

JULY 15, 2018

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- 8:30 Joseph Kovacs req. by Joseph Baumgartner
Family
Richard L. Wood req. by his wife, Nugie Wood

TUESDAY

- 8:30 Salvatore Vaccaro req. by Mr/Mrs Rocco
Sgarlato

WEDNESDAY – Saint Camillus de Lellis

- 8:30 Frederick Juhls, Jr., req. by Ann Jachts
Special Intention of Gloria Shope

THURSDAY

- 8:30 Dr. John Mazzaferre req. by his wife, Terry
Mazzaferre

FRIDAY – Saint Apolinaris, Bishop & Martyr

- 8:30 Frederick W. Juhls, Jr. req. by Carolyn Kerr

SATURDAY – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

- 8:30 Catherine Vanden Heuvel req. by Winnie
Charles
5:30 Antoinette DiSanti req. by Angelo DiSanti

JULY 22, 2018

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:45 Joseph O'Doherty req. by Jon Bober
9:00 Barbara Longo req. by Joan & Ken Allert
10:30 Annabelle & Gerard Nolan req. by the Nolan
Family
12:00 People of the Parish

PARISH FINANCES

July 1, 2018	\$11,383
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$2,584
July 8, 2018	\$ 10,763
Communications/Catholic Univ.	\$ 2,297

REFLECTION

Chosen By God

In June of last year, the United Nations estimated that there were 7.6 billion people living on Earth. In an even more jaw-dropping statistic, the Population Reference Bureau has estimated that approximately 108 billion people have lived on Earth since the beginning.

So can you imagine that before God created the world, in the midst of these 108 billion people who would live in it, he knew you perfectly and chose you to be with him?

When we hear that God chose us before the foundation of the world, it can sound so theoretical. We think of “us” as a universal group: God’s people. And while we are all part of this large group, we are not just anonymous members of the crowd. God’s love for us is not generalized. It is personal and specific. He loves you for who you are. He loves you in the best way you can be loved.

As overwhelming as this may sound, let this truth sink in today. Even if there were 100 trillion people, it doesn’t matter. You – with all your quirks and idiosyncrasies – were in God’s mind and in his heart from the beginning. He created you with a specific purpose, and he longs for you to be with him forever!

Here’s one way to ponder this amazing truth: take today’s second reading, and wherever you see the word “us”, substitute your name. For example, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed [your name] in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose [your name] in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him” (Ephesians 1:3-4). Reread the whole passage slowly a couple of times. Proclaim it out loud. Let God expand your understanding of how much he loves you. Then bask in that love today.

From: *The Word Among Us*



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 7/15/18 – 7/21/18

Mon. – Fri. – Rev Brown Summer Steam Program

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

12:00 PM Legion of Mary Curia Cassidy Hall

8:00 PM AA McKenna Hall

LITURGY

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah (priest of Bethel) ordered Amos to leave Bethel and never prophesy there again. Amos replied that he had not been a prophet, but was a shepherd until he was called by God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Paul exults God's immeasurable generosity as he recounts all the blessings that have been bestowed upon all God's people. We all became adopted children of God when we heard the message of truth Christ brought to us, and because of it, believed in him.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus gave the twelve disciples authority over unclean spirits and sent them out to preach and heal the sick. He advised them to bring nothing with them and to shake the dust from their feet of any town where they had not been welcomed. Jesus wanted them to understand what they would need to do in his place after his death.

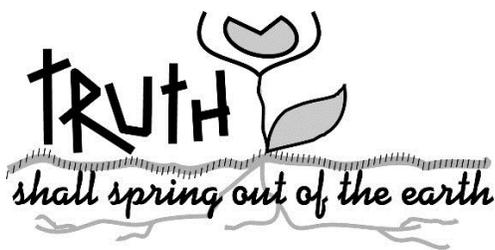
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34



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 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.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

RCIA is for

- Those who have never received Christian baptism,
- People baptized in a Christian tradition other than the Catholic Church, and
- Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. We encourage one another to put our faith into action by living as part of our Catholic community, serving others and praying. Our RCIA sessions prepare our participants to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8:30 pm starting September 12th. For information please contact Deacon Jim McGovern at (973) 864-7669, jamesmcgovern34@gmail.com.

SUMMERTIME, VACATIONS AND MASS



If you are traveling to new territory and don't know the Mass schedule there, it is easy to find out. Go to www.masstimes.org on the computer and you can find the schedule for places around the country and the world.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

BLOOD EMERGENCY: our local blood supply has reached a critically low level. Patients need your help NOW! Remember that one donation will help save 3 lives! Join us at Saint Kateri's Summer Blood Drives on Saturday, **July 21 or August 18** from **7:45am to 1:45 pm**

Eligible blood donors are between the ages of 17 to 75, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. Schedule your appointment at www.tinyurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives. Walk-ins are always welcome. Call Mary Stanek at 973-770-0429 for more information.

Assumption College for Sisters
200A Morris Ave, Denville, NJ

Theology and Philosophy Courses
August 22 – December 18

Th 101 - Sacred Scripture I

Th 202 - Sacramental Theology

Th 204 - Spiritual Theology

Ph 205 - Historical Intro to Philosophy

For more info on dates, times, and tuition, please go to Web: acs350.org or call 973-957-0188 Ext. 102

Dominican College

470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY

An information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate degrees including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2018 and Wednesday, August 8, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Prusmack Center, 2 Campus Drive, Orangeburg, NY. These events will provide an opportunity to learn about our programs and to meet our faculty and admissions counselors. Information about financial aid, grants and scholarships will also be available. To register for the next Info Session go to adult.dc.edu.

St. Joseph Thrift Shop

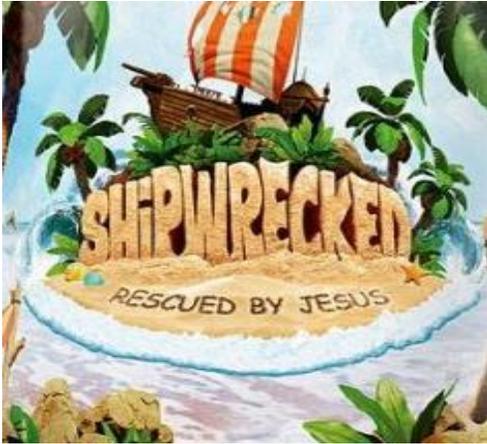
24 Halsted St., Newton.

St. Joseph Church Thrift Shop, located in the church basement at 24 Halsted St., Newton, is having bag sales on all men's, ladies, and children's clothing. The sales will run from July 12 until July 28. The shop hours each week are Thursdays and Fridays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Saturdays from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM. The Shop also sells many other items at the regular low shop prices. Come for a wonderful shopping experience.

Enjoy Grocery Shopping?

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey House Calls for Groceries (HCG) provides grocery shopping assistance on a weekly or biweekly basis to homebound residents in Morris County. Once matched, volunteers contact the HCG client to schedule a mutually convenient time to grocery shop. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator at 973-451-4128 or renderle@vnannj.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**DON'T GET SHIPWRECKED!
LET JESUS BE YOUR ANCHOR!**

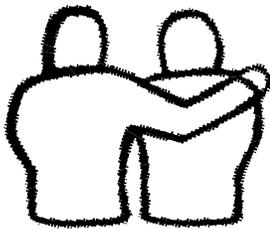
**Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer
Monday - Friday, August 6th-10th
9:30am till 12:30 pm.**

Children entering PreK4 – 4th grade. Prayer, crafts, games, music, Bible stories and an awesome snack time! Registration sheets may be found on our website or at parish office. Registration fee \$50/child. Make checks payable to: Our Lady of the Lake Church, Memo: VBS 2018. Mail or drop off at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 294 Sparta Ave., Sparta.

Adult volunteers who are Virtus trained are needed, call Angela Bell at 862-955-0222 or email her at huntermenna22@hotmail.com.

AN INVITATION

The Parents' Support Group of Our Lady of



the Lake Parish invites you to attend a Day of Spiritual Reflection for parents of deceased children on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Parish Center. It will

begin at 8:30 AM and will finish 3:30-4:00 PM. The cost of this retreat will be \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and includes lunch and snacks. For more information, please call Judy Bosworth at (973) 729-4629.

Thank you!

from the Little Sisters of the Poor

Dear Father McDonnell,

Just a quick note to thank you for allowing us to invite your parishioners to aid us financially with our apostolate of caring for the Elderly in need of help.

They have given generously and we took home over \$3,800.00! I will send a total amount after giving time for the envelopes to arrive.

Please convey our gratitude. As always every one we met were so friendly.

Be assured of our prayers as you guide the faithful to a path closer and closer to Christ encouraging them towards a loving relationship with Him.

In Christ,

St. Genevieve, LOP

St. Cecilia, LOP

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 15, 2018**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise and glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved."

A lengthy introduction to Saul's letter to the Ephesians, not revealing his own identity, but that of all Christians. Through Christ we have been gifted with so much including His choice of us with our calling to be holy, that is, living in His grace and friendship.

Identity is so important. We hear so much about identity theft. Here we learn that we are not only especially chosen, but adopted giving us all the rights and privileges which are given as our inheritance. They cannot, in the words of Pope Francis, be taken from us. As I recognize my special identity and status, I ask that I move beyond self and see those same gifts in others. Made in His image and likeness, I want to be able to join with them on my journey, as they too share in the same gift and destiny.