

JUNE 24, 2018
THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

MONDAY

8:30 Special Intention of Simon Levien req. by Anna and Geronimo Families

TUESDAY

8:30 Maria Triano req. by Nora Simone

WEDNESDAY – Saint Cyril of Alexandria

8:30 Joseph Kovacs req. by Roger & Theresa Mueller

THURSDAY- Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 Evelyn Duffy req. by Bridget & Tom Manning

FRIDAY – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:30 Margaret A. Koenig req. by Joanne Koenig

SATURDAY - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:30 Judy Beebe (1 yr Anniv.) req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton

Ellen Nolan req. by her children

5:30 Joe Vozza req. by the Loyas Family

Mary Ann Hingel req. by her daughter, Betty Donnelly

JULY 1, 2018

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 People of the Parish

Edna Pietrucha req. by the Pietrucha Family

9:00 Barbara Longo req. by Joan & Kan Allert

Joseph Kovacs req. by his wife, Erika & Family

10:30 Grace Smith req. by Jennifer & Victor Nowak

Anthony Bello req. by Theresa Post & Dorothy Capasso

12:00 Joseph Kovacs req. by Ken & Kathy O'Rourke

PARISH FINANCES

JUNE 17, 2018 **\$ 9,671**

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND **\$ 2,186**



REFLECTION

The Birth of St. John the Baptist

What do you think is the most amazing thing about John the Baptist? His uncompromising zeal for the Lord? His clear, passionate preaching? Maybe his gift of self-denial, or the humility he displayed despite his fame.

How about this: that even as a fetus, John leapt for joy in the presence of Mary and Jesus. Imagine: Here was an unborn baby, barely aware of life outside of the womb, and yet the muffled, quiet sound of Mary's greeting filled him with the Holy Spirit and caused such a dramatic reaction.

This leap may remind us of Isaac's wife, Rebecca, who also felt an unusual amount of activity from the twins in her womb. Rebecca asked the Lord why this was happening, and he told her that something spiritual and prophetic was going on inside of her. King David also leaped before the Ark of the Covenant. He loved God so much he could not contain himself. The prophet Isaiah wrote that in the age to come, when the glory of the Lord is made manifest, the lame will leap for joy.

John's leaping shows us that there is a part of us that can recognize God, regardless of what we do or who we are. It's encoded into the way he made us. This ability to recognize the Lord is not limited to unborn babies or to great saints like John. It's in all of us, and it's something that the Holy Spirit wants to bring to life so that we too can recognize Jesus more deeply – and rejoice in his presence.

So on this great feast day, let's honor John the Baptist for all that he did for Jesus and for us. John truly is one of the greatest saints of the church. But let's never forget that the relationship between John and Jesus is something each one of us can experience. We can all leap for joy as we prepare this world for the coming of Christ the King!

From: *The Word Among Us*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 6/24/18 – 6/30/18

Sun.	Little Sisters of the Poor – Door Collection	
	1:00 PM Women’s Social	Cassidy Hall
Tues	9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
	7:00 PM Men’s Cornerstone	St. Joseph
Thur.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

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First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Isaiah tells how the Lord called to him from birth and gave him his name. He explains that although he thought he toiled in vain, his strength is in the Lord in Whose sight he has been made glorious. God made him a light to the nations so that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

John heralds the coming of Jesus by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. He says, “Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.” The children of the family of Abraham and those who are God-fearing have received the word of salvation.

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

Elizabeth gave birth to a son whom she named John. On the eighth day, when her neighbors and relatives came to circumcise the child, they wanted to call him Zechariah, after her father, but Elizabeth’s husband wrote on a tablet, “His name is John.” Immediately he spoke blessing God and the people became afraid. All who heard of the incident knew that the hand of the Lord was with John.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Second Reading: II Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43



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

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

High School & College Students Welcome
Monday Evenings
6:30-8:00 PM

9th and 10th Grade Confirmation Students and Parents

Current registration is now on the OLL website. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead! Should you have any questions, please contact Allison Ognibene at Allison@ourladyofhelake.org. First Sundays of the month will begin again in September. The calendar for the upcoming Confirmation session is also posted on our website.

NEW DOGMA MEMBERS

Summer Intensive Sessions. Sundays, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29. The new DOGMA team members will focus on leadership skills, peer facilitation, personal journey with God.

DOGMA TEAM RETREAT

Paths to Peace - Friday, August 10 to Saturday, August 11 at the Mohican Outdoor Center. The team will be hiking part of the Appalachian Trail, and will listen to talks about peace, prayer, and trust in God. The retreat is to prepare the team for the Confirmation DOGMA retreats. Fee \$10.00.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

Pancake Breakfast

Benefitting Military Wounded and Local Veterans at Saint Kateri Church, 427 Stanhope Rd., Sparta Sunday, July 8, 12:30 PM at St. Kateri Community Room Adults - \$10, Children under 12 - \$5.

Recovery Mass

The Shrine of Saint Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Rd., Stirling, NJ, hosts a monthly Recovery Mass on the second Saturday of each month from 12:00 – 1:30 PM. Following Mass, there is an Intercessory Prayer Session in the chapel where you can pray in community for loved ones still enslaved by addictions, and give thanks for those who have found recovery. For more information, call (973) 370-3784.

Friendly Visitors Needed

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey's Friendly Visitor program provides volunteers with a rewarding volunteer opportunity and homebound neighbors with a break from the social isolation that often comes from living alone or being homebound. Volunteers are matched with homebound residents in Morris County who could benefit from a friendly visitor. Volunteers visit on a regular basis and participate in activities such as playing board games, arts and crafts projects and reading. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at (973) 451-4128 or renderle@vnannj.org.

First Saturday, July 7 "You at Least Try to Console Me." World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd East., Asbury, NJ 08802, invites all. Honor Our Lady's plea of Dec. 10, 1925 requesting *Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation*. Confessions 10:00 am; Rosary w/15 minute meditation 11:30 AM; Holy Mass 12:00 Noon. **Celebrant Rev. Matthew Mauriello**; Enrollment in the Brown Scapular, Confessions 1:00 PM; Holy House: Fatima Video & Talk on Last Vision of Fatima 2:00 PM; Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: **"And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"** www.bluearmy.com 908-689-1700.

REV. BROWN SUMMER STEAM PROGRAM

Mark your calendars.

Beginning July 9th Reverend Brown School is offering a Summer Steam Enrichment Program for all grades Pre-K thru 5th Grade.

Price per student: \$220 per week.

Sign up for all 4 weeks and pay flat rate of \$800.

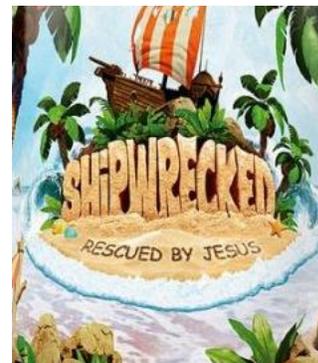
Want to send all of your children? Receive the multiple child discount.

Space is limited, so register early to guarantee your space.

For more information, pick up a brochure at the school or parish office.

Log on to www.revbrownschool.org. Click on Summer STEAM tab to get registration forms.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DON'T GET SHIPWRECKED!



LET JESUS BE YOUR ANCHOR!
Join us for Vacation Bible School
this summer

**Monday - Friday, August 6th-10th
9:30am till 12:30 pm.**

Looking for Pre-K through 4th graders and adult volunteers who are Virtus trained. Prayer, crafts, games, music, Bible stories and an awesome snack time! Registration sheets may be found on our website, at church office or call Angela Bell at 862-955-0222 or email her at huntermenna22@hotmail.com.





Church Attire in a Relaxed Culture



When news reporters cover a royal event in England, they are required to respect the proper dress code for formal occasions in the presence of the Queen. Those casually dressed are not admitted. Even in the relaxed atmosphere of the United States, there is still observed a proper dress code on certain occasions. For example, visitors observing the workings of the Supreme Court are told that they are not to wear inappropriate clothing.

For all practical purposes, however, Americans have adopted a very informal dress code. Except for state dinners, the Academy Awards and some weddings and funerals, America has gone casual. Even corporate America has lessened its rules for business dress every day. Whether traveling by plane or shopping at the local supermarket, people dress for comfort first. The relaxed, even rumpled look greets us everywhere.

The way we gesture with our hands, how we stand or sit and most certainly our facial expressions are all forms of non-verbal communication to those around us. And, so are clothes. Clothes communicate just as much as our words. The way we dress speaks volumes to others.

Long before we greet others, they see us. They notice how we are dressed. Already, our clothes are sending a message. They let others know whether we wish to be identified as male or female. They indicate our social position in the community. By the quality of our clothes, others can quickly assess whether we are poor or rich. But, there is more.

Clothes also signal our attitudes and values. Clean and unwrinkled, they show pride in self. Bright and festive, they show joy. Dark and sombre, they signal sadness. And, if their fit is close and scanty, clothes inevitably exude sexuality.

Sometimes individuals dress to conceal their body. Others, quite the opposite. Hem lines rise and fall, often with the temperature. Necklines plunge or climb. Waistlines expand and contract. Styles of clothes change from season to season, from occasion to occasion. With styles so quickly changing, it becomes more and more imperative to ask whether or not there can ever be a standard to judge the proper attire for church.

For those who attend church today, the informal, relaxed style of dressing has become most common. Flip-flops, shorts, sweatpants, T shirts, strapless dresses and skirts far above the knees are not uncommon for Sunday Mass. Even for the formal, once-in-a-lifetime occasion of a baptism or confirmation, there has been a wholesale buy-in to styles that, for their brevity, seem better suited to the beach or the nightclub!

It is a mistake to think that clothes do not matter. They do. Clothes can create an attitude. Uniforms, such as a police officer's or a nurse's, generate respect and safety. Our choices influence others, sending them clear messages about ourselves.

When we come to church, we come together with others. What do totally casual clothes say about our belief in God, our respect for his house or our own understanding of what true worship is all about? Dressing modestly for church never draws attention to self but leaves others focused on God, the center of all our worship. At what point is clothing simply too relaxed, too provocative, too revealing or too body-oriented for church? Is it even possible today to expect that modesty sets the standard for church attire?