

## January 20, 2019

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### MONDAY – Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 Special Intention of George and LuAnn Sensale req. by Anna & Simon  
Robert Tierney req. by Genny, his wife

#### TUESDAY

8:30 Special Intention of Virgie Dizon & Family req. by Anna & Simon

#### WEDNESDAY - Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope

8:30 David Jeffrey req. by the Redshaw & Azzolina Families

#### THURSDAY – Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 Ted Kershaw (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) req. by Maureen

#### FRIDAY – The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:30 Special Intention of Simon Jude Levien req. by Mom & Geronimo Families

#### SATURDAY – Saint Timothy and Saint Titus

8:30 Deceased members of the Legion of Mary Worldwide req. by the Legion of Mary  
5:30 Norman Matz req. by Mike & Pat Valle  
Jerome Stehr req. by Family

## JANUARY 27, 2019

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Maxine Doyle req. by the Scanlon Family  
People of the Parish  
9:00 Terry Ryan req. by Pat & Ray Convey  
10:30 Daniel Diesso req. by the Diesso Family  
Clare Clark req. by Kathryn Clark  
12:00 William McNamee req. by the Balemian Family  
George Nekich req. by Thes Ferrer & Angel Barrios

### PARISH FINANCES

January 13, 2019	\$ 9,370
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,180



## REFLECTION

### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Although the season of Christmas is over, I hope that its spirit continues into the New Year. We still bask in its afterglow: the excitement in the air, the smiles that come more easily, and the courtesies extended on the road and in the shopping mall. I see the tree in the Church vestibule arrayed with baby items for Birth Haven, and our Church beautifully decorated as parishioners participate in our Christmas Liturgies.

As the season comes to a close, we reluctantly put the decorations in storage for a future Christmas, giving thanks to God for the blessings that are ours. However, in the process of storing these treasures safely, I hope that we hold onto the spirit of the Christmas season, and bring it with us into the year that is unfolding.

Let us continue to treasure the gift of our families. Since Jesus was born into the human family, he has reminded us of how important it is. I asked a few altar servers last Sunday what their favorite Christmas gift was. The first response took me by surprise. "My most important gift was my family," she said without hesitation. It's something worth thinking about as we continue our journey.

During the past few weeks, we have been mindful of those who are in need. The circumstances surrounding the birth of Christ speak to us of those in difficult situations. We allow the spirit of Christmas to continue when we reach out to those who need our help throughout the year. It's heartwarming to receive letters of thanks from those who have benefited from your generosity.

Over these past few weeks we have been celebrating the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. He is Emmanuel – God-With-Us. Let us hold onto that reality, so that the New Year will find us growing in our love for Christ, taking the time to pray, and reflecting on his Word. We have welcomed him as a vulnerable infant; now let us welcome him as he grows up and shares his life with us.

Each year we go through the ritual of putting the Christmas things away – ornaments, trees, creches etc. But let us not put away the spirit of Christmas, because we have come to realize that it is too important to be stowed away.

Sincerely,

*Father David*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/20/19 – 1/26/19

Sun.	11:00 am-9:00 pm CYO Basketball	Gym
Mon.	5:00 pm CYO Basketball	Gym
Tues.	9:00 am Bible Study	Library
	5:00 pm CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00-8:00 pm Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
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
	10 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Retreat No AA	McKenna Hall
Sat.	7:30 – All Day – CYO Basketball	Gym
	9:00 am Legion of Mary NO AA	St. Benedict

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

### Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

## 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)

### 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.



### 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.

## WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

### Trip to the Holy Land

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, NY is hosting a trip to the Holy Land – October 16-24, 2019. Fr. Richard Champigny, O.Carm will accompany the group. Brochures with complete itinerary are available at the Shrine. Trip information session will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Dr., Middletown, NY 10940. Please call Carol Bezak at (845) 343-1879 or Collette Tours at 1-800-581-8942 and refer to booking #885437 if you plan to attend this session.

### Public Meeting - 2/21 Community Outreach: Immigrant Trust Directive and Bias Crimes

February 5, 2019, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Parish House, 65 South St., Morristown, NJ 07960. Presented by: Morris County Prosecutor's Office, Sussex County Prosecutor's Office, NJ Office of the Attorney General.

### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by *Rev. William J. Reilly*

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 20, 2019

"There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding...the mother of Jesus told him 'they have no wine.' His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever he tells you.'...and his disciples began to believe in him."

It is easy to remember the first miracle as told by John. Like all weddings there was an invitation, and they were present. A near crisis caused Mary to intervene. She directed the difficult moment to be converted into a miracle, instructing the waiters what to do. Using what was at hand, water and jars enabled Jesus to transform the situation. The result was a newfound belief for those who accompanied Him to the wedding.

We too are invited to be with Jesus at the Eucharistic banquet. Jesus directs us 'do this in memory of me' and our own faith is strengthened and renewed by His presence. Mary knows the crises in our lives, of family, injustice, illness. Although the words spoken by Mary in the scriptures are the last we read, she too speaks to us 'do whatever he tells you.' Her presence and intervention or intercession in our behalf still has meaning 'pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.'



January 8, 2019

Our Lady of the Lake Church  
294 Sparta Ave.  
Sparta, NJ 07871

Dear Friends,

Thank you for so generously supporting Birth Haven's mission to provide shelter and support to homeless pregnant women. Birth Haven is a non-profit 501©3 organization, and this donation is tax-deductible as allowable by law.

Your most benevolent donation as well as baby and mom items, ensures we can continue to welcome homeless, pregnant women and girls into a warm, loving home. Your generosity guarantees that we are able to provide vital services to those who need it most, including case management and counselling, as well as parenting classes, childbirth education, and a food pantry. Your donation to Birth Haven is an investment in the future. On behalf of all our mothers and our Birth Haven babies, thank you.

If you have any questions at all about our program or your contribution, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

  
Tina Magatino  
Executive Director

*Thank you for your continuous support and generosity!*

**You are invited to...**  
**An evening with the Sisters**  
**For high school young women**  
**Friday, February 8, 2019**  
**6:00 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Academy of Saint Elizabeth**  
**2 Convent Road**  
**Convent Station, NJ 07961**

Join us for dinner, prayer, activities, and a chance to meet Sisters from many different religious congregations.

R.S.V.P. by February 5, 2019 to  
Sr. Maryanne Tracey, SC  
mtracey@scnj.org  
(973) 290-5325

## STARTING IN 2019, BIG CHANGES COMING TO POPE JOHN

New courses offered at  
Pope John XXIII Middle School:

Grade 5:

- *Innovation*

Grade 6:

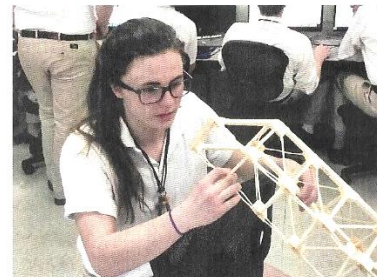
- *Energy and the Environment*
- *Green Architecture*

Grade 7:

- *Computer Science for Innovators and Makers*



**The Catholic Academy of Sussex County**  
Rev. George A. Brown Memorial School—PreK-4  
Pope John XXIII Middle School—Grades 5, 6, 7  
Pope John XXIII Regional High School—Grades 8-12



Pope John XXIII Regional High School offers elective science tracks in

Biomedicine  
Computer Science  
Sustainability  
Engineering

- Introduction to Innovation
- Principles in Biomedical Science
- Innovation in Biomedicine
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A
- Cybersecurity
- Engineering Principles
- Computer Integrated Manufacturing
- Engineering Design and Development
- Introduction to Sustainability
- Ethics and the Environment
- Land Use, Environmental Planning & Urban Design