

MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MONDAY

8:30 Alba Yanda req. by Demauro, Robelin & Kirby Families
Dr. Howard O’Gorman req. by Peggy McGovern

TUESDAY

8:30 Patricia Faherty req. by Family
Antonio Dominguez req. by Julie Killen

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Kathy Weckler req. by the Weckler Family

THURSDAY

8:30 Lucretia Hamilton req. by her husband, Tom Hamilton
Rose M. Borrelli req. by Christine Cornish

FRIDAY

8:30 Nancy Zande req. by Betsy Sutherland

SATURDAY –

8:30 Special Intention for Lourdes Barrameda & Family req. by Anna & Simon
Vilma Quirov req. by Keith & Debbie Azzolina
5:30 Members of the Purgatorial Society
Maria Triano req. by Nora & John Simone

APRIL 2, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:45 Paula Decker Everitt req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton
9:00 Carol O’Brien req. by Debbie Gilmartin
10:30 Cary Mattos req. by Family
Marie Vasile req. by Elizabeth Faatz
12:00 People of the Parish
William Connors req. by his Family
5:00 Kevin James Burns req. by Carl & Jo Doubet

PARISH FINANCES

March 19, 2017

\$ 11,623

The Second Collection next week is for our parish maintenance (H.E.L.P.)

Update on Collection for Little Sisters of the Poor

We received another ‘thank you’ from the Little Sisters of the Poor of the St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly. They would like to thank you for your generous donations amounting to \$5,392 in response to their recent Door Collection which includes donations that were mailed in to them after their visit to our parish. Please be assured that you will be included in their daily prayers and their monthly Masses.

REFLECTION

Jesus Cures a Blind Man

Like last Sunday’s Gospel reading about the woman at the well, this story about the blind man contains four distinct elements: a person is touched by Jesus; the person accepts Jesus; the person witnesses about Jesus; and other people react to the person’s witness.



The experiences of the blind man and the woman are especially similar when we look at the first three points. Both the woman and the blind man encounter

Jesus and are healed by him. She was healed from her past sins, and he from physical blindness. Both came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah. And both began to witness about him.

The main difference in these two stories lies in the way that the other people responded. The people of Samaria were moved by the woman’s witness and came to believe in Jesus. But many of the people surrounding the blind man closed their hearts and rejected him.

Both stories tell us that Jesus wants to enliven our faith. Although we can’t touch Jesus physically, we can still experience his presence. Jesus is always reaching out to us. Each day, he is *with* us, urging us to look to him for help and inspiration. What’s more, his Holy Spirit is *in* us, convincing us that we are God’s beloved children.

Without Jesus’ healing, it’s unlikely that the woman at the well or the blind man would ever have changed. She was stuck in a fruitless search for love and belonging. He was trapped in the indifference of the people around him. But Jesus lifted them out of their prisons and set them on a new path.

We are all stuck in one way or another. Sometimes it’s because of our poor decisions, and sometimes it’s just part of living. But regardless of how you got stuck, Jesus is still reaching out to you. So let him put his arms around you today and lift you up.

From *The Word Among Us*

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/27/17 TO 4/1/17

Sun.	1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall
Mon.	7:00 PM Theresa of Avila	Library
	7:00 – 8:30 Coming Home Confessions	
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
Wed.	6:00 PM Men's Cornerstone	McKenna Hall
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:30 PM Mother's Lenten Group	Library
	7:30 PM Ushers Meeting	Church
	7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Fri.	Women's Cornerstone Retreat	
Sat.	Women's Cornerstone Retreat	

LITURGY FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as "children of light" in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds "done in darkness."

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner," but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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, 1st Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, wishes, gifts and nice party on my Birthday! It was very nice to feel real family atmosphere that day.

May God bless all of you!

Fr. Marcin



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.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

GATHERING

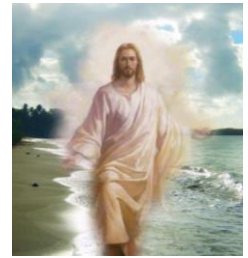
This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on gathering together as a church family. The Church is the assembly of those people, belonging to the Lord Jesus, whom God has called together. How do we as a parish come together to pray and care for one another?

A RETREAT WITH JESUS CHRIST

All are welcome to join us for "A Retreat with Jesus

Christ" presented by Fr. Robin Ryan C.P., Ph.D. during a 9-session DVD series starting on March 28 at 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Cassidy Hall. Fr. Ryan will help us focus on Christ as Friend, Christ as the Healing Presence of God and other spiritually enriching topics.

There will be follow-up discussion and refreshments.



DOGMA TEAM/YOUTH GROUP

Dogma Team meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room.

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

A spiritual journey through St. Teresa of Avila's Classic: Interior Castle -. Meetings will be held on **Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 PM** and will be in the Parish Library. We will proceed at a pace determined by the group. It is highly recommended that participants use the book titled, St. Teresa of Avila, The Interior Castle, Study Edition. Published by ICS. Please contact Nancy Hefele at (973) 713-1376 or Jeff Tucker at (973) 726-9011 for details to sign up and for book ordering.

A Note of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual St. Patrick's Night last Saturday. It was the largest crowd ever! A special word of thanks to the wonderful young musicians and dancers (and their parents) as well as the St. Patrick's team volunteers who set up, decorated served and stayed on to tidy up. Hope to see all of you there again next year.

The more the merrier. Thanks a million!

Peace,

Linda

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

SAP Systems Analyst with 12 years experience in SAP middleware configuration and Integration architecture looking for a position. Please contact Email: francis.vishak@gmail.com or cellphone: 281-673-5928.

Healing Mass

A Healing Mass will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, 70 Carmelite Dr., Middletown, NY. Anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for a physical, spiritual or emotional illness in their lives is welcome to attend. Contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at (845) 343-1979 for further information.

High Tea

A Tea Party on April 8, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 194 Breakneck Rd., Highland Lakes, NJ 07422. We invite women of all ages to join us for tea and lunch. Price is \$10 per person and includes a souvenir teacup and saucer. Come and enjoy an afternoon tea! Of course, gentlemen are most welcome! RSVP by April 4, 2017 to (973) 764-4457.

Catholic Teens Lenten Celebration

High School Teens are welcome to join us for an evening of Music, Food, Fun, and Prayer. Sunday Evening, April 2nd, 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Branchville, NJ. Highlights: Live Music by singer/songwriter Dan Ferrari; inspirational talks by Stephanie Twedt; barbeque hamburgers and hotdogs...desserts; ping pong, air hockey, fooseball, games. Call Jean Durso for more information at (973) 948-3185.

John Paul II Lecture on Social Justice

"Life in a Clear Plastic Bag: The Limbo of Immigration Detention Centers." Please join us for a panel discussion immigration and life at the Elizabeth Detention Center in New Jersey. Speakers: Sr. M. Antonelle Chunka, CSSF, Sr. Maryann Agnes Mueller, CSSF, Dr. Anna Brown. At Felician University, Obal Hall, 262 South Main St., Lodi, NJ. Free – Everyone Welcome! – goodwill donation will be gladly accepted.

SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS 2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Feminine, Faithful, Fearless**

Sr. Ann Marie Paul will share her own personal struggles with spiritual motherhood and how it is not just a label for sisters and women without children but a *vocation* written on the hearts of all women. Register by March 30th. Registration and information is available at www.insidethewalls.org

2017 DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 22, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Keynote speaker: Chris Stefanick. Registration and information is available at www.insidethewalls.org.

THERE IS A NEW RESIDENT AT OLL!

We welcome Krzysztof Ślimak, Seminarian. Krzysztof will be at our parish as he prepares for his ordination to the Diaconate in May. He has moved into the rectory and currently is back at the Seminary to finish his studies and he will be back with us during Easter. After Krzysztof is ordained as a Transitional Deacon he will be at Our Lady of the Lake until he is ordained to the Priesthood next year.



ORDINATIONS TO SACRED ORDERS

- Transitional Diaconate – Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Parsippany
- Priesthood – Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson.

**IT IS HERE!
CORNERSTONE APRIL 2017**

RENEW AT CORNERSTONE!

REGISTER NOW!

Women's Cornerstone will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 31st through Saturday evening, April 1st.

Women's Retreat contacts:

Eileen Vandenberg (201) 310-6091 or Tawnie Scymanski at OLLWOMENCORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM
The **Men's Cornerstone** will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, April 21st through Saturday evening, April 22nd.

Men's Retreat contacts:

Victor Puglio ((973) 670-6999 or James Stanski at (917) 250-4981. 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? See contacts above or call the Parish Office (973) 729-6107.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10

Chrism Mass at St. Philips, Clifton

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 PM - Parish Penance Service

Holy Thursday – April 13

8:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 PM – Midnight – Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday – April 14

12:00 Noon 7 Last Words of Christ

2:00 PM Passion of the Lord

3:15 PM Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross



Holy Saturday – April 15

12:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena

1:00 PM Blessing of the Food

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – April 16

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)

LENT 2017 LENTEN REGULATIONS

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

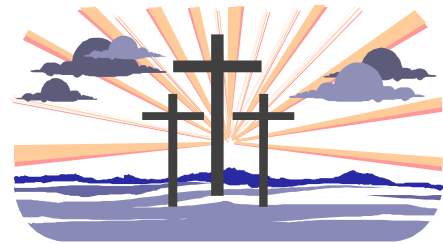
RECONCILIATION ADDITIONAL HOURS

7:00 – 8:30 PM Mondays: March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, and April 3
Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 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!



MARQUETTE COUNCIL # 588

11th Annual

Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner

Fri. March 31, 2017

6 PM to 8 PM

Take-out available
starting at 5:30PM



**Pope John Cafeteria
Sparta, NJ**

Adults (Ages 8 years and above) - \$13.00 each

Seniors (65+) - \$10.00

Children under 8 - \$6.00 each

Coffee, Tea and Dessert included

For additional information and tickets, please call:

J R Giacchi 973-479-7039 or Ray Convey-973-886-7173

Or visit us on FACEBOOK-Marquette 588

Funds raised from the event help fund scholarships at Rev. Brown and Pope John Schools. Funds also are used to sponsor seminarians and various charities throughout the community.

INCREASED OFFERING PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than April 09 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.