

APRIL 9, 2017
PALM SUNDAY
THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MONDAY – Monday of Holy Week

8:30 Judith Leone De Rose req. by Tom & Bridget Manning
 Special Intention for Mary Wick and Family

TUESDAY – Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 Helen Cassidy req. by Family
 Special Intention for Simon Levien req. by Mom & Geronimo Families

WEDNESDAY – Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 Anthony Luongo req. by his children
 Maria & Frank Megna req. by the Green Family

THURSDAY – Holy Thursday

8:00 PM – People of the Parish and Dr. Arnulfo Aldana (10th Anniv.) req. by his wife, Denise

FRIDAY – Good Friday

NO MASS ON GOOD FRIDAY

SATURDAY – Holy Saturday

8:00 PM People of the Parish

APRIL 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:45 People of the Parish
 Diana Vance req. by Doug Vance

9:00 Deceased members of the Stehr, Nolan & Hillenbrand Families req. by their children
 Nancy Zande req. by Stephen & Mary Ellen Ryan

10:30 Harold McGovern req. by Harold McGovern Family

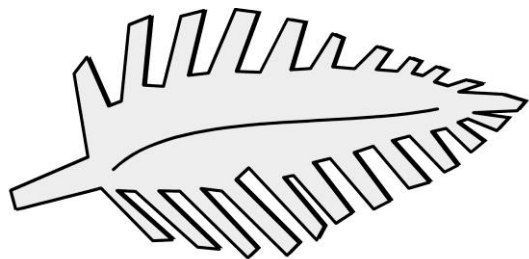
10:35 Karl Mallasch req. by Lee & Eileen Simmons

12:00 Gordon Edward Granger req. by Carl & Jo Doubet
 Barbara McGrath req. by Barbara Vine & Dorothy Ahlen

12:05 Richard Della Fave req. by Bette & John DeLaura

PARISH FINANCES

April 2, 2017	\$ 12,529
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 3,097
Amazon.com – January	\$ 70.60
ParishPay – March	\$ 8,279



Son of David

REFLECTION

PALM SUNDAY – 2017

Saints like Ignatius Loyola and Teresa of Avila have taught that using our imagination in prayer can help us to grow in our faith. So let's take their advice today as we read the passion of our Lord.

First, picture yourself with Jesus as he is arrested and brought before the chief priests. Listen as they level false charges against him. See him mourn over the way these men are bound in anger and hatred toward him.

Next, picture Jesus being humiliated by the soldiers. Watch as they spit upon him, mock him, and beat him. The challenge to hold his peace is overwhelming, but Jesus remains resolute and focused on his mission.

Now picture him at Calvary. He is exhausted. His body is wracked with pain and weariness. Nails have pierced his hands and feet. The pain sears through his body as the soldiers raise the cross. The suffering is enormous as the crowd continues to jeer and hurl accusations against him. Nonetheless, Jesus looks at us with compassion, understanding, and mercy. He will not condemn! All he wants is our salvation.

Watching Jesus as he nears the end, you hear him speak to one of the thieves crucified with him. You think to yourself, "Even now he is still leading people to his Father!" Finally, you hear him cry out in a loud voice as he hands over his spirit – for you.

These are only a few of the events that encompass Jesus' passion. Try to read and reflect on these scenes, or choose some other scenes from today's Gospel: the Last Supper, Jesus' agony in the garden, or Peter's denial. Contemplate the passion story today. Let it move you to treasure Jesus above all others. This is the greatest story ever told.

From: *The Word Among Us*

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 4/9/17 TO 4/15/17

Mon.	7:00 PM Theresa of Avila	Library
	7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	6:00 PM Endowment	St. Benedict
	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	St. Lucy
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
	7:30 PM Penance Service	Church
Thurs.	HOLY THURSDAY - NO BINGO	
	9:30 am – Rev. Brown Living Stations	Church
Fri.	GOOD FRIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED	
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"

EASTER SUNDAY 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, 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.

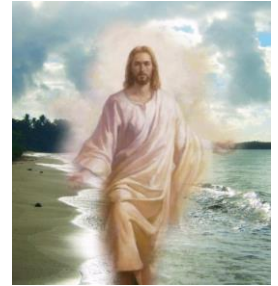
SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

THANKSGIVING

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on their gifts, which are blessings from God. At the Eucharist (a word meaning "to give thanks") we thank God for all his gifts and blessings. How do we as a parish help others develop such a grateful heart?

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 every Tuesday 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.

REV BROWN OPEN HOUSE

Reverend 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

9:00 am **Wednesday, April 26th**
7:00 pm **Wednesday, April 26th**
3:00 pm **Sunday, April 30th**

For more information please visit our website at:
revbrownschool.org

To make an appointment please call 973-729-9174

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 Hefelee at (973) 713-1376 or Jeff Tucker at (973) 726-9011 for details to sign up and for book ordering.

REVEREND BROWN STUDENTS "ACT OF KINDNESS"



These Reverend Brown students were "caught in the act of kindness" at Reverend Brown School! Teachers are on the lookout for students who go out of their way to show kindness to others. The children at Reverend Brown are going above and beyond every day without asking for anything in return. This is our way of honoring them and recognizing their efforts.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop

The acts of kindness shown by our students each day make Reverend Brown a wonderful place. One may never know to what extent his kindness will impact the life of another.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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Last month we shipped 5 pallets of goods to our sister parish in Haiti. Included in the shipment were donations that our parishioners made of school supplies and other items. Also two Boy Scouts, Matt Salerno and Zach Kessler, working on their Eagle Scout projects built convertible tables/benches and rolling chalkboards for use in the classrooms. These were also shipped. Thanks to everyone for their generosity!

RESPECT LIFE SPEAKER ON THE 20/20 PROJECT

It is a little known fact that abortion is legal in New Jersey through all nine months of pregnancy for any reason. However, a proposed law, the NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, would protect unborn babies past 20 weeks' gestation. The Respect Life Committee is holding an informative night on **Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 PM in Cassidy Hall**. LIFENET speaker, Christine Flaherty will be discussing an exciting new pro-life initiative that's happening in New Jersey call the 20/20 Project. This is a non-denominational county-wide event, so members of any Catholic or non-Catholic church in Sussex County are welcome. Please RSVP to Christine Levin at (973) 729-4293 or Christine.m.levin@gmail.com so we can prepare handouts and refreshments.

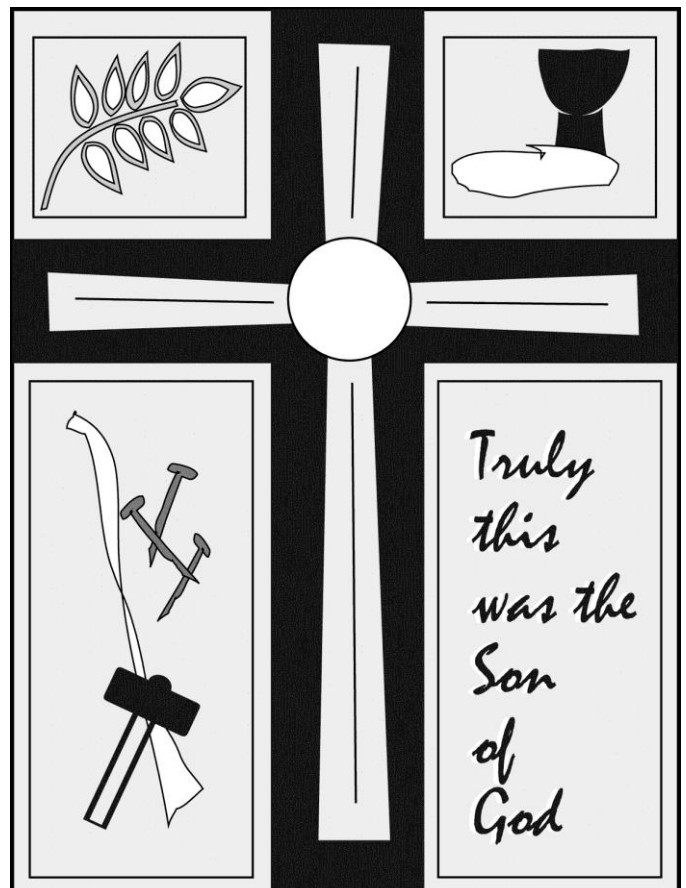
POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

A Note from the Principal: Thomas J. Costello

Pope John XXIII High School invites you to an Open House on **Sunday, April 30th at 3; 00 PM**. All are invited to come and visit our high school and see what we have to offer. Pope John has something for everyone!

Pope John offers over 23 Advanced Placement courses. We also have over 35 clubs and activities for students to participate in. Pope John offers daily mass for our students and faculty as well as opportunities for reconciliation during Advent and Lent. Pope John is committed to strengthening our Catholic faith, promoting academic excellence, integrity and leadership, and practicing love, care and compassion for all human beings. It is well worth the investment. Additional information about Pope John XXIII High School is available on our website at www.popejohn.org.

We invite you to come and visit to meet our students and staff. Please call (973) 729-6125, ext. 3055 to schedule a tour.



WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Parish Pilgrimage to Canada

Monday June 26th – Friday June 30th. Departure, Monday morning from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 209 US Highway 206 Branchville, NJ by bus and arrive in Three Rivers, Canada. Stay at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape for 4 nights. The Pilgrimage will include a day trip to Montreal and St. Joseph's Oratory along with a stop in Quebec City and the Basilica of St. Ann de Beaupre. Cost is \$575 per person (dbl occupancy); \$690 per person (single occupancy). Breakfast and dinner meals in Canada, hotel room, and transportation is included. Come join us this summer for our Parish Pilgrimage to Canada (You will need a passport). For more information please call Jenn at (973) 948-3185 or visit website www.olqbranchville.org

ENDOW Study Group

Wednesday Evenings; April 26-June 14; 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 209 US Highway 206, Branchville. Endow, an acronym for Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women is a study group that brings women together to discover their God-given dignity and to understand their role in transforming society. Join facilitator Cindy Costello to connect in faith, friendship, and lively discussion. This 8-week study of St. John Paul II's Letter to Women will define the special place of women in the family, in the Church, and in the world. To register visit www.olqbranchville.org or <https://store.endowonline.org/cindy-costello-p3554.aspx>.

Save the date – Blood Drive!

St. Jude Apostle Church, 4-24 Beaver Run Rd., Hamburg will hold their Annual Blood Drive on April 23 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in All Hallows Hall.

Big Band Bash for Seniors and Friends

Hosted by Jefferson Township Arts Committee; 5th Annual Big Band Bash for Seniors and Friends. This event provides Big Band classics compliments of Jefferson's own 20-piece Community Jazz Band led by Pete Tumillo. Seniors and guests of all ages flood the dance floor in the hall of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Oak Ridge (5635 Berkshire Valley Rd.). A fully catered dinner including dessert and coffee is served buffet-style. BYOB. April 23, 4 to 7:30 PM. Advance Tickets Sales ONLY \$23. First come, first seated. Contact Janet (973) 697-8124 or jbreck@optonline.net.

Senior Day Care

Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 PM a public forum will be held at St. Joseph School's Community Center (located across the street from 22 Halsted St., Newton, NJ) on the need for affordable senior day care in Sussex County. This is a fact gathering meeting where anyone who might be interested in or have the need for adult day care services can express their particular requirements. This meeting will determine whether these services are needed in Sussex County. For more information, please email AdultDayCareNewton@gmail.com

CHANGE AT CORNERSTONE

April 2017

RENEW AT CORNERSTONE!

APRIL 21 & 22, 2017 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



I am the Vine
You are the Branches

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.

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY **Sunday, April 23, 2017**

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked her to have his image painted along with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You!" He presented this image to remind people to trust in His mercy, and to come to Him for mercy. Our Lord asked St. Faustina to pray and work towards establishing a Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. He told her: *"On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."*



Jesus also taught St. Faustina the Novena of Divine Mercy and asked that we pray the Novena prior to the Feast day.

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy please join us to pray the Divine Mercy Novena, on Good Friday at 3:15 PM, Saturday at 12:30 PM and during the following week, each weekday after the 8:30 Mass.

Join us on Sunday April 23rd at 2:00 PM for the Feast of Divine Mercy Celebration! Bring family & friends!

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.

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH AT 7:00 PM

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.



The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday.

Our Lady of the Lake Church

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Parish Staff

Rev. David McDonnell	Pastor
Rev. Marcin Bradtke	Parochial Vicar
Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio	Deacon
Mr. James McGovern	Deacon
Elizabeth Heldak	Director of Religious Education
Laurie DiCianni	Confirmation Coord.-Youth Minister
Krzysztof Kowalewski	Music Director
Ellen Ormond	Secretary/Bookkeeper
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

CRUISE – PARIS & NORMANDY JULY 26TH TO AUGUST 3RD 2017

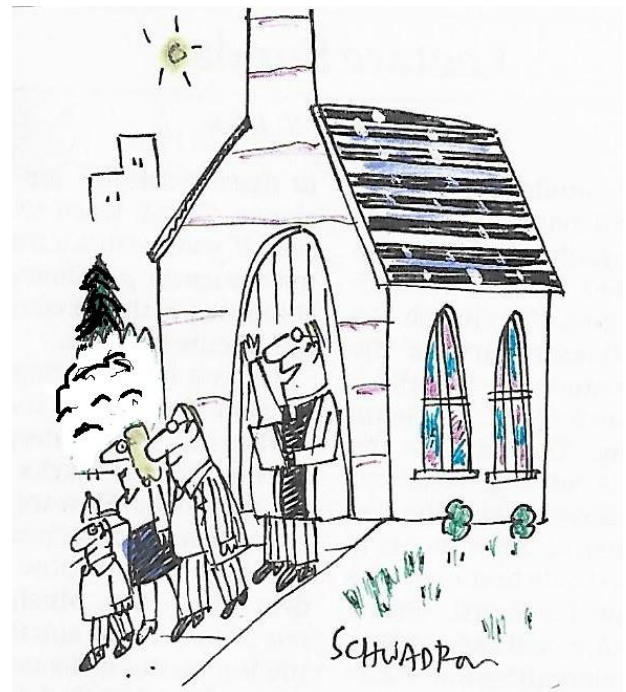
Starting from \$2,599 pp dbl occ./ \$3,599 pp single occ. (Plus airfare and optional 2 night Pre Paris stay) Begin your journey in magical Paris, the "City of Light," where you will embark your luxurious river cruise ship. Visit the village of Giverny, where Monet lived and worked for 43 years, and Honfleur, a charming French harbor town immortalized by generations of artists. Stroll through Rouen, the historic capital of Normandy, than take an unforgettable excursion to the famous Normandy beaches of WWII. Visit Les Andelys, home of Chateau Gaillard before concluding your trip back to Paris. For more information contact Dan Scully at (973) 729-5777 or (973) 534-6462 or Daniel.Scully@Scullytravel.com.

TRIP TO FATIMA AND SOUTHERN SPAIN

The Pilgrimage will be from July 16 to 24, 2017.

Bishop Serratelli will be the Spiritual Director of a trip this summer to *Fatima and Southern Spain*. The Pilgrimage will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima and then continue on to Spain.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Great Experiences at [201-825-3725](tel:201-825-3725) or email them at greatexinc@verizon.net.



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You can read my sermon at pastorblog.com"