

**FEBRUARY 28, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

MONDAY

8:30 Esther Gillan req. by Betsy Sutherland
Mary Dellanno req. by Daria Altieri, Molly Corey,
Roberta Russell & Henrietta Siemer

TUESDAY

8:30 Eleanor & Bernard Beihl, Sr., req. by Bernie &
Joan Beihl

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Franky Nathan Peters req. by Nancy Butera
Maximilian Schelle req. by Donna & Joy
Richardson

THURSDAY – Saint Katharine Drexel

8:30 Michael Donnelly (16th Anniv.) req. by his wife,
Betty

FRIDAY – Saint Casimir, World Day of Prayer

8:30 John & Louise Fraunberger req. by the Weckler
Family
Helen & George Delaney req. by Laura Schmidl
9:15 Peter Alessandra req. by Rev. Brown Faculty &
Staff
Miguel Alfaro Sr. req. by Robert & Mary Manzo

SATURDAY

8:30 Special Intention of the Catalano Family req. by
Anna & Simon
5:30 Eskil Scott Danielson req. by Bob & Doris Mayer

**MARCH 6, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

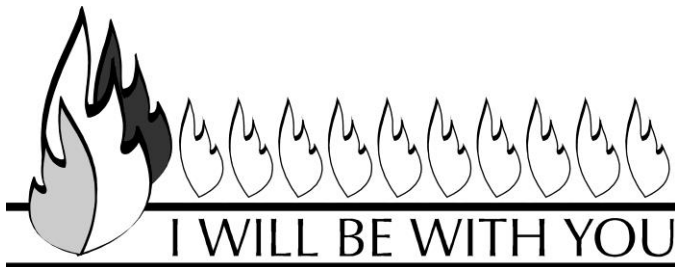
7:45 Nicholas Marino req. by Celeste & Joe Alonzo
9:00 People of the Parish
10:30 James Tirone req. by Theresa Swentzel
Deceased members of Wilgan & Janiak Families
req. by Ewa Wilgan
12:00 Deceased members of the Rona, Banciu & Dirle
Families req. by the Dirle Family
Special Intention of the Andre Rona Family req.
by the Dirle Family
5:00 Esther Gillan req. by Joseph & Lilyan Mulvaney

PARISH FINANCES

February 21, 2016 \$ 10,987

February 22, 2015 \$ 9,251

**Next week's second collection is for our Parish
Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)**



REFLECTION

Infertile Choices and Barren Stupidities

With today's parable, Jesus teaches us that God is at work in our lives with the patience of a gardener. You cannot rush gardens. The soil must be dug and fertilized and the fig tree tended if it is to bear fruit.



We see God's patient gardening in the reading from Exodus too. God speaks to Moses from a burning bush. By the time of Jesus, this was understood to be a thorn bush. God chose his plants carefully, because the symptom of Adam's fall was that the earth became infertile, bearing thorns and thistles. Later, when Abraham is about to kill his beloved son Isaac, and so destroy the promise of fertility, the ram is found in a thorn bush. God embraces our thorny lives. Grace quietly and patiently is at work in all our infertile choices and barren stupidities, overcoming our alienation from God and each other.

God embraces even our suffering and death in a man who wears a crown of thorns, nailed to a dead tree. And on Easter morning the cross flowers and Adam's curse is lifted, and even dead soil is graced with fruit.

Faced with sin and failures, our own and that of others, we must learn the patience of the divine gardener. Our thorny humanity will not unbend and flourish in a second. God took centuries of patient cultivation to renew our humanity in the man of thorns. May we be patient with ourselves and each other!

Fr. Timothy Radcliff from Give Us This Day.

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 2/22/16 – 2/27/16

Mon.	7:00 PM Pope Francis Series	Cassidy Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
Thurs.	BINGO (Non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:30 PM AA	McKenna Hall

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: I 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

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

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 the chaplet of Divine Mercy, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

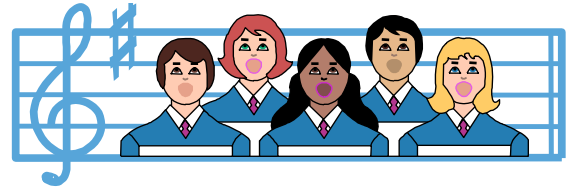
We will have a Holy Hour on Fridays at 3:00 PM with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist. And the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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. on DVD and follow-up discussion.

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.

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.paritypay.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.

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). The church gets a little money back for every dollar that people spend on Amazon using our link. To find the link, click on the "Getting Involved" button and you will see the Amazon.com link at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

A CHILD IS BORN CD

The Christmas CD "A Child Is Born" was well received by parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake, St. Matthew's, Randolph and St. Mary's, Denville. Total sales came to: \$8,634.00. Thanks to your generosity. The money was distributed in the following way:

\$ 500.00	K of C - Adults with Disabilities
\$ 500.00	Bishop's Annual Appeal
\$ 1,000.00	Our Twin Parish in Haiti
\$ 1,000.00	Sick and Disabled Community in Haiti
\$ 1,000.00	Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry
\$ 1,000.00	Birth Haven
\$ 2,500.00	Recording Studio fees, CD duplication
\$ 1,134.00	Our Lady of the Lake Needy Fund

Thanks for your generosity. May the Lord continue to bless you as you continue the Lenten Journey.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

24 Hours for the Lord

On Friday, March 4th, as part of the observance of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Good Shepherd Church in Andover was selected by the Diocese to welcome all the faithful for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 PM to Midnight. During this time, visiting priests will be available for private confession. Please come and spend some quiet prayerful time before the Blessed Sacrament. Address: Good Shepherd RC Church, 48 Tranquility Rd. (Rte 517), Andover, NJ 07821 (973) 786-6631

Columbiettes

Don Bosco Columbiettes Auxiliary #7784 will be holding a first degree ceremony for any women wishing to join the Columbiettes on Monday Mar 7, 2016. Call Pat Keegan at (862) 268-4176. For more information.

National Blue Army Shrine of O.L. of Fatima

Volunteer ushers are needed for the 13th of May thru October 13th celebrating Our Lady's six appearances to the three shepherd children in 1917. If you can help, please call Achilles at (718) 423-5077 or the Shrine at (908) 689-1700 X210.

Faustina, Messenger of Mercy Live Performance

Professional performance at Pope John XXIII High School sponsored by Immaculate Conception Legion of Mary. March 19th, 7:00 PM, Tickets: Students \$5, Adults \$10, they can be purchased online at:

www.faustinasparta.eventbrite.com.

Divine Mercy Parish Mission

Monday, Feb 29 thru Thurs., March 3 at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 624 Page Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ.

Featuring Fr. Seraphim Michalenko MIC. For information call Stanley Koztrzomb at 201-939-1161 or visit www.thedivinemercy.org/events.

Morristown Pro-Life 5K, Sunday, March 6th, at

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 91 Maple Ave., Morristown, NJ. Participants should start arriving at 1:30 PM to sign in for 5K which commences at 2:30 PM. Please register and order your LIFE runners T-shirt at www.liferunners.org.

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

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.

REV GEORGE A. BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOOL is a thriving National Blue Ribbon School committed to academic excellence. We invite you to visit our school to learn more about our community.

OPEN HOUSE

7:30 p.m. - Tuesday, March 15th

Open House and Registration for PreK-7 (Reverend Brown/Pope John Middle School) at Reverend Brown School.

Snow Date: 7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, March 16

For more information please visit our website at:

Revbrownschool.org

To make an appointment please call 973-729-9174

CUTTING EDGE CURRICULUM



- Full-Day Early Childhood Development Program
- Next Generation Science Standards
- After-School Enrichment Programs
- One-to-One Computing
- Discovery Education
- Robotics



REVEREND BROWN SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE:

- Global Citizens
- Value Based

FAITH-FILLED EDUCATION

- Fostering Catholic Values
- Instilling Respect for Self, Others, and the World
- Developing Service-Oriented Young People
- Innovators
- Leaders



LEAP INTO CORNERSTONE

APRIL 2016

Save the dates!

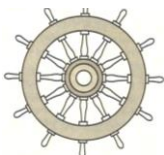
2016 Our Lady of the Lake Cornerstone Retreats
Register NOW FOR 2016 Our Lady of the Lake
Cornerstone Retreats

Come Holy Spirit!



The Women's Cornerstone will start
6:00 PM on Friday, April 1st through
Saturday evening, April 2nd.

Our Voyage with Christ



The Men's Cornerstone will start
6:00 PM on Friday, April 8th through
Saturday evening, April 9th.

Do not miss this unique opportunity to spend 26 hours that could have a profound impact on your outlook and your life. Step out of your routine to think about those things that matter most. Reflect, Renew, Relax, and Strengthen Your Faith. Further information and registration forms are in the retreat brochures available in church or at the parish office. This is the year to give yourself the gift of Cornerstone.

Participate as much or as little as you choose.

Questions? Comments?

Men's Retreat contact:

Kevin Cavanagh at (973) 534-3977

Jim Storms (973) 703-3658

James Landry (973) 600-7608

Women's Retreat contact:

Pat Convey: (973) 222-6532

Rachelle Landry: Rachelle.Landry@yahoo.com

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.

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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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](tel:9732226532). Thank you in advance for your support.

LENT

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2016

Good Friday is a day 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](tel:9733771004)

Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Shrouded in Mystery.

Join us for a presentation on the Shroud of Turin.

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Speaking of Faith

Join Fr. Paul Manning as he interviews **Mary Oswald** on her physical challenges, her encounter with and response to God, and the integration of faith into work and life.

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