

JULY 22, 2018

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY – Saint Bridget

8:30 Mary Hardy req. by Denise Aldana
Tomas & Ana Henriquez req. by the Hernandez Family

TUESDAY – Saint Sharbel Makhluf

8:30 Mary & Vito Mazzaferre req. by Terry Mazzaferre

WEDNESDAY – Saint James, Apostle

8:30 Special Intention of Simon Levien req. by Anna & Geronimo Families
Special Intention of Arline Sharpe

THURSDAY – Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Joseph Kovacs req. by Joseph Baumgartner Family

FRIDAY

8:30 Joan Keough req. by Winnie Charles

SATURDAY

8:30 Mary Ann & Jack Hingel req. by Denise Aldana
5:30 People of the Parish
Steve Swentzel req. by Jay Tirone

JULY 29, 2018

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Pearl Collins req. by Joan & Bernie Beihl
9:00 Lillian Lombardi req. by the DeMaura & Kirby Family
10:30 Louis Withey req. by John & Carol Taormina
12:00 Filomena Rosalinda Donati req. by Joanne & Anthony Morin

PARISH FINANCES

July 22, 2018 \$ 11,500

Next Week's second collection is for our Diocesan newspaper, The Beacon.



ARIMATEA MINISTRY

WHO ARE WE?

Our Lady of the Lake Parish's Arimathea Ministry is named for Joseph of Arimathea who took Jesus' body from the cross and buried it in his own tomb. Members of this ministry support and assist the family and loved ones of deceased parishioners to plan the funeral Mass.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Those who support this Ministry volunteer to meet with family and loved ones of the deceased in the parish office building and assist the family in planning the funeral Mass. We help the family select the readings and hymns for the funeral Mass several days prior to the funeral service. Additionally, we attend the wake and give the family a Mass card, prepare the Church for the funeral Mass and attend the Mass as a representative of the Arimathea Ministry. There is also a Mass for all the deceased members of our parish once a year in November.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES THIS TAKE?

The funeral planning meeting, attending the wake, preparing the Church, and attending the funeral Mass, takes approximately three hours over the course of a couple days.

HOW OFTEN WILL YOU BE CALLED UPON TO SERVE?

In general, you will be asked to serve about once a month.

Volunteer Information. If you are available during the day and could sometimes assist, please consider volunteering. This is an opportunity to practice one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Training will be provided. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Patricia Wegener at (973) 670-6807.

By Kathleen Thomas

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 7/22/18 – 7/28/18

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
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall



LITURGY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

In this passage, God denounces false leaders who have scattered his people. He promises that they will be reunited and led by one who is just and wise.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Paul explains that through Jesus Christ, there is no longer hostility between Gentile and Jew. Instead, through the Spirit of Christ, both groups become one body and are equal in the eyes of God.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles returned after their first mission and told Jesus what they had done and taught. He told them to rest, but the people kept coming to them. So they went to find a private place, but the people learned where they were going and arrived first. Jesus felt sorry for them and decided to teach them instead of resting.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: II Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

MUSIC MINISTRY

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 Allisono@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, and their 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.

Journey through RCIA

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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, Eucharist, and Confirmation 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 and you can find the schedule for places around the country and the world.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES



Food Collection

SEC CHILDREN'S SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Sparta Ecumenical Council Children's Summer Lunch items will be collected on the following weekends:

July 28-29

August 25-26

Items such as cans of tuna, soup, fruit, meal-in-a-can, Jell-O, pudding, cereal, mac & cheese, cookies, etc. are most appreciated. Please place your donations in the Food Pantry closet in Cassidy Hall.

Thank you to all who have been donating to this program so generously.

THANK YOU UPDATE

Dear Fr. McDonnell,

On behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor and our Residents here at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, I would like to thank you and your parishioners for the generous donations amounting to **\$4,686** in response to our recent Door Collection at Our Lady of the Lake Church.

Jesus promised that we will always have the poor with us. But he went even further than that, identifying himself with the poor: "Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Seeing Jesus in those who suffer is a matter of faith; loving them is a measure of our love for God himself. We ask the Lord to give us eyes of faith and hearts ready to love him in the poor.

The Little Sisters of the Poor and our Residents truly appreciate the friendship and support from you and your parish community to the Little Sisters mission of serving the elderly. May God bless you all.

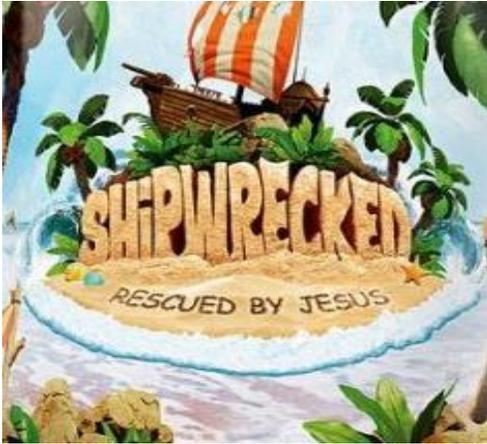
We will keep you and your parishioners in our daily prayers. Monthly Masses are also offered in all of our Homes throughout the world for the intentions of our Friends and Benefactors.

Gratefully yours,

Sister Lorraine, I.s.p.
Little Sisters of the Poor

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Support Group for Visually Impaired By Anthony Piccirillo



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

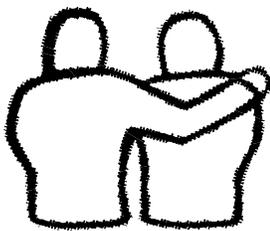
**Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer
Monday - Friday, August 6th-10th
9:30am till 12:30 pm.**

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 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.

To my knowledge, the group was created by Susan Vanno, LSW. Susan works for the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Meetings are on every Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Knoll's Senior Center in Sparta, New Jersey.

Claudia, who runs the daily meeting, is an inspiration and is very knowledgeable about the subject – she is totally blind! Her mastery of technology with her voice commands and aggressive attitude about life is outstanding.

What has the group done for me?

Just a little background about me. I have 45 years of working with large mainframe computers and I am a lover of model trains. I am a member and past officer, Secretary-Treasurer, before becoming visually impaired. The NMRA/Garden State Division for twelve years, was and still is a great organization for all ages. I suffered an optical stroke in my right eye in 2012, and then in my left eye in 2014. I CAN NOT DRIVE.

At my first meeting, I could not read a book, the print was too small, even with my 7.5 magnifying glasses. Claudia said, "I am surprised, being an experienced technology person, on your iPhone get an app to take a picture of the pages, and the app will talk through the pages." She was right, download the app and LISTEN to the book. 150 pages.

Claudia said "do you like to read" – I responded "YES". Then she gave me the number for the NJ Library Congress for the Blind. A free service for visually impaired and blind to access 90,000 novels and magazines. They have most of your favorite authors and magazines online – James Paterson, Michael Connelly and many others. I have heard over ten novels!

I decided to sell my older trains on E-Bay, and downloaded a novel, "How to Buy and Sell on EBAY". The first month, I sold \$500 worth.

My wife suffered a stroke in 2017. I cannot drive. With group discussions, I knew I could get transportation from Sussex County Transport for free, and through Catholic Charities for a small fee. My wife is fine now; she has recovered and now she drives me to my train shows, *for a small fee!!*

My daughter's dog, Nala, ate my hearing aid. The Commission helped to provide hearing aids at a much lower cost.

In summary, it is all about meeting people and communication. I will not name all the people at the session, you have to come to learn and appreciate them. They all have an experience to help all of us. It is uplifting and supportive. It is a resource you cannot do without. ☺