

MARCH 31, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MONDAY

8:30 Jack Sheahan req. by Bridget & Tom Manning
 Maria Triano req. by the Simone Family

TUESDAY – Saint Francis of Paola

8:30 Mark Grunert req. by Bridget & Tom Manning
 Frank Burnett req. by Jim & Mary Ellen Forneris

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Sally Anthony req. by Bridget & Tom Manning
 Maxine Mountjoy req. by Frank & Valerie Belardo

THURSDAY – Saint Isidore

8:30 Louise Kelly req. by Tom & Elise Adams
 Scott Tucker req. by the Dirlle Family

FRIDAY – Saint Vincent Ferrer

8:30 Richard Gouger req. by Ruth Sumski
 9:30 Lance Shays req. by Rev. Brown Faculty & Staff
 Fay Vaccaro req. by Rev. Brown Faculty & Staff

SATURDAY

8:30 John Paul Charles req. by Winifred Charles
 Jerold Kobrick Levien req. by Anna & Simon
 5:30 Brian D. Low req. by the DeGasperis Family
 Ronald P. Smith req. by Valerie & Bruce Steltzer

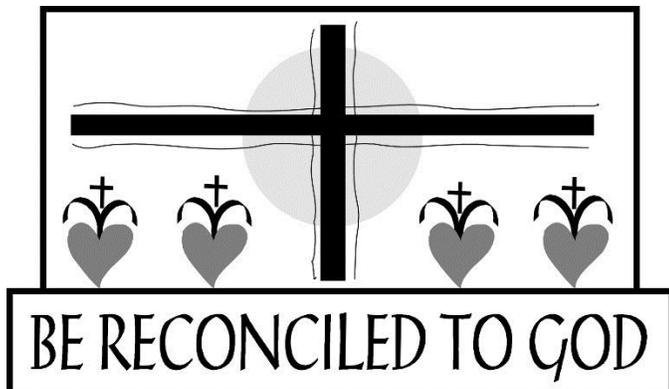
APRIL 7, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:45 Carmella Martino req. by Judy Dunn
 John Curcio req. by Martha Palossy
 9:00 Liz Convey req. by Pat & Ray Convey
 Special Intention of Sofie Maria Iden & Sara Donna Iden req. by Daniel & Ewa Iden
 10:30 People of the Parish
 John Jaskula req. by the Donnelly Family
 12:00 Emily Amatucci req. by Phyllis Marrone
 Cynthia & Robert Dundermann req. by 7th grade CCD & 9th Grade Confirmation Classes

PARISH FINANCES

March 24, 2019 **\$ 9,955**

Next Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)



REFLECTION

He Waits With Open Arms



Isn't it ironic that this story, which is one of the best loved in all of Scripture, has a somewhat misleading title? Rather than calling it the parable of the prodigal son, we should call it the parable of the forgiving father. This is not a story only about one son. It's a story about two sons and their father. And as a parable,

this story tells us about our heavenly Father's infinite love for us.

The parable of the prodigal son has two distinct goals: it shows us that God wants everyone to know his love, and it shows us that God wants those who know his love to experience it more deeply.

In a sense, the prodigal son was "dead" because of the sins he had committed when he was away from home. But the moment he came back, it's as if he had come back to life. Jesus used this fellow to describe people who have not accepted the love that God has for them. They need to turn and come home to him. They need what we would call an "initial conversion."

These are the people God asks us to lift up in prayer in a special way – especially our loved ones who are far from the Lord. May they all experience an initial conversion!

The prodigal son's older brother, however, was already "alive." He was faithful and hardworking. But he also needed a conversion. He may have been obedient to his father, but a lot of sinful thoughts still occupied his mind. This fellow needed "ongoing conversion," a deeper turning away from his habits of resentment, anger, and self-righteousness.

Even if we believe in Jesus, pray every day, and go to Mass regularly, we still need ongoing conversion. We can be trying our best to live good lives and to care for our families. But we can fall into judgmental, self-righteous, self-centered way of thinking. And so God asks us to keep turning to him for help and healing.

God welcomes home everyone who comes to him. No matter how big or small our sins, he is always waiting with open arms.

From: *The Word Among Us*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/31/19 – 04/07/19

Sun.	8:30-11:30 am K of C Seminarian Buffet	McKenna
Mon.	6:30 pm Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues.	9:00 am Bible Study	Library
Wed.	7:00 pm Baptism Class	St. Francis
	7:00 pm RCIA	St. Lucy
	7:00 pm Bible Study	St. Joseph
Thurs.	6:45 pm BINGO (nonsmoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:30 pm Study of the Saints	Cassidy Hall
Fri.	7:00 pm Filipino Mass	Cassidy Hall & YR
	8:00 pm AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 am Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 pm AA	McKenna Hall
Sun.	8:00-11:30 am Caring for God's Creation	McKenna
	1 – 3:00 pm Rev. Brown School Open House	

LITURGY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

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

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

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.

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.

THANKSGIVING

This week the young people who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on their gifts, which are blessings from God. At the Eucharist (a word meaning "to give thanks") we thank God for all his gifts and blessings. How do we as a parish help others develop such a grateful heart?

YOUTH GROUP

#OLL_Lent

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

4/1 - Laughter

4/8 – Helping Others

4/15 – Cross

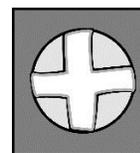
4/21 - Rejoice

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.

STUDY OF THE SAINTS

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. **Everyone is welcome!**



If you are in
CHRIST
you are a new
Creation

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

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

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.**

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR MANNA HOUSE

All the food we collect during the month of April will be given to Manna House. Manna House is located in First Presbyterian Church in Newton and provides free lunch to anyone who feels the need of its service.

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.

MINISTRY FAIR TODAY!

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

*Come
Follow Me*



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

Summer Week-Long Catholic Family Retreat

Marianist Family retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ . Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning June 29 through end of August. July 15-20 – Special Single-Parent Family Week. To sign up or for more information visit or call 609-884-3829 or www.capemaymarianists.org.

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

First Thursday Retreat, April 4th. Theme: Holiness is for Everyone. Topic, Challenges to Holiness in Today's World. \$15 suggested offering. No need to pre-register. All are welcome. Call 973-383-2620 or email shretreatcenter@gmail.com for more information or visit our website: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org.

O.L. Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Canada

Monday, June 10th – Friday June 14th. We will leave Monday morning from Queen of Peace, Branchville by bus and arrive in Three Rivers, Canada. We will be staying at the Shrine of O.L. of the Cape for 4 nights. The Pilgrimage includes a day trip to Montreal & St. Joseph Oratory along with a stop in Quebec City and the Basilica of St. Ann de Beaupre. Cost \$490 per person Dbl occupancy & \$725 per person single occupancy. You will need a passport. Visit www.OLQPBranchville.org to register. Registration deadline: April 10th 2019. For more information (973) 948-3185.

FILIPINO MASS

The Filipino Mass will be on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 pm in church. Fellowship will follow in the Youth Room. All are invited.

BAPTISM CLASS

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. A preparation class for the parents of the children to be baptized is held the second Monday every other month at 7:00 p.m. The next class will take place on Monday, April 8th in the St. Francis Room in the Parish Center. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend.

WANT MORE? BE MORE AT POPE JOHN!



Pope John will be hosting an academy-wide Open House on Sunday, April 7th between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. The event is open to all families with children in PK3 to Grade 11. Come learn about the academy's 20/20 Vision and our new tuition structure for next year. Contact the

Office of Admission to learn more and to RSVP at (973) 729-6126 or admissions@popejohn.org.

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.



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.**

MARQUETTE COUNCIL # 588



13th Annual Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner

Friday, April 12, 2019

6 PM to 8 PM

Take-out available starting at 5:30PM

Our Lady of the Lake

McKenna Hall

Sparta, NJ

Adults (Ages 8 years and above) - \$14.00 each

Seniors (65+) - \$10.00

Children under 8 - \$6.00 each

Coffee, Tea and Dessert included

Tickets at the parish office (973-729-6107) or at the door

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part of our flock!

Let's keep in touch! Get important
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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 and our website to sign up. (www.ourladyofthelake.org)

RELEVANT RADIO ELEVATE

2019 NATIONAL CONFERENCE – JUNE 22ND

See inspirational show hosts IN PERSON at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901. (Patrick Madrid, Host of the Patrick Madrid Show, Fr. Richard Simon, Host of Father Simon Says; Drew Mariani, Host of The Drew Mariani Show; and Fr. Matthew Spencer, Host of St. Joseph's Workshop.) Register at RelevantRadio.com/Events. For sponsorships and program advertising opportunities, contact Mary Radford at mradford@relevantradio.com or 610-505-8376.

A WORD OF THANKS



"Many people came together to make St. Patrick's Night 2019 a fine evening for our parish family. Thank you to the many volunteers who served before, during and after the gathering to make things more enjoyable for everyone....and to everyone who was there, thanks for joining us for St. Patrick's Night!"