrong – that is, until God sent Nathan the prophet to open his eyes. That's where today's psalm come in. So what can we learn as we pray this psalm with David?

First, often we cannot see our own sins, both our small sins and our big sins. Lust, selfishness, pride, self-righteousness, anger – any of these can blind us, just as they blinded David. *Thank you Lord, for sending people to me who can help me to grow in holiness.*

Second, God always pursues us, both when we are close to him and when we are separated from him. He always pricks our minds. He always sends angels and other people to help us. He does what he can, by any means, to help us confess our sins and draw closer to him. *Lord, help me to be more sensitive to your touch each day.*

Third, God's mercy is unfathomable. Even David's acts of adultery and murder didn't keep God from pursuing him and fulfilling his plan for the king. The moment we repent, God's love and mercy will well up in our hearts, just as it did for David. *Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness.*

Finally, look at the last two lines of this psalm. David is promising that if God forgives him, he will do his best to lead other people to him. A desire to serve and care for other people is the natural response to God's mercy. *Lord, use me for your purposes.*

"O God, have mercy on me. Create a clean heart in me. Fill me with our Holy Spirit, and I will share my faith with everyone around me."

From: *The Word Among Us*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/19/18 – 3/25/18

Mon. 7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy
7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone	St. Lucy
8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues. 9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
7:30 PM Parent Support	St. Joseph
7:00 PM Catching Fire video	Cassidy Hall
Wed. 5 – 9:00 PM RB Uniform Exchange	McKenna Hall
Thur. 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
7:00 PM Women's Lenten Group	Library
7:00 PM Cornerstone	St. Lucy
Fri. 6:00 PM RB Paint Night	McKenna Hall
8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. 9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
6:00 PM Beefsteak Dinner	McKenna Hall
NO AA	
Sun. 1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall
After Masses – Girl Scout Cookie Sale	

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.



Join the choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

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.

LITURGY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

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!

NEW ALTAR SERVERS COMMISSIONED



Congratulations to the new altar servers who were commissioned at Mass last week. Pictured with Father Marcin are: Nathan Benes, Gianna Cortese, Matthew Murzaku, Christian Posada, Emilie Rakoski, Amanda Torres, Michael Vandenberg, Isabella Vena, Catherine Vena, & Jaclyn Vena.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

WE GATHER

Gathering

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist reflected on gathering together as a Church family. The Church is the assembly of those people, belonging to the Lord Jesus, whom God has called together. How do we as a parish come together to pray and care for one another?

DO YOU NEED A SPIRITUAL "TUNE-UP"?

Catching Fire Becoming Flame, A Guide For Spiritual Transformation is a six-session video presentation given by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM & it will be offered here in Cassidy Hall on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Follow-up discussion & fellowship should make for an enriching Lenten experience. All are welcome.

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.

YOUTH GROUP CORNER



Youth Group enjoying a team building game. Calling HS students - Join us every Monday from 6:30 pm to 8 pm! Fun, Food & Faith!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group meets every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the basement of the parish center. 9th grade and above are welcome to attend. Make new friends, bring a friend, enjoy board games, pray, talk about what's happening in life. Take the Lent challenge!

Save the Dates:

Confirmation Rehearsal: Thursday, April 12 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration will be held on Friday, April 13 at 7:30 PM. More details will be emailed to families.

Please pray for our Confirmation students as they attend retreats this weekend. May the Holy Spirit guide them through their journey as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

DOGMA CONFIRMATION RETREAT REUNION 9th and 10th Grade

March 24 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Come and skate at Skylands Iceworld and meet up with friends and DOGMA team members. We will have meet and greet with pizza and drinks after skating. If you don't know how to skate, don't worry. Come anyway and hold on to the wall or sit in the stands and talk to fellow confirmation friends. \$13, includes skate rental, skate time, pizza and drink. Skylands Iceworld is located at 2765 State Hwy 23, Stockholm, NJ 07460. Email allisono@ourladyofthelake.org if you are interested in attending

YOUTH GROUP FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 12-2:30 PM

Theme: Songs that Inspire You!

(9th Grade and above – all are welcome to attend)

Join us for the 12 p.m. Mass (we will be sitting in the right side in the back) then we will go to the Youth Room where we will play our favorite songs that inspire us. We will then look at the Book of Psalms and discuss how these songs can inspire us in our daily lives. **Lunch will be served.** We will be doing a service project outside, so please dress for weather. The hour and a half can go towards community hours, so bring your sheet. Email: AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org if you are attending so she can order the proper amount for lunch.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Poster Contest

As part of Pope Francis' call to take care of our Common Home and all God's creation, we would like to encourage young people to develop a deeper relationship with our environment through art. Therefore, we are announcing a poster contest in time for 4th Sunday of Easter on April 22, which happens to be Earth Day this year. The Poster Contest is open to three categories: Elementary School, Middle School, and High School. The Grand prize winner will be awarded \$100. All posters are due by April 8, but CCD students can submit their work during class by March 25 because their classes will be in recess during Easter and spring break. Poster submissions can be in any medium (crayon, chalk, pencils, pen and ink, acrylic, oil, digital art, etc.) and might include messages related to be guardians of our Earth and all of the creation.

CRS RICE BOWLS



Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Pick up a Rice Bowl from

the baskets at each exit of our church and use the easy and fun resources to deepen your family's Lenten experience. Your prayers, fasting, and almsgiving his Lenten season will help CRS continue to provide lifesaving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Pizza Fundraiser

The Don Bosco Columbiettes Auxiliary No. 7784 is having a pizza fundraiser at the Villa Capri Restaurant on Rte 206 in Newton on Friday, March 23rd. Please help the Columbiettes raise money for scholarships and local charities. Villa Capri will donate \$1 for every pizza sold all day on Friday, March 23rd. So, treat your family to some really great pizza and help raise money for charity!

Tea Party – Game Day – Lunch

A repeat of XI Beta Rho's "Tea Party" game day, lunch. At 11:30 AM Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the Sparta Ambulance Building. Cost is \$26 per person, tables of four. Space is limited. Please call Carol at (973) 729-4661 for registration form and any additional information. Your choice of "Game". Prizes and desserts. All proceeds go to local charities.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land

Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus, Moses and Mary. 11 Days, Nov. 6-16, 2018. \$2790. + \$590 Airline Taxes, Fuel Surcharge RT Airfare from Newark. Daily Breakfast/Dinner, great Hotels, Tips for Guided Tours, Deluxe Motor Coach Driver 7 More. Fr. Abe Orpankal, Pastor of St. John Neumann, Spiritual Director/Tour Chaplain, Call Juliet Hobson (732) 439-2835 or email: yetjcb@aol.com.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

MARCH FOOD PANTRY

As in previous years, all the food donated during the month of March will go to Manna House.

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus appreciate all the support our parishioners gave to our 12th Annual Lenten Fish Fry. We hope all enjoyed the fine food cooked by our executive chefs! We believe a good time was had by all. We strive to provide social opportunities for our Christian Community to gather. The funds from the event will provide support to the multiple charities we serve as Knights.

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, April 8th, 3 PM A Musical Afternoon With Sisters in Concert at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson.

Sunday, April 5th, 4 PM – Solo Organ Recital by Internationally Acclaimed Recitalist Stephen Tharp at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson

April 28th, 9 – 1 PM. Fifth Annual Women's Conference at St. Paul Inside the Walls.

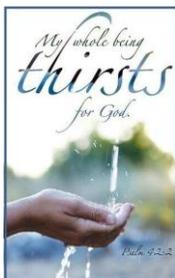
Women's Cornerstone VI Retreat

"Come to the Living Water"

April 20-21

The Cornerstone Retreat is quickly approaching. Please join us for this wonderful experience. The following are reactions of some of your fellow parishioners to the retreat:

"I went reluctantly, But I'm so glad that I did.



Cornerstone has given me a new spiritual framework and outlook. Additionally, it has provided the support of my new Cornerstone sisters."

"I feel that Cornerstone has brought me closer to God and my beliefs have become stronger. I have a deeper sense of community and have made good friends."

.Come and see what the Women's Cornerstone retreat is all about. .
"Come to the Living Water."

Registration brochures are at all the exits; or go to

www.ourladyofthelake.com for more information and a brochure.

CHRISM MASS

St. John the Baptist Cathedral,

Monday, March 26, 2018

7:00 PM

Bishop Serratelli invites everyone to attend the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated in our newly renovated Cathedral. This is a very special celebration where the Holy Oils are blessed and distributed to all the parishes in our Diocese. There is free parking in the municipal garage across from the Cathedral.



LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE



Our Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service will be on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 PM. This is a perfect time to fulfill your Easter duty. There will be additional priests available to hear your confession. Everyone is welcome!

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

Wed. Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – Mass

12:00 Noon – Prayer Service

4:00 p.m. – Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. – Mass

Welcome Home Confessions

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on

February 19, 26,

March 5, 12, 19,

March 27th – Communal Penance Service

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 PM

March 29 - Holy Thursday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday – NO MASS

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 noon – 7 Last Words of Christ

2:00 p.m. – The Passion of Our Lord

3:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 p.m. – Livings Stations of the Cross

March 31 - Holy Saturday – One Mass

12:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena

1:00 p.m. – Blessing of the Food

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

April 1st - Easter Sunday 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon in Church

10:35 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. in McKenna Hall

COMING HOME

During Lent, all parishes in the Diocese of Paterson will have Confessions every Monday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

REMINDER: This will be the last Monday for the Coming Home Confessions. The last chance for confession before Easter will be on March 27.