

**FEBRUARY 14, 2016
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

MONDAY – President’s Day

8:30 Gus Combos req. by Judith & Geoff Zoeller
Mr. Al Key req. by Nancy Kehoe Lennon

TUESDAY

8:30 James Ellis req. by Judith & Geoff Zoeller
Katherine & Walter Reilly req. by the McGovern Family

WEDNESDAY – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 Special Intention of Michael & Phyllis Marone req. by Linda & Philip Salmeri

THURSDAY

8:30 Elba Robelen req. by Lillian & Joseph Lombardi

FRIDAY

8:30 Matilde Herrera req. by Elizabeth Kadkoy

SATURDAY

8:30 Gail Tucker (1st Anniv.) req. by Lee & Eileen Simmons

5:30 People of the Parish
Edward Ceccacci req. by the Frick Family

**FEBRUARY 21, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:45 Eleanor Beihl req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl

9:00 Members of the Purgatorial Society

10:30 James N. Costello req. by Nancy Ruvo
Zenon Tomczyk req. by Ewa Wilgan

12:00 Special Intention of Stephanie & Michael Sensale & Family req. by Anna & Simon

5:00 Karin Takacs req. by Paul Austin

PARISH FINANCES

February 7, 2016	\$ 11,649
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 3,015
February 8, 2015	\$ 10,890
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 2,905



Believe the Good News
JESUS IS LORD

REFLECTION

**INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION:
The Embrace of God’s mercy**

With the keen eye of a pastor and the skillful pen of a journalist, G. Jeffrey MacDonald has offered an unusual critique of religion in America. In his book, *Thieves in the Temple*, he surveys many of the Protestant mega-churches dotting our religious landscape today. He notes that their worship services, while including traditional forms of Christian worship, place a high priority on entertainment. Even their church structures resemble a multiplex theater or mall.

MacDonald relates his own experience, attending Sunday worship at the Hope Community Church in Newburyport, Massachusetts. At the beginning of the service, the words of Psalm 51, David’s prayer of repentance, were projected on a large screen. Karaoke-style, the faithful sang the words to the tune of canned music booming over a state-of-the-art sound system. Bobbing their heads and tapping their feet, people swayed to the music and chanted, “I have sinned against you. I have done evil in your sight.” For many, this was such an uplifting, exhilarating way to be absolved of one’s sins.

MacDonald saw this as “cause for serious concern.” Why? Is not confession of one’s sins part of the Christian experience? Yes, it is. But, confession, rightly understood, is part of the soul-wrenching experience of authentic repentance. Conversion is deeply personal. “The soul needs time to marinate in deep regret... American culture offers precious few opportunities to admit guilt... If the Church strips confession of its somberness, then Americans won’t have anywhere left where they can grapple seriously with their need for repentance” (*Thieves in the Temple*, pg. 40).

The New Testament sees the personal confession of one’s sins as part of the process of repentance and conversion. In response to John the Baptist’s preaching, the people who wish to receive his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins make a confession of their sins (cf. Mk 1:5). In exhorting the faithful to call in the elders of the church to anoint the sick, James, the “brother of the Lord” (cf. Mk 6:3), exhorts the faithful to confess their sins to the elders, that is, to the bishops or priests of the Church. (cf. Jm 5:14-17). As John reminds us, “If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn 1:9).

From Bishop Serratelli’s Pastoral Letter. A few copies are available at the exits of Church. It is also available on the diocesan website at www.rcdop.org.

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 2/15/16 – 2/20/16

Mon.	President's Day - Parish office Closed	
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:30 PM Parent Support	St. Benedict
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
Thurs.	BINGO (Non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	9:15 AM Liturgy	Library
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict

LITURGY

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, Christopher Tantillo, Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard. Please continue to pray for all our service men & women.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Come join us on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall, with Jeff Cavins presenting THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION. This workshop utilizes DVD presentations and follow-up discussion. ALL ARE WELCOME.

YOUTH GROUP
MONDAY NIGHTS
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM
COME, BRING A FRIEND
FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

A RETREAT WITH POPE FRANCIS SERIES

Six Weekly Sessions beginning Mon., Feb 15th at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall

Pope Francis has captured the hearts of the faithful throughout the world. Now, you can attend a retreat with his words and his personal example, opening the door to a deeper relationship with God. Led by Fr. Anthony Ciorra, Ph.D. with DVD and discussion.

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Every Church in the Diocese of Paterson will make available the opportunity for Confession, every Monday during Lent

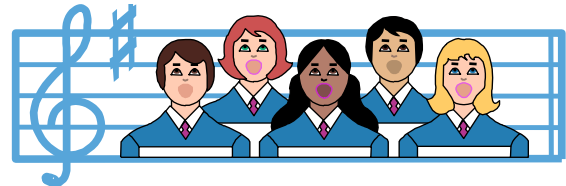
February 15th, 22nd, 29th, Mar. 7, & Mar 14th

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

For more information, visit

www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY - CHOIR PRACTICE



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

Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays 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.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Morris Catholic Summer Program

Body: The Morris Catholic Summer Program is rooted in a tradition of excellence in education and athletics. Our philosophy promotes the unity and the development of body, mind and spirit. **ACADEMICS:** The Morris Catholic Summer Session is a state-accredited, co-educational academic program to advance and enrich the education of students entering grades six through twelve. Experienced Morris Catholic teachers lead small classes in a state-of-the-art, air-conditioned classrooms. **ATHLETICS:** The Morris Catholic Sports Camps is a summertime extension of the successful Crusaders athletic program, where young athletes learn the keys to success. Held on the Morris Catholic campus with three new turf fields, weekly sports-specific camps (for campers entering Grades 5-9) are available. Our coaches emphasize the pleasure of playing each sport while developing athletic skills and good sportsmanship. For more information, visit summer.morriscatholic.org.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE MARCH 19 IN MCKENNA HALL – 6:30 PM



Please join us. Tickets are available at the parish office. You may purchase tickets individually for open seating or as table of 10. Beer is included in the ticket price of \$35. This is a BYOB event, so 21 and over only, please. Ticket sales will close on March 7, 2016.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Our Lady of the Lake Welcoming Ministry will hold a "Getting to Know Each Other" gathering on February 20th at 4:15 PM in Cassidy Hall. Invitations will be sent out to all parishioners who have joined the parish within the last three months. If you are relatively new to the parish and were unable to attend our last gathering, you are also welcome to join us. Please call the parish office to let us know how many members of your family will be attending. Snow date will be March 15th.

DONATIONS FOR HAITI SHIPMENT

Once again we have an opportunity to ship goods to our sister parish in Haiti. There is a serious need for school supplies including bottles of glue, white blackboard chalk, blue and red pens and black and white notebooks. With our parish's generous support, school enrollment is over 650 children. Also donations of gently used or new backpacks as well as packages of copy paper are needed. We are also hoping to be able to send toothbrushes and toothpaste. There will be a box in Cassidy Hall for your donations. Last day for collection will be March 11th. Questions, please call Pat Convey 973 222 6532. Thank you in advance for your support.

THE MYSTERY OF DIVINE LOVE

With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8,16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in the face of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.

Pope Francis

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TIME CHANGE

Due to low participation at Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays, from now on Adoration will take place on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM and again at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ending with benediction.

We will have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Fridays at 3:00 PM with exposition of the Holy Eucharist.

REDISCOVER JESUS: An Invitation

By Matthew Kelly

By now, perhaps you have finished the last five chapters of *Rediscover Jesus*. If not, perhaps you'd like to read more as your part of your observance of Lent. You don't always have to give something up; instead, you could add some extra prayer or spiritual reading for Lent.

- Many things might be holding us back from fully embracing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but one of the most diabolical reasons is the *lie* that holiness is not possible, "maybe for a grandmother or a medieval saint, but not for me." We must get beyond this lie in order to experience the complete joy God wants for us.
- Once we understand what a "holy moment" is -- a moment when you are being the person God created you to be, and you are doing what you feel God is calling you to do in that moment -- you can create one holy moment, then another, then another...Grasp each moment's opportunity for holiness.
- Our culture is constantly attacking Christianity, questioning everything and casting doubt, which has a cumulative effect on us. But what if it's all true -- everything Jesus talks about in the Gospel? Life, death, Heaven, Hell, God, eternity, good and evil -- what if they're all real? If you knew you were going to die one year from today, how would you change your life?
- Too often we live with pessimism and cynicism, but God wants to fill us with hope so we can see possibilities. By wholeheartedly embracing Jesus and His teachings, we can be transformed into shining examples of what the human person is capable of when we allow God to direct our lives.
- In this loud and busy world, we need silence and solitude to sit with God and work out who we are, why we are here, what matters most, and what matters least. Find an empty church, and sit with Jesus for an hour. Allow God to inspire you, to fill you with His power, and to send you out to inspire others.

We hope that you have enjoyed *Rediscover Jesus* and that it has been an inspiration to you on your spiritual journey. May God bless you with a prayerful spirit and a peaceful heart.

FINANCE

PARISHPAY - AUTOMATED GIVING

ParishPay is an automated giving program. Those who wish can make their church donations by automatic deduction or by credit card. To enroll: a) call 1-866-727-4741, or b) use the website, www.parishpay.com) through the link on the parish website. Please keep in mind that signing up for ParishPay does not register you with the parish if you are just joining our parish; please come into the office to register.

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On the Road with Father David!

U.S. NATIONAL PARKS TOUR- MAY 23-June 5, 2017

Join Father David on a comfortably-paced, in-depth tour of 6 of the U.S. National Parks, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, The Arches, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, and Monument Park, a tribal park. The grand finale of the trip will be a night in Las Vegas! There is even a **10% Early Booking Discount!** For more information, call the parish office or Judy and Bill Bosworth, 973-729-4629.

PRESIDENT'S DAY



The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.

CORNERSTONE IS FOR LOVERS

APRIL 2016

LENT

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2016

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.

RECONCILIATION

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

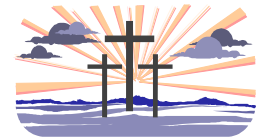
RECONCILIATION ADDITIONAL HOURS

7:00 – 8:30 PM Mondays: Feb. 15, Feb., 22, Feb. 29, Mar 7, Mar. 14.

Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 PM

PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In Lent it is especially meaningful to pray the stations. Join us as a community when we pray them on Friday nights at 7:00 PM in Lent. It can also be done alone at any time, going from station to station as we pray. It can even be done at home!



SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

205 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940

(973) 377-1004

Saturday, February 20 from 10:00 AM - Noon

Reasons to Believe: Why the Catholic Faith Makes Sense
Come hear *what* Catholics believe, *why* Catholics believe it, the *personal* difference it makes, and *how* it makes sense in today's world. Fr. Derek Anderson, presenter.

Saturday, February 27 from 10:00 AM – Noon

Catholicism from Scratch: Ashes, Palms, Lilies, and Mangors (Celebrations and Sacramentals)

A course in basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter.

Go to www.insidethewalls.org to see what else is available and how to register.