

**MARCH 24, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

MONDAY – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 Special Intention of Simon Jude Levien req. by Mom and the Gorospe families
Charles Novak req. by the Novak Family

TUESDAY

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Bridget & Tom Manning
John Curcio req. by his grandchildren

WEDNESDAY

8:30 John & Catherine Hofbauer req. by Anne Laughlin

THURSDAY

8:30 Tom Curtis req. by Maureen

FRIDAY

8:30 Valerio Fonovic req. by Tracy Zeller

SATURDAY

8:30 Lucretia Hamilton req. by her husband, Tom Hamilton
Msgr. Paul Knauer req. by Anna & Simon
5:30 Patricia Dalzell req. by the DeGasperis Family
Francesca Zarelli req. by her niece, Carol Siro

**MARCH 31, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:45 Christina Siedler req. by Angela & Dave Sharone
Scott Tucker
9:00 People of the Parish
Frank Kiers req. by Ray & Pat Convey
10:30 Carmen Triano req. by Mae Catalano
Liberata Mannisi req. by the Donnelly Family
12:00 James Marrone req. by Phyllis Marrone
Albert Henry & Launa Weibel req. by Anna & Simon

PARISH FINANCES

March 17, 2019

\$ 10,133



REFLECTION

God's Mercy and Kindness

In today's Gospel Jesus comments on two hot topics of discussion – two tragic incidents that had recently occurred. The first of these concerned the killing of some Galileans while they were offering sacrifice, probably in the Jerusalem temple at Passover. Pilate was notorious for his brutal attitude towards the Jewish people and the practice of their faith. The second incident was probably a construction accident at the Siloam Reservoir at Jerusalem, resulting in the death of eighteen people.

Sadly, then as now, such random and tragic events were interpreted as divine retribution. People of a religious fundamentalist persuasion often claim God's judgement in a way that is cold, callous and erroneous – be it the terrible outbreak of AIDS in the early 1980s or the attack on the World Trade Center Towers in New York in 2001. Terrible human tragedies are interpreted to suit people's poor theology.

This has its roots in the Old Testament. In the book of Job, for example, Eliphaz, in a wonderful spirit of self-righteous condemnation, says to poor Job: 'Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed? As I have observed, those who plough evil and those who sow trouble reap it. At the breath of God they perish...'

Jesus rejected this teaching and sought to correct it. On one occasion, on encountering a blind man he was asked by his disciples, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' But he immediately corrected this heresy: 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents...' Jesus taught that good fortune or disaster, blessing or curse, success or failure is no indication of our spiritual state before God because God causes his sun to shine on all of us, the righteous and the unrighteous. Today isn't the time to cast aspersions or accuse or make assumptions about how God thinks or acts because today is the time for repentance. God's mercy and kindness gives us time to repent and change, but one day we will be required to give an account of our lives to the living God.

From: *Bible Alive*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/24/19 – 03/31/19

Sun.	Altar Server Commissioning Caring for God's Creation	McKenna Hall Library
Tues.	9:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Diocesan Finance Meeting 7:30 pm Men's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall Library
Wed.	7:00 pm RCIA 7:00 pm Bible Study	St. Francis St. Joseph
Thurs.	6:45 pm BINGO (nonsmoking) 7:00 pm Confirmation practice 7:00 pm Women's Cornerstone 7:30 pm Study of the Saints	McKenna Hall Church St. Joseph Cassidy Hall
Fri.	9:15 am Liturgy meeting 7:30 Confirmation NO AA	Library Church
Sat.	9:00 am Legion of Mary 11:00 am Memorial Mass for Msgr. Paul Knauer 12:00 pm Repast NO AA	St. Benedict McKenna Hall
Sun.	8:30-11:30 am K of C Breakfast Buffet	McKenna

LITURGY

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Increase your understanding of Holy Scripture by attending Bible study at our parish center. Special emphasis will be placed on Sunday Scripture readings and how they connect to daily living. Meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Saint Joseph room. All are welcome.

LISTENING

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist reflected on listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us. How do we as a parish listen attentively to the word of God and allow the spirit of love to transform our hearts and our minds – our very lives?

STUDY OF THE SAINTS

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

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

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!

LENT 2019

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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 **AND**

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.**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT DATES

Please pray for the candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 pm.

Families whose loved ones are making the Sacrament of Confirmation, please mark your calendar for important dates:

Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm – rehearsal with students and their sponsor at the Church. If the sponsor is unable to be there, please have a parent in their place.

Friday, March 29 – Sacrament of Confirmation

Students must arrive at 6:30 pm in McKenna Hall. Sponsors should be seated by 7:15 pm in the church. 7:30 pm – Sacrament of Confirmation begins. Should you have any questions please contact AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HAITI SHIPMENT



Once again we have an opportunity to send supplies to our sister parish, Our Lady of the Nativity in Haiti. We are looking for donations of school supplies: notebooks, pens, pencils, construction paper, etc. Please NO crayons. We will also be accepting donations of new or gently used backpacks and new or gently used sneakers (children and adult). There will be a box in Cassidy Hall for you to place the donations. Items will be collected through April 17th. Questions? Please call Pat at (973) 222-6532.

YOUTH GROUP

#OLL_Lent

Each week take a photo of your Lenten Experience. Use the hashtag #OLL_Lent

3/25 – A Peaceful Spot
4/1 - Laughter
4/8 – Helping Others
4/15 – Cross
4/21 - Rejoice

Lenten Challenge for High School

High school students who are sophomores, juniors and seniors are welcome to attend the Youth Group Weekly Lenten Challenge Monday's at 6:30 to 8 pm. Food, Faith, Fellowship.

MINISTRY FAIR

Calling on Confirmation and High School Students and Parents - Our Lady of the Lake (OLL) is holding a Ministry Fair – "Making Disciples" in McKenna Hall on March 31, from 10 to 11 am. Our Lady of the Lake students making the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2019-20 are required to do 10 hours of volunteering in ministry at OLL and 5 hours of mission work of your choice. Parents are welcome to participate in a ministry! High school students needing service hours are also welcome to attend. The ministries include: Adopt-a-Family; Altar Server; Building Crew; Carnival; Catechist; Christ in Christmas; CCD teacher assistant or hall monitor; Care for God's Creation; Contemporary Choir; Eucharistic Minister; Greeting Committee; Haiti Ministry; Joyful Noise; Knights of Columbus; Lector; Usher; Youth Group; and more! Questions? Contact AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT – APRIL 5TH & 6TH



Cornerstone is a simple idea, but its impact has been profound. Thousands have attended Cornerstone weekend retreats through their Parish Communities. Come see for yourself! Pick up a brochure/registration form in church. Participate as much or as little as you choose. Questions? Please contact Bill Bosworth (973)729-4629 or Tom Gallagher (973) 600-6095.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE BLOOD DRIVE

Did you know that 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives? Donate Blood at St. Kateri Parish in Sparta on April 13th from 7:45 am to 1:45 pm. Eligible blood donors are between the ages of 17 to 75, with a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. Schedule your appointment at Tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS. Sponsor Code 15978. Walk-ins are always welcome. Call Mary Stanek at (973) 770-0429 for more information.

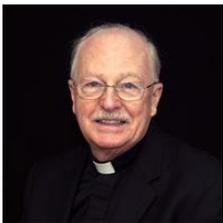
HELP FAMILIES AT EASTER!



The Adopt-a-Family Committee is carrying on the theme of "Families Helping Families." We have some local families in need of help this Easter. We will be collecting SPECIFIC food items and gift cards.

We will have signup sheets for specific food items in the vestibule after Masses on the weekend of April 6th & 7th. Food can be brought to Cassidy Hall after the Masses on April 13th & 14th or brought to the church office. If you can't sign up in person, you may contact Tracy Zeller at (402) 910-4324 or tracyzeller@live.com.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR MSGR. PAUL F. KNAUER



There will be a Memorial Mass for Monsignor Paul F. Knauer on March 30, 2019 at 11:00 am. Father Paul was Pastor here at Our Lady of the Lake from 1995 to 2009 when he was made Pastor of St. Lawrence the Martyr Church in Chester. He retired in 2014.

He passed away on March 8th after a long fight with cancer, and his funeral was held on March 14th at Saint Lawrence the Martyr Church in Chester, NJ. The Knights of Columbus #588 have generously offered to provide refreshments after the Mass in McKenna Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are having an "All you can eat Breakfast" in conjunction with Ministry Day on March 31st, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at McKenna Hall. All proceeds will benefit our Seminarian Program. Cost is \$9.00

adult/\$8.00 senior/ \$6.00 Children 12 and under / \$25.00 for family of up to 5 members. All are invited to attend.



We love having you as part of our flock!

Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email & text



This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. See future bulletins for information on how to sign up.

On the Road with Father David! Alaska Cruise and Denali National Park Tour July 6-July 17, 2020



Join Father David on an 11-night, 12-day trip of a lifetime to Alaska's Inside Passage and Denali National Park. We will visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay (Very nice in July!), Hubbard Glacier (Also

very nice in July!), Seward, Denali National Park, and Anchorage. We will cruise the Inland Passage where we will see magnificent glaciers and go whale-watching. The area is noted for humpback whales, beluga whales, whale sharks (orcas), porpoises, and dolphins. We will explore Denali National Park and see Mt. McKinley, which, at a 20,000 ft. elevation, is second only in elevation to Mt. Everest, at 29,000 ft. We will ride on the official Alaska Railroad, visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, and even visit an Iditarod Dog Musher! **For more information, call Judy and Bill Bosworth, 973-729-4629.**

FINANCE

Our Lady of the Lake Parish
Profit & Loss
July 2017 through June 2018

Jul '17 - Jun '18

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
A. Offertory and Regular Receipts	\$ 902,184.39
B. Stipends and Stole Fees	42,624.90
C. Bequests and Donations	19,228.50
D. National Collections	37,502.91
E. Bishop's Annual Appeal Rebate	7,300.00
F. Partners in Faith Rebate	12,461.23
G. Rental Income	1.00
H. Religious Ed Inc/Youth Ministry	81,640.44
I. Fundraising Income	33,495.10
K. Other Income	21,022.29
K.1 Pass Through / Reimbursements	<u>-3,227.90</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,154,232.86
Expense	
L. Personnel	\$ 444,244.16
M. Benefit Costs	188,034.12
N. Extra Clergy	4,775.00
O. Cost of Provisions	23,380.65
P. Religious Ed Expense	14,982.37
Q. School Tuition Assistance	4,975.00
R. Assessment Paid	75,554.00
S. Utilities	44,239.64
T. Building or Repair Costs	129,308.97
V. Other Expenses	<u>173,629.96</u>
Total Expense	\$ 1,103,123.87
Net Ordinary Income	<u>51,108.99</u>
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**The above represents the Diocesan standardized chart of accounts. Section V includes various liturgical, office, and rectory expenses as well as payments for *Diocesan collections* and *The Beacon*.