

FEBRUARY 24, 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

8:30 George Nekich req. by Jon Bober

WEDNESDAY

8:30 John Bosworth req. by Judy & Bill Bosworth
Mike Morelli req. by his family

THURSDAY

8:30 Carmen Triano req. by Peggi Nicolini

FRIDAY – World Day of Prayer

8:30 Carmen Triano req. by Rita & John Scanlon

9:30 Lance Sharp req. by faculty & staff of Rev. Brown School

Shirley Fitzpatrick req. by the Castro family

SATURDAY

8:30 Carmen Triano req. by the Dirlle Family

Mely Ponio req. by Anna & Simon

5:30 Delia McDonnell req. by Fr. David McDonnell

MARCH 3, 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Special Intention of Ann Meeker and family req. by the Scanlon family

9:00 Mary Chipman req. by Pat Convey
People of the Parish

10:30 Matthew Lanigan req. by the Macios family

12:00 Joseph Marrone req. by Phyllis Marrone
Cynthia & Robert Dunderman req. by the 7th grade CCD class & 9th grade Confirmation class

PARISH FINANCES

February 17, 2019

\$8,859

Next week's second collection is for our parish maintenance (H.E.L.P.)

REFLECTION

Sheathing the Sword

When David spares Saul's life, it's noteworthy, but not unusual. Gilgamesh had done as much in an ancient Babylonian epic. Following that long tradition, King T'Challa in the film *Black Panther* saves his rival, who later returns the favor. These deliberate pivots can't be logically explained. What causes them? Clearly there's more to human nature than cutthroat vengeful tribalism.

Research shows that humans are hardwired for compassion. Infants as young as 42 *minutes* copy their mother's facial expressions, an empathetic behavior. Taking another's perspective is a developmental milestone. Helping others elevates oxytocin (the "feel-good" hormone) in the blood stream. Psychologist Carl Jung says that attraction often hides within opposites; so someone who seems radically antithetical has much to teach. The challenge is to find the divine presence even in the enemy. In every "other" the sacred spark flares.

But we usually flaunt weapons other than spears; our opportunities for restraint are more likely to surface at the family dinner or the committee meeting than the battlefield. We're tempted to use the shield of indifference, the stab of negativity, or the guillotine of sarcasm.

Then we remember Corinthians: We bear the image of the "earthly one" and the "heavenly one." Jesus calls us to our finest nature: Quit judging; give without expecting reward; resist cruelty and stupidity. Science proves there are added benefits: the measure we use for giving will return to us in chemical bodily responses, perpetuating the cycle of generosity.

Kathy Coffey, *Give Us This Day*



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 2/24/19 – 03/03/19

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| Sun. | 11:00 am-9:00 pm CYO Basketball | Gym |
| Mon. | 6-8:00 pm RB & Middle School 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. Lucy |
| Thurs. | 5:00 pm CYO Basketball | Gym |
| | 6:45 pm BINGO (nonsmoking) | McKenna Hall |
| Fri. | 6-8:00 pm RB & Middle School Basketball | Gym |
| | 8:00 pm AA | Cassidy Hall |
| Sat. | 7:30 – All Day – CYO Basketball | Gym |
| | 9:00 am Legion of Mary | St. Benedict |
| | 6:30 pm K of C Mardi Gras | McKenna Hall |
| | NO AA | |
| Sun. | 11:00 am-9:00 pm CYO Basketball | Gym |

LITURGY

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

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

STUDY OF THE SAINTS

Where are you in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ? How often and how intimately do you converse with God? For a relationship so vital, could your prayer life use a little tune up?

St. Teresa of Avila tells us: **“Prayer is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends”.**

Please join us on **Thursday evenings, beginning March 14, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in Cassidy Hall**, for our next “Study of the Saints” discussion group opportunity

Develop a better understanding and plan for your own personal growth in prayer.

- Learn how to better prepare yourself before prayer.
- Realize more personally, with whom you speak and for what you ask.
- Understand the importance of prayer, through the prayer Jesus Himself taught us.
- Take part in candid discussions and practical sharing with fellow parishioners.

Participants will need to purchase ahead of time, then read along with us as we discuss, “The Way of Perfection (The Study Edition)” prepared by Kieran Kavanagh, OCD, obtainable through ICS Publications (or Amazon). **EVERYONE is 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.



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 video presentation given by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM and is being offered here in Cassidy Hall at 7:00 to 8:30 pm, every Tuesday. Follow-up discussion and fellowship should make for an enriching experience. All are welcome.

GOD IS KIND



AND MERCIFUL

LENT 2019



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Ashes will be distributed at Mass at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm and at the Prayer Service at 4:00 pm.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of strict Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at 7:00 PM during Lent.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

WELCOME HOME CONFESSIONS

All parishes in our Diocese will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Monday of Lent from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The dates are, March 11, 18, 25, April 1 and April 8. There will be no confessions on Monday, April 15th. **Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be on Tuesday, April 16th beginning at 7:00 pm.**

IMPORTANT 2019-2020 CONFIRMATION CHANGES

Bishop Serratelli has granted us permission to lower the age of receiving Confirmation starting in the 2019 - 2020 school year to grade 8. Receiving Confirmation earlier will enable high school students to better participate in our parish community by serving as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Youth ministry to name a few.

As next school year will be the transition year, provisions will be made to have grades 9 & 10 also confirmed here at Our Lady of the Lake. We trust this change will greatly benefit the young people of our parish.

YOUTH GROUP

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.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Family Promise of Sussex County

Family Promise of Sussex County is seeking a volunteer who is interested in assisting with transportation to and from host locations on an as-needed basis. We are seeking a volunteer with a clean driving record, and will run a background check on anyone interested. If you are available or interested in hearing more, please email or call the office at (973)-3579-1180 and ask for Meghan or Tara.

Saint Joseph Thrift Shop Half-Price Sale

24 Halsted St., Newton, Open Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am-4:00 pm and Saturday from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. We're having a half-price sale on all clothing and shoes for men, ladies and children. The sale begins on February 14 and will continue until further notice. The shop sells many other items at very low prices. Please stop by for a wonderful shopping experience. For more information, please call Anne Kappelmeier at (973) 383-3921.

Free Retreat at Blue Army Shrine – March 2nd

674 Mt. View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ 08802; 11:30 am to 3:30 pm "Heart of Mary – Hope for the World, Uncovering the Fatima Message." All are welcome to the studio audience free retreat which will be filmed with Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM. Fr. Hugh will be presenting the final two talks in our Fatima series: Reparation for sinners and the charism of St. Jacinta, and Consecration to Mary as lived by Servant of God Sister Lucia. Free event, but please respond to dorothy@bluearmy.com or 908-689-1700 x224.

Emmaus Retreat – March 8 to 10, 2019

The Emmaus ministry of St. Francis de Sales invites all men to join them for a weekend with Rev. Msgr. James O'Rourke as they explore building a brotherhood of Catholic men. It will take place at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, Newton. Fees: \$210 (Full); \$160 (Commuter). Make checks payable to St. Francis de Sales. To register, send your name, address, phone# and email with full payment to Joanne Matthes, St. Francis de Sales, PO Box 785 McAfee, NJ 07428, before February 28th. Please plan to arrive at Sacred Heart Center between 5 & 7 pm the evening of Friday, March 8th. For more information please call

Divine Mercy Conference - April 6, 2019.

9:00 am to 5:30 pm at Cardinal Spellman High School in Bronx, NY. Featured speaker, Fr. Frank Pavone. For information and registration: TheDivineMercy.org/Bronx 1-800-462-7426.

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 22nd to August 4th 2019 - visiting Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark, and London. Contact Dan Scully at Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com or 973-534-6462.



ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT 2019 MARCH 23RD

Always a great event, and a highlight of the year, St. Patrick's Night 2019 promises to be even more enjoyable. In addition to our top notch sit-down dinner and entertainment, there is now a NEW, TICKET PURCHASE PROCESS, including payment by credit card. Folks enjoy sitting with family and friends, so tables will now seat 8 instead of 10 for your comfort, and you can reserve less than a full table.

✿ Reserved seats: any reserved seats not paid for within 14 days of reservation will be released for purchase by others.

✿ Reserved seating ends March 1st. After that you will need to purchase your seat(s) outright.

Ticket sales close on March 15th.

✿\$35.00 per person✿

Thanks a million. See you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARDI GRAS PARTY SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

6:30-10:30 pm

\$20.00 per person (BYOB)

For Tickets call Don Reichert – (973) 271-6005



CAN YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS?



We have Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday beginning after the 8:30 Mass until 7:15 pm. At 6:45 there is the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy followed by the Evening Prayer and Benediction. Come join us in adoring Christ in the Eucharist. This is a good way to feel closer to Christ. Everyone is welcome!



NAME IN VAIN FORGIVENESS CAMPAIGN

A SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY

A LENTEN OPPORTUNITY – SO SIMPLE – SO DOABLE – SO BENEFICIAL!

For the fourth year in a row, we are asking all parishioners to participate in our parish-wide, "Name In Vain Forgiveness Campaign." It is a very easy yet effective way to exercise your love of God and love of neighbor during Lent. Here's how it works - any time you hear someone taking the name of our Lord in vain, you **silently yet sincerely** pray a simple, one sentence prayer on behalf of that person, to ask for God's mercy. Namely, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

We will provide you with a card containing the prayer and simple instructions, as well as a "Name In Vain" wristband or "Name In Vain" wooden nickel, to help you remember during Lent. All you need to do is wear the wristband or keep the prayer card or the wooden nickel in a place where you will see it every day as a reminder. Then, as you go about your normal day, any time you hear anyone taking the name of the Lord in vain, immediately pray this one-sentence prayer for him or her, in the silence of your heart. It's that simple!

Please join us and take the cards, wristbands and wooden nickels as reminders. Take more for your family and friends. They will be available near the exits of the church the weekend of March 3rd through Ash Wednesday while supplies last.