

**January 13, 2019**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**MONDAY**

8:30 Special Intention of Marisol Cabote & children req. by Anna & Simon  
 Chuck Krueger (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) req. by his wife and family

**TUESDAY**

8:30 Valerio Fonovic req. by the Cornerstone Seven Sisters  
 Maria V. Rodriguez req. by Manny & Ana Hernandez

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 Todd Forbes req. by Bob Kirby & Family

**THURSDAY – Saint Anthony, Abbot**

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Philip & Linda Salmeri & Family

**FRIDAY – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**

8:30 Raymond McCarty req. by Fajardo Family

**SATURDAY**

8:30 Adele Quinn (Missionary for Legion of Mary) req. by Legion of Mary

5:30 Arthur J. Carson req. by Christine Cornish  
 Charles Hillenbrand req. by Family

**JANUARY 20, 2019**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:45 Joseph Pietrucha req. by Family  
 Rose Barcewski req. by Martha Maneri  
 9:00 Alexandra Labrum req. by Nancy & Ed Murzenski  
 10:30 Charles Catalano req. by Stephen & Mary Ellen Ryan  
 12:00 Timothy Walters req. by Jay Tirone  
 People of the Parish

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>December 30, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 11,201</b>
<b>The Beacon</b>	<b>\$ 1,543</b>
<b>January 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 2,959</b>
<b>January 6, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 11,389</b>
<b>Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)</b>	<b>\$ 2,872</b>
<b>November – We Share</b>	<b>\$ 9,103</b>
<b>December – We Share</b>	<b>\$ 12,625</b>



**REFLECTION**

**WASHED CLEAN IN BAPTISM**

I have fond memories of our parish trip to the Holy Land, and visiting the River Jordan. I remember it was a very hot day and it was refreshing to step into the cool waters of the river, and be taken aback at the thought that it was in this river that Jesus was baptized. I blessed my fellow parishioners with holy water and we renewed our baptismal promises.

I thought of the crowds coming to John for a baptism of repentance, to ready themselves to meet Jesus, the Messiah. How surprised he must have been when Jesus came to him and humbly submitted to be baptized. By allowing himself to be baptized, Jesus was immersing himself into our lives. He was one of us. Jesus, Emmanuel, came to us, lived with us, prayed with us and even allowed himself to be tempted like us. It was only natural that Jesus should extend his identity with us to being baptized like us.

Which brings us to our own baptism. Some early Christians compared baptism to *grafting*. They saw farmers graft a twig from one tree to another, allowing it to draw new life from the new tree. In a similar way, by baptism we have been grafted into Christ's body, the Church, and are now sharing the very life of Christ. In other words, we grow and become one with Christ by imitating him.

We treat others with respect because that is how Christ treats them. We forgive others from the heart because that is how Christ forgives them. Because of our union with him through baptism, he depends on us to teach and preach and heal after his example. Once someone asked God: "What are you doing for the poor and the needy of the world?" And God answered: "I created you."

Today, as we leave Church, we bless ourselves with holy water as a reminder of our baptism, when we were set free from sin and washed clean in its waters. Let us leave today with the final words of the Mass ringing in our ears: Go forth in peace to love and to serve the Lord.

Sincerely,

Father David

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/13/19 – 1/19/19

Sun.	11:00 am-9:00 pm CYO Basketball	Gym
Mon.	5:00 pm CYO Basketball	Gym
Tues.	5:00 pm CYO Basketball	Gym
Wed.	5:00 pm CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 pm RCIA	St. Benedict
Thurs.	5:00 pm CYO Basketball	Gym
	6:45 pm BINGO (nonsmoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 pm Women's Cornerstone	St. Joseph
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
	NO AA	
	6:30 pm K of C Wing Ding Dinner	McKenna Hall

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

### Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

### Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir loft.

Contemporary Choir practice takes place every Saturday at 4:30 pm in the St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursday 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 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.



### WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF ME?



How do I know if this is really of God and not simply my imagination? **DISCOVERING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WILL FOR ME** is a six-session video presentation given by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM and is being offered here in Cassidy Hall at 7:00 to 8:30 pm, starting January 22 and every Tuesday thereafter. Follow-up discussion and fellowship should make for an enriching experience. All are welcome.

## 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.

RSVP - [allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org](mailto:allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org)



Members of the OLL Dogma team went bowling to celebrate the end of the year. They are getting ready to run the retreat. If you would like to be a part of the Youth Group, email [AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org](mailto:AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org). Meet new friends, share your faith, and have fun!

### 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.

**ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND PARENTS:**

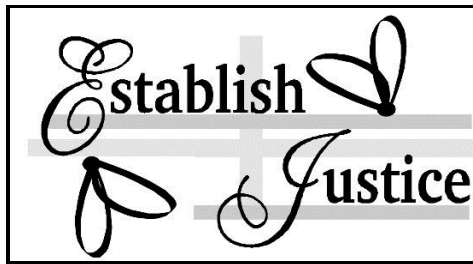
**First 10th grade mandatory DOGMA RETREAT**  
**January 25, 26**

Friday, January 25 - 7 pm to 10:30 pm at McKenna Hall  
Saturday, January 26 - 7:45 am at McKenna Hall, ending with Mass at 7:30 pm.

**Second 10th grade mandatory DOGMA RETREAT**  
**February 22, 23**

Friday, February 22 - 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm at McKenna Hall  
Saturday, February 23 - 7:45 am at McKenna Hall, ending with Mass at 7:30 pm

**February 9**  
**9th grade retreat McKenna Hall** - 2:30-6:30 pm



**FINANCE**

**AMAZON.COM TO HELP OUR PARISH**

If you're shopping online please keep in mind that if you make purchases through Amazon.com, you can help our parish by using the link on our website ([www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org)). The church gets a little money back for every dollar that people spend on Amazon using our link. To find the link, scroll down on our main webpage and you'll see Amazon on the lower right side. Click on it, and then click on the large Amazon icon.

**PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

**Pope John XXIII High School, Sparta**

**7:00 to 9:00 pm**

***For young men in high school or college, or even older.***



Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship... and of course, pizza. For more information, please contact

the vocation Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. 711.

**WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE**

**Saint Kateri Blood Drive**

New Year Resolutions. We all have one or two things we promise ourselves to make things better for us or someone else. Wouldn't it be awesome if the #1 resolution this year is GIVE BLOOD! One pint donated can save up to 3 lives. **Our next Blood Drive is January 19th** and we'd love to see some new faces. Last month 81 donors shared their gift of life - we're really hoping to see 100 donors walk through our doors on the 19th.

**March for Life Bus Trip to Washington D.C.**

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

Come join us for our annual pilgrimage to give witness to the Beauty of Life. The cost is only \$10.00. Children and students are free. Bus leaves after the 6:00 am Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville and leaves Washington for return trip around 3:30 pm The bus will make a food stop along the way and on the way back. Call Our Lady Queen of Peace office at 973-948-3185.



**Stress in Your Marriage?**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? **RETROUVAILLE** is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Secretariat of Pastoral and Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 8-10, 2019**. All inquiries are confidential. For further facts, kindly contact the Family Life Office (732) 243-4573, Rich (732) 236-0671 or Annette Colusuonno (732) 672-0748.

**NORDIC KNIGHTS OCEANIC CRUISE**



Join Father David and Our Lady of the Lake parishioners on a cruise on the Nordic Knights of Oceanic Cruises from July 22<sup>nd</sup> to

August 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 -visiting Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark, and London. Contact Dan Scully at [Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com](mailto:Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com) or 973-534-6462.



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COUNCIL #588**

**WING DING  
AWARDS DINNER**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019**

**6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**McKenna Hall**

**Dinner - \$10.00 per person includes:**

*Chicken Wings, French Fries, Cole Slaw,  
Soft Drinks & BYOB*

**Music by Almost Ghost**

Featuring: Frank Belardo, Bob Musto & Craig  
Wilson

Beer and Wine Tasting

Sponsored by *The Liquor Factory*

Join us for Music, Dancing, Laughs, a  
Magician & Community Service Awards

Presented by the Knights of Columbus

For Additional Information Call:

Ray Convey (973) 886-7173

Gary Kolakowski (973) 271-8828

Bill Rudloff (973) 945-6049

For additional information and tickets, please  
email: [Digital.knight@kofc588.org](mailto:Digital.knight@kofc588.org)

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**2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

***Here I am, Lord!***

If you have not yet responded to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2018 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2019. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at [www.2018appeal.org](http://www.2018appeal.org).

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

**The Baptism of the Lord  
January 13, 2019**

"The grace of God has appeared, saving all, and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, and to await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people of his own, eager to do what is good."

How fortunate for Titus to receive an encouraging letter from Saint Paul. As we bring the Christmas season to a close as Jesus' baptism takes place, we too are encouraged to make the instruction our own. Yes, Jesus has come and still lives among us. We are challenged each day to abandon godless ways and focus on keeping our eyes on Jesus.

If life was difficult for Paul's friends, how much more challenging it is for us, surrounded by the internet, porn, material and consumer attractions, drawing us in a different direction. How clear are Paul's words asking us to live temperately, when so many have nothing, to live justly, in a society which wishes to get ahead and put others down, and devoutly, when many look down on people with religious devotion, customs and traditions.

Paul knew his society and we are so aware of ours. Why not take the virtues Paul recommends and meditate on one each day. May this help us to become eager to do what is good.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree for Birth Haven. The gifts you so generously donated were delivered on January 7<sup>th</sup> to Birth Haven and they were very happy and grateful to receive such beautiful, practical gifts.



*Birth Haven is an independent, nonsectarian, non-profit organization that provides shelter, support, and education for homeless, pregnant women and girls. The program operates a transitional living facility in Newton and can house 9 mothers and their babies at any given time. Most residents are between the ages of 17 and 21, and represent the fullest diversity in race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, and life circumstances.*