

**MARCH 20, 2016
PALM SUNDAY**

MONDAY

8:30 George Grumbach req. by the Ziegler Family

TUESDAY

8:30 Elba Robelen req. by Mary Jane & Joseph De Mauro

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Clare Clark req. by Family
Caroline Milburn req. by Jean McGovern

THURSDAY – Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM People of the Parish

FRIDAY – Good Friday

No Mass

SATURDAY – Holy Saturday

8:00 PM People of the Parish

**MARCH 27, 2016
EASTER SUNDAY**

The Resurrection of the Lord

7:45 Tomi Roman req. by Irene Nieradka

9:00 Evelyn DeGonge req. by George & Cappy Daggett

10:30 Members of the Purgatorial Society
James & Margaret Riordan req. by Jim & Sylvia Riordan

10:35 Stanley L. Pavlak req. by Judge N. Peter & Mrs. Conforti

12:00 Deceased members of the Stehr, Nolan & Hillenbrand Families req. by the children
Harold McGovern req. by the McGovern Family

PARISH FINANCES

March 13, 2016	\$ 8,981
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,450
March 8, 2015	\$ 11,256
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,547

FINANCE

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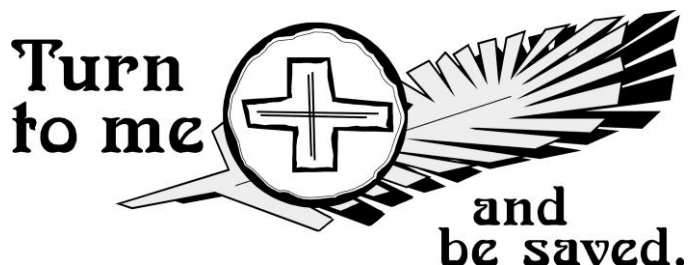
REFLECTION

CHOSEN TO CARE

It is easy to overlook Joseph, much as we overlook those millions of men and women who do their work quietly and well, without the least fanfare, and who for the most part never make the papers. And it is just this sense of anonymity, of invisibility, that attracts me to him: that he was a good provider, that he was chosen to care for God's only son, to watch over him, shape him, and to protect and love the boy's mother. . . .

I think of him teaching his young son how to follow the grain of a piece of olive wood, how to plane it, learning patience, trying to earn a fair day's wages for a fair day's work to put that daily bread on the table. Or perhaps patiently standing in a queue, looking for work. I think of Joseph – to paraphrase the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins – living in ten thousand places: in the man rising at 2:00 A.M. to plow the deserted snow-clogged roads, the nurse working the night shift and then a day shift, the cop on the lonely beat; the mother with the autistic daughter or paralyzed son; the office worker biting his lip at some slight or racial insensitivity against him, because he too has bread to put on his family's table. I think of him as someone with photos of his wife and kid hanging on the wall behind his cubicle, telling me that – as much as he'd like to sell me another car – I can still get another couple of years out of the one I've got. The thousand daily human gestures of a man going about his rounds each day. But a dreamer too, dreaming dreams in which he hears voices, as once he believed he'd heard a voice that loved and trusted him enough to place a son – and the son's mother - in his faltering, capable, and very human hands.

Paul Mariani, in *Awake My Soul*



THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/21/16 – 3/26/16

Mon. 7:00 PM Pope Francis Series Cassidy Hall
Tues. 9:00 AM Scripture Sharing Library
7:30 PM Lenten Penance Service Church
7:00 PM Bible Study Cassidy Hall
Wed. 7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone Cassidy Hall
Thurs. Holy Thursday - NO BINGO
7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri. Good Friday - Parish Office Closed
12:00 Noon The 7 Last Words of Christ
2:00 PM The Passion of the Lord
3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena
7:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross
Sat. Holy Saturday
12:00 Noon – Divine Mercy Novena
1:00 PM – Blessing of Food

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EASTER – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

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

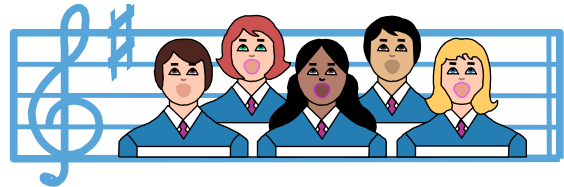
Come join us on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall, with Jeff Cavins presenting THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION. This workshop utilizes DVD presentations and follow-up discussion. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gathering

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on gathering together as a church family. The Church is the assembly of those people, belonging to the Lord Jesus, whom God has called together. How do we as a parish come together to pray and care for one another?

YOUTH GROUP - MONDAY NIGHTS

6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

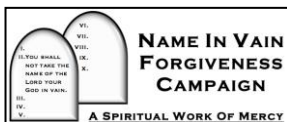
**COME, BRING A FRIEND
FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**

9:30 AM

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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.



For all those participating in the "Name in Vain Forgiveness Campaign," please remember to drop off your prayer cards in the designated basket located in the church vestibule when you arrive for services on Good Friday, the day Jesus echoed those words on the card. If you are unable to attend services here on Good Friday, simply place your card in the basket anytime that is convenient for you before then. The basket is already in the vestibule. May God bless all our youth and adults who have been participating in this Lenten campaign, and may He also bless those for whom they have prayed.

CORNERSTONE RETREATS

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

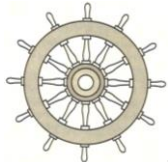
Come Holy Spirit!



Our Voyage with Christ

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

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
 Rachele Landry: Rachele.Landry@yahoo.com

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

The Healing of Families

The Healing of Families – "Powerful prayer approach to cleanse and heal the family – Mass, healing service, prayer seminar with Fr. Joseph B. Ssemakula. The seminar is 27 hours of intense, eye-opening teaching on how to pray effectively for those stubborn personal and familial problems that never seem to go away. The event will be held April 8, 9, 10, 2016 at St. Paul's Abbey, Newton. For information contact George Sensale at (973) 271-0292.

Blue Army Shrine

Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd at the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd., Washington, NJ. For info: (908) 689-1700 Ext 210. Confessions

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, please join us on Good Friday, March 25th after the Passion of the Lord – for the First Day of the Divine Mercy Novena On Holy Saturday, we will pray the Novena at 12 Noon, and on Easter Sunday you are asked to pray individually according to your own schedule. **After Easter will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:30 Mass** up to and including the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.



Jesus told Saint Faustina that He wanted His image to be venerated and to be in every church. He told her that He desired the Sunday after Easter to be the Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus told Saint Faustina that those who pray the Novena of Divine Mercy (especially the nine days before Divine Mercy Sunday), go to confession, and receive communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, would be granted every grace possible – even complete remission of sins.

Pope John Paul II, who himself has been canonized a saint on Divine Mercy Sunday, canonized Saint Faustina in the year 2000 and established the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Our parish will celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday this year on April 3rd beginning at 2:00 PM** confessions will be available; there will be Blessing and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song, the Holy Rosary, Benediction, and a reception afterwards in Cassidy Hall. Everyone is invited – bring your family and friends. **Divine Mercy prayer cards are available in the vestibule of the church.**

**DON'T MISS CORNERSTONE
 APRIL 2016**

THE LIVING SPIRIT

You may be asking, "Why in the world would anyone in their right mind want to purposely meditate on events as grotesque and terrible as sweating blood, scourging at a pillar, and crucifixion?" Scripture urges us to think on that which is lovely (Philippians 4:8). ... The truth is that the passion of Christ was the highest form of love. Such love cannot be anything but lovely.

Liz Kelly, In the Rosary: Path into Prayer

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 21

Chrism Mass at St. Philips, Clifton

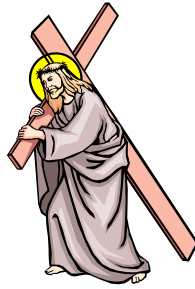
Tuesday, March 22

7:30 PM - Parish Penance Service

Holy Thursday – March 24

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 PM – Midnight – Eucharistic Adoration



Good Friday – March 25

12:00 Noon 7 Last Words of Christ

2:00 PM Passion of the Lord

3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 26

12:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena

1:00 PM Blessing of the Food

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – March 27

Mass in Church

7:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Mass in McKenna Hall

10:35 AM, 12:05 PM

(There is No 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)

HOLY THURSDAY OFFERING

During Holy Thursday this year, I would ask that if you are participating in the Mass, that you bring one or two non-perishable food items with you. During the Offertory you will be invited to come forward and place your offering in a basket in the sanctuary. It could be a can of tuna, canned vegetables, soup or apple sauce. Just one or two items will suffice to remind us to reach out in service to those in need.



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Music Director

Ellen Ormond

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Joanna Mattos

Secretary

Denise Aldana

Social Ministries

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday

5:30 P.M.

Sunday

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12 Noon

5:00 P.M. (except June, July, and August)

Weekday Masses

8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Masses

8:30, 9:30 A.M. (except August 15th), and 7:00 P.M.

Confessions

Saturday

4:00 to 5:00 and at 6:30 P.M.

Novena

Miraculous Medal Devotions: Saturday

8:30 A.M.

Eucharist Adoration:

Thursday 9:00 to 10:00 AM and 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

For information on Baptisms, Marriages, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Visitation of the Sick, Parish Membership, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

New Parishioners - Welcome!

Won't you please register at the Parish Office

Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Or find our registration form on our webpage

www.ourladyofthelake.org

Sosanna Son of David

