

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

MONDAY – Saints Perpetua and Felicity

8:30 Esther Gillan req. by Terry Mazzaferre

TUESDAY - Saint John of God

8:30 Denise Bataille req. by the Fabiano Family

WEDNESDAY - Saint Frances of Rome

8:30 John Monaco req. by the Fabiano Family

THURSDAY

8:30 Lauraine Finck req. by the Novak Family

FRIDAY

8:30 Mary & Vito Mazzaferre req. by Terry Mazzaferre

SATURDAY

8:30 Evelyn Guzo req. by Jim & Eileen Rutzler

5:30 Mary Dellano req. by Joan Shaw

**MARCH 13, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:45 James Costello (1st Anniv.) req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton

9:00 Margaret Devine req. by the Tybur Family
Maximilian Schelle req. by the Pinsonault Family

10:30 Barry Ward req. by Carolyn Kerr
People of the Parish

12:00 Joseph Lorello (20th Anniv.) req. by Re Lorello

5:00 Elizabeth C. DiGidio req. by Peter & Sheila Conforti

PARISH FINANCES

February 28, 2016	\$ 10,783
The Beacon	\$ 1,869
March 1, 2015	\$ 10,728
Amazon.com December	\$ 297.73
ParishPay February	\$ 8,391
Next week's second collection is for Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



**BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 13TH**

**Don't forget to turn your
clocks ahead one hour.**

PASTOR'S CORNER

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL

The great novelist, Charles Dickens thought that the story of the Prodigal Son was the best short story ever written. Some of the phrases have become part of our everyday vocabulary: "Prodigal Son", "fatted calf" and "lost and found." The story speaks about our sinfulness and God's loving forgiveness.

The reason why Jesus told the story in the first place was because people objected to the company he was keeping, to his eating and drinking with sinners. If he was truly the Messiah, he wouldn't be hanging about with that riff-raff. And so Jesus takes the opportunity to tell them a story about his father's love and forgiveness.

It's about a father and his two sons. The younger son wanted his inheritance now. He wasn't going to wait for his father to die. He was thinking of the bright lights of the city and all it had to offer. His motto was: Live it up. "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." While his father didn't stop him, his heart was breaking inside.

We don't know the son's name. It could be yours or mine, for we can think of times when because of our sinfulness we left our father's home and went away. Then feeling the pain of separation we, too, came to our senses and made our way home. In our Catholic faith tradition, we are fortunate to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we can express our sorrow for our sins and experience the welcome of Christ as our sins are forgiven.

If you ever get a chance to visit Russia, visit The Hermitage – a museum that houses vast collections of art. On the second floor, you will see Rembrandt's famous painting "The Return of the Prodigal Son." An aging father bends to welcome his penitent son home again. The boy, ravaged by an unforgiving world, one sandal off, buries his head in his father's embrace.

The late Henri Nouwen, a popular spiritual writer, visited the museum a few years ago. He spent long hours just meditating on the painting and this is what he wrote:

"The more I gazed at the painting, it became, somehow the heart of the story that God wants to tell me and the heart of the story that I want to tell God and God's people. All the gospel is here. All of my life is there. The painting has become a mysterious window through which I can step into the kingdom of God. It is like an open gate that allows me to enter into the presence of the God who loves me."

In this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, let us celebrate the love and compassion of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sincerely,
Father David

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/7/16 – 3/12/16

Mon.	6:30 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Pope Francis Series	Cassidy Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Endowment	S. Benedict
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
Wed.	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
	6:30-8:00 PM Uniform Exch.	McKenna 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

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.

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 the chaplet of Divine Mercy, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

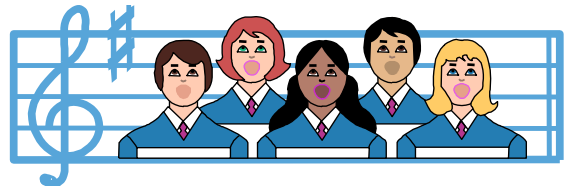
We now have a Holy Hour on Fridays at 3:00 PM with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

A RETREAT WITH POPE FRANCIS SERIES

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.

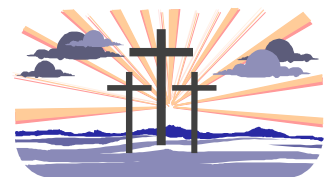
Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office.

New and existing members are invited.

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!



MARCH INTO CORNERSTONE

APRIL 2016

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Family Promise Dinner Auction – Save the Date

The Family Promise of Sussex County Dinner Auction is scheduled for April 16, 2016 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at the SkyView Golf Club in Sparta. We are seeking donations for the auction. Some suggestions are: themed gift baskets, vacation rental at the shore, a ski location or any vacation spot (generally offered for an off-season time, men's items such as tools, golf, sporting memorabilia, gift certificates, services (youth group providing 3 hours of light yard work), framed art work, gold package, etc. Questions: call Family Promise at (973) 579-1180.

Launch of International Pilgrim Virgin Statue

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, carved by famed sculptor Jose Thedim, Portugal, according to Sr. Lucia's description of Our Lady of Fatima, will grace the World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Army Shrine on Sun. 3/20 – Mon. 3/21. Join us as we welcome Our Lady. Place your prayers and petitions before her. For more information call (908) 689-1700 Ex. 10.

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their Fifteenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on April 14th, honoring Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch, Kathleen Ginty Hyland, and Fred and Mary Alice Lawless. The event will be held at the Hanover Marriot from 6:30 – 10:00 PM. Featured during the event are a 50/50 cash raffle, wine pull, basket raffle along with a silent and live auction. All proceeds are primarily for the support and education of the 20 international Sisters from developing nations who are attending the college. For more information and for the invitation, visit www.acs350.org/events-2/

**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.

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.

MANNA HOUSE

All food donations during the month of March will be given to Manna House. Manna House is a free lunch program open to anyone who feels the need of its service. Members of the Presbyterian Church in Newton saw the need for such a program and thought that other churches in the county would like to be part of the program. Our Lady of the Lake Church is one of twenty churches in Sussex County working to support Manna House. Each church takes one day a month to prepare and serve the meal and clean up afterward.

OPEN HOUSE

The Catholic Academy of Sussex County is pleased to announce the Autumn 2016 opening of the Pope John XXIII Middle School for grades 5, 6 & 7.
Tuesday, March 15th - 7:30 p.m.

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

Hosted by Rev. George A. Brown School.
Snow Date: 7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, March 16

Come and see the exciting plans for our PreK-12th grade campus. For more information please visit our website at: Revbrownschool.org. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Linda Artigliere at 973-729-9174, Option 3.

ALERT

Drugs, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, and arms are multi-billion dollar businesses in the world today. Human trafficking is taking persons by force, fraud, or coercion and exploiting them for sex or labor. Learn more about this crime against women, men and children at sistersagainstrafficking.org (FAQs) or visit our Facebook page (US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking). Ending Slaver is everyone's work.

Save the dates!

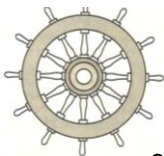
**2016 Our Lady of the Lake Cornerstone Retreats
Register NOW FOR 2016 Our Lady of the Lake
Cornerstone Retreats**

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 973-647-0975

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

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**

DIVINE MERCY EXPERIENCE

Saturday, March 19

In this Holy Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis, it is important that we ask ourselves: Why did Pope Francis call this year a Holy Year of Mercy? What is mercy? Why is the upcoming Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday so important? Who is St. Faustina and what did Jesus want her to tell me personally about His mercy?



Do I know how to recite the chaplet of mercy? Am I aware of what the Holy Shroud of Turin and Divine Mercy Image have in common?

Please join us on Saturday, March 19th as we learn, discuss and experience these and all major aspects of the Divine Mercy message and devotion in one afternoon.

1:00 – 3:15 PM in Cassidy Hall – Presentations and discussions with light refreshments

3:15 – 5:00 PM in Church – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:00 PM. Please don't miss out on the mercy which God wants to bestow upon you. Come, learn, discuss and experience it.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MARQUETTE COUNCIL

#588 9TH ANNUAL

FISH FRY

Friday, March 11th

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

MC KENNA HALL

(take-out starts at 5:30 PM)

Ages 8 & above \$13 each

Seniors (65+) \$10 each

Children under 8 - \$6 each

For tickets or more info call

Ray Convey (973) 886-7173 or

Don Reichert (973) 729-3599

