

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Christine, Tom, Alexis, Samantha, Huber

TUESDAY

8:30 George Sax req. by his wife, Regina
Charles Catalano req. by June Trinh

WEDNESDAY – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Shirley DiBenedetto req. by the Mattucci Family
Brother Peter Scalise req. by Peggy Nicolini

THURSDAY – THANKSGIVING DAY Saint Cecilia, Martyr

9:00 Harold McGovern req. by the McGovern Family
John P. DeLaura III req. by Bette & Kate DeLaura

FRIDAY – Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr, Saint Columban; BI Miguel Agustin Pro, Martyr

8:30 Eleanor Hennessey req. by Laura DeSena
8:30 Special Intention in Thanksgiving req. by the Dirle Family

SATURDAY – Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 Michael Donnelly req. by his wife, Betty
8:30 Special Intention of Rita & John Scanlon req. by the Dirle Family
5:30 Charles Catalano req. by Judge & Mrs. Peter Conforti
Jose Bonelli req. by the Albuquerque Family

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:45 People of the Parish
9:00 Charles Catalano req. by Robert Bodo
10:30 James N. Costello req. by Joan Costello & Family
12:00 Special Intention of Simon Levien req. by Anna & Geronimo Families

PARISH FINANCES

November 11, 2018	\$ 9,691
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,024

REFLECTION

Of That Day or Hour No One Knows

When Jesus said that “no one knows” when the Second Coming would happen, was he saying that even he didn’t know? It sure seems that way. Maybe he was reminding us that he had submitted to the limitations of being human, just like us. Yes, he was fully divine, but he was also fully human. And that entailed certain limitations. This is why Luke tells us that Jesus was always increasing in wisdom “before God and man”.

Today, however, Jesus knows when he will come again. The problem is, we still don’t know!

Repeatedly throughout history, people have tried to predict the end of the world. St. Paul thought it was just around the corner. St. Hippolytus of Rome and St. Irenaeus of Lyon thought it would happen in AD 500. John Wesley, the first Methodist, thought the end would come in 1836. Many Christian leaders – and no shortage of psychics – have also weighed in. Not surprisingly, many of these people then calculated the dates after their first predictions didn’t come true, only to have their followers disappointed again.

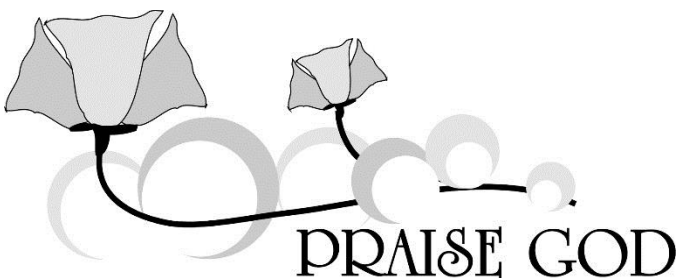
Some believers are more cautious. They tell us that we will see specific clues when the time is near. They point to certain signs – a war in the Middle East, a drought in Africa, earthquakes in Peru, or some other disaster. When those signs occur, it means that Jesus is very near.

Still, no human being knows when Jesus will come. It could be today. It may not be for thousands of years.

St. Francis had a different take on the subject. Once, when he was working in the garden, a friar asked, “What would you be doing now if you knew that Jesus was coming back today?” Francis replied, “I would keep hoeing my garden.” Francis knew he was trying his best to be ready, and there was nothing more he could do.

The point is, Jesus will come. So our best answer is the same as it has always been: be ready.

From: *The Word Among Us*



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 11/18/18 – 11/25/18

Sun.	1:00 PM Cruise Meeting	Cassidy Hall
Mon.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	6:00 PM K of C Thanksgiving Dinner	McKenna Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Class	Library
	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 PM Bible Study (DVD)	Cassidy Hall
	7:30 PM Parent Support	St. Francis
Wed.	7:00 PM R.C.I.A.	St. Benedict
Thurs.	NO BINGO	
Fri.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	7:30 – All Day – CYO Basketball	Gym
	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sun.	11:00 AM-9:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel discusses the end of the world, a time when the dead shall rise and everyone will be judged. He warns that some shall “be an everlasting horror and disgrace.” But he promises that some will live forever, and the wise will shine brightly to lead others to justice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Priests repeatedly offered sacrifices that were unable to take away sin. But through Jesus' one sacrifice, our sins were forgiven, leaving no need for other offerings.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus told his disciples that many signs would be seen before the end of the world. He explained that the earth would pass away but his words would not. He also told them that neither the angels nor himself, but only his Father knew when this would take place.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

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.*



WE ARE FORGIVEN

This week the young people of the parish preparing for reconciliation reflected on the story of the prodigal son and the forgiving father. Each time we pray the Our Father we are reminded of God's forgiving love and our call, as children of God, to share that forgiving love with others. How do we as a parish welcome people unconditionally with a heart filled with joy?

DO YOU NEED A SPIRITUAL “TUNE-UP”?

“*Keeping The Fire Alive: Navigating Challenges In The Spiritual Life*” is a video presentation given by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM and is being offered here in Cassidy Hall on Tuesdays at 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Follow-up discussion and fellowship should make for an enriching experience. All are welcome.



SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 AM 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

ATTENTION TEENS - Need service hours?

Come to the FIRST SUNDAY each month. Join us at the 12:00 pm Mass, followed by lunch, fellowship and a service project at the Church. From 1 - 2:30 PM in youth group room.

Sunday, December 2

RSVP - allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org

MEET NEW FRIENDS!

OLL Youth Group - all high school teens and college students are welcome. Join us every Monday from 6:30-8:00 PM. Meet new friends, talk about faith, play some board games and outside games, listen to music and enjoy snacks.

NORDIC KNIGHTS OCEANIC CRUISE



Join Father David and Our Lady of the Lake parishioners for a presentation on sailing the Nordic

Knights on Oceanic Cruises from July 22nd to August 4th 2019 -visiting Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark, and London. Presentation will be on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 1:00 PM in Cassidy Hall. Contact Dan Scully 973-534-6462 or Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Invitation from St. Mary's Abbey

Father Paul Turner, from the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, will lead a special talk on "A Deeper Appreciation of the Catholic Mass" on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Abbey Church, Morristown. This presentation explores how some overlooked rubrics of the Mass present a unified vision of Eucharistic theology. Learn more deeply why we do what we do when we come to Mass.

SIXTH GRADE SUNDAY MORNING CLASS



Pictured is the 6th grade Sunday morning Religious Education class of Mrs. Morter & Mrs. Woolen with posters they made explaining the meaning of putting FAITH FIRST by responding to:

*Traits I expect in a good friend,
Saying No!,
Biggest Impact on my life,
Loving your neighbor as yourself,
Knowing right from wrong, &
Relationships that help me grow*

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Our Catholic faith is one of beauty and hope, mercy and joy. But for too many people across the country, there are few opportunities to learn about and deepen that faith. Even the most basic programs are out of reach because of fragile financial situations, tough terrain, or small populations of Catholics. Recent Distribution of Funding – In 2017 the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supported:

4.6% Strengthening Marriage & Family Life	\$ 420,000
13.5% Cultural Diversity	\$1,250,000
22.5% Priestly & Religious Vocations	\$2,080,000
30.7% Diocesan & Parish Assistance	\$2,655,000
28.7% Faith Formation	\$2,835,000

One does not need to go far to find mission territory: it is right here at home. But your support for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) can make a difference. Next Sunday's Second Collection is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

HERE I AM, LORD!

2018 BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals – with a total of over \$700,000 being returned to parishes last year alone! Please help your neighbors in need and our parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org

ADOPT-A-FAMILY – GET NAMES TODAY

We still have some families left to adopt. After the 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 Masses on Sunday, Nov. 18th, please stop by Cassidy Hall and consider shopping for families in need. Thank you all for your generosity! Many blessings!



The bag drop-off will be on Saturday, December 8th in McKenna hall from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Come to McKenna Hall, drop off the bag and enjoy some live music and sweet treats.

THANKSGIVING PIES FOR MANNA HOUSE



Again this year we will be collecting pies to donate to the Thanksgiving Dinner at Manna House. Please drop off a big pie (not frozen please) for Manna House on **Tuesday, November 20th** in Cassidy Hall. Manna House will be serving dinner as well as 100 Meals on Wheels. Thank you!

25th Annual Marquette Council Thanksgiving Family Dinner, Monday November 19th at 6:00 PM

McKenna Hall (Rev Brown)
Turkey and all Trimmings, Coffee, Tea and Dessert
\$5 per Person or \$15 per Family

Please RSVP to:
Bill Rudloff 973-945-6049
rudloff1@verizon.net
Bill Provost 201-788-6309
cofopro@yahoo.com
Ray Convey 973-886-7173
rconvey66@gmail.com



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Father David, Father Marcin and the Parish Staff wish you all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving weekend.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- Advent begins on December 2nd. Sign up now for the lighting of the Advent Wreath at Sunday Masses. You can find the sign up binder in the vestibule of the church.

- Take a Little Blue Advent Booklet which you will find on the tables by the church exits. It is filled with Advent meditations.

- See the trifold brochure in today's bulletin for information on upcoming events in our parish during Advent.
- Don't forget to come to our Christmas Concert on December 9th at

COME TOGETHER ONE AND ALL TO HEAR THE VOICES NO ONE HEARS

On **Saturday, December 1st** Our Lady of the Lake, with the aid of our Confirmation and local high school students, will bring "Christ in Christmas" to life. This event in the spirit of the true meaning Christmas, brings together young children ages 5 through 10 to build Teddy Bears for the children in homeless shelters in the Sussex County area. This year the bears will be donated to our 200 families



currently resident at homeless shelters in Sussex County. We invite you to join us in **McKenna Hall from 2 to 3:30 PM**, as a parish family for Christmas cheer and spirit. So, please save the date, watch the bulletin, check our parish home page of the OLL website at www.ourladyofthelake.org. Let us now you are coming – register at <https://2018christinchristmas.eventbrite.com>

Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church 294 Sparta Ave., Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Lake is a Roman Catholic Community founded in tradition and based on our faith in Jesus Christ. With the help of the Holy Spirit we share the message of God's love with all. Through our ministries and school, we strive to address spiritual, social and educational needs. We are nourished by the Eucharist, enlightened by the Word and guided by our devotion to Mary, Our Lady of the Lake.

Rev. David McDonnell	Pastor
Rev. Marcin Bradtke	Associate Pastor
Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio	Deacon
Mr. James McGovern	Deacon
Elizabeth Heldak	Director of Religious Education
Allison Ognibene	Conf/Youth Director
Krzysztof Kowalewski	Music Director
Denise Aldana	Social Ministries
Lori Kelly	Bookkeeper/Secretary
Joanna Mattos	Secretary

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday	5:30 P.M.
Sunday	7:45, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 Noon

Weekday Masses

8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Masses

8:30, 9:30 A.M. (except August 15th), and 7:00 P.M.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 and at 6:30 P.M.

Novena

Miraculous Medal Devotions: Saturday 8:30 A.M.

Eucharist Adoration

Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Parish Membership

Our Parish Family invites all its members to participate fully. If you move to another Parish, or change your address, please notify us.

Please see our website for more information.

www.ourladyofthelake.org

Won't you please register at the Parish Office, Monday-Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Parish Office & Rectory	(973) 729-6107	Fax (973) 729-7203
Religious Education Office (on weekdays)	(973) 729-6107	
E-Mail	info@ourladyofthelake.org	
Web Site	www.ourladyofthelake.org	
School Offices		
Rev. George A. Brown (Pre-K to Gr. 4)	(973) 729-9174	
Pope John XXIII Middle School (Gr. 5 to 7)	(973) 729-1967	
Pope John XXIII High School (Gr. 8 to 12)	(973) 729-6125	