

APRIL 30, 2017
Third Sunday of Easter

MONDAY – Saint Joseph the Worker

8:30 Special Intention for Diana L. Agana req. by Anna & Simon

TUESDAY – Saint Athanasius

8:30 Raymond O’Leary req. by Terry Mazzaferre
 Mrs. Poggi req. by Diane & Gary Kolakowski

WEDNESDAY – Saints Philip and James, Apostles

8:30 Veronica LaFranca req. by the Griffith Family
 Howard O’Gorman req. by Genevieve Appel

THURSDAY

8:30 Robert Cassidy req. by Family

FRIDAY

8:30 Raymond O’Leary req. by the Scanlon Family
 9:30 Laurie Kosker req. by the Post Family
 Raymond O’Leary

SATURDAY

8:30 Alice & Bill Collins req. by Terry Mazzaferre
 5:30 Harold McGovern req. by the Harold McGovern Family
 Nancy Zande req. by Joe DeVasto

MAY 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:45 Members of the Purgatorial Society
 9:00 Andrew Fugoso req. by the Vergara Family
 Michael Scalara III req. by Charlene Beebe
 10:30 Joanne Banas req. by Nellie & Paul Maccaro
 John Brady req. by Paraprofessionals at Sparta Middle School
 12:00 People of the Parish
 Special Intention for Neena Marion req. by Robert Liddy
 5:00 Raymond O’Leary req. by Bea Mahon
 John Brady req. by Friends of the Somma Family

PARISH FINANCES

April 23, 2017	\$ 10,263
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 2,302
Next week’s Second Collection is for our Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

FROM THE HEART

REFLECTION

THE WALK TO EMMAUS

Don’t you wish you could have been there when Cleopas and his friend were walking to Emmaus? Wouldn’t it have been exciting to hear Jesus interpreting the Scriptures and to see the look in their eyes when they recognized him in the breaking of the bread?

Well, in a sense, we can be there. Even today, two thousand years after his resurrection, Jesus’ word can cause our hearts to burn and bring us to the place where we recognized him. How is this possible? Because the Scriptures do more than teach us about Jesus – *they reveal him to us!*



As many times as we hear the Scriptures read at Mass, it’s good to be reminded that they aren’t just words on a page. As St. Paul taught, they are “living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword”. Inspired by God, they are filled with his presence. They have the Spirit’s own power to bring us his wisdom, peace, and joy. All it takes is listening with faith.

Cleopas and his friend had to walk a long way with Jesus before they recognized him, and sometimes we do too. So be patient with yourself. When you hear the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass, try to imagine that you are there in the middle of the action – in Galilee, in Jerusalem, or wherever the story takes place. Imagine that you can hear Jesus speaking to you. Put aside distractions, and listen for what he may want to say to you personally.

You may not “hear” anything right away. You may not hear anything at all! But that’s okay because the Holy Spirit is still at work in you, just as he was working with the Emmaus disciples every step of their journey. He is always pouring out his grace, even when you can’t feel it. All you have to do is try your best to keep an open heart. Over time, you will recognize him.

From: *The Word Among Us*

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 5/1/17 TO 5/6/17

Sun.	8:30 AM Seminarian Breakfast	McKenna Hall
	1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall
Mon.	6:30 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Theresa of Avila	Library
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	11:15 – RB Communion Practice	Church
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
Tues & Wed. – RB Art Show all day		McKenna Hall
Wed.	9:30 AM RB Communion Practice	Church
Thurs.	7:00 PM Confirmation Practice	Church
	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone 3	Cassidy Hall
Fri.	7:00 PM Confirmation	Church
	No AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	10:00 AM & 1:00 PM – First Holy Communion	
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sat. & Sun.	After Masses – Bread For the World Letter Writing Campaign.	

LITURGY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

LIVING

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on the first Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Reborn of the Holy Spirit, all the baptized have been called and empowered to live as true witnesses of Christ and to spread the faith by word and deed. How are we as a parish living as disciples and followers of Jesus?

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group 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
Sunday, April 30th**

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

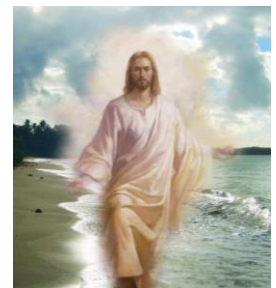
To make an appointment please call 973-729-9174.



Students from Rev. Brown School prayed the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

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.

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.

COLLECTION FOR PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting next weekend after Masses for the Mentally Disabled. All proceeds will go directly to help our Local Charities for their needs.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR MAY 1, 8, 15, 22 and JUNE 3*, 5, 12



You are invited to a deeper relationship with Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit. Come and learn about the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, who helps us with His gifts and fruits. The Holy

Spirit – learn how to talk with Him. Come and sing His Praises!

at **St. Paul Inside the Walls – Chapel**
205 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ
Time: **Optional Mass – 7:00 PM**
Seminar: 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Fellowship and Refreshments to Follow

*June 3rd session will be at St. Thomas More Church,
4 Convent Rd., Mo
Morristown, NJ

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Conservatory presents Mozart in May

On Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta, Conservatory, Edwin Foster, conductor and associate director, Ford Foster, will present a spring concert which will include Mozart's 'Solemn Vesper' and 'Missae Breves in C and F' sung by Symphonic Chorus and Chamber Choir. Both Choruses will be accompanied by full orchestra, Karen Schaberg, concertmaster. Orchestra will offer two instrument pieces: Manfredini's Concerto for Two Trumpets in D' and Biber's 'Battalia a 9'. Tickets: Premium \$40 (student \$28), Preferred \$35 (student \$25.50) and General \$30 (student \$21). For concert information and ticket sales, please call Conservatory at (973) 402-2004.

100th Anniversary of Our Lady's First Apparition.

Saturday, May 13th. Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's First Apparition to the three shepherd children in 1917. All are welcome at Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd., Asbury, NJ 08802. Celebrant: Most Rev. James Checchio; Guest Speaker: Rev. Frederick Miller. Confessions 10:30; Rosary Procession 12:00; 12:30 Guest Speaker; 1:00 PM Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession, Fatima Farewell Procession, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular, concluding with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Visit the Holy House USA, a replica of the Holy House at Loreto, Italy; the Capelinha (little chapel) with three roof tiles from the original built in Portugal but destroyed in 1922. Info (980) 689-1700 X210 or www.bluearmy.com.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

May 6 and 7 is our annual letter writing campaign for Bread for the World. This organization supports areas in our country and abroad by urging Congress to pass legislation to teach people how to farm and make the most of their land. Please call Janet Knight at 973-729-6811 if you can assist for 10 minutes after a Mass next weekend. Thank you.



Did NOT OUR HEARTS
BURN WITHIN US?

Migrant Ministry is a project of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson.

The Ministry has been serving the Immigrant Community of the Sparta, Newton, and Andover area for 20 years. Saint Joseph's hosts Masses every Sunday at 2:30 PM as well as a Monday evening Spanish Mass.



Saint Kateri hosts Monday evening Masses and a monthly dinner.

Saint Kateri Migrant Ministry also coordinates a medical ministry and

patient advocacy for many of its members. It is from this advocacy area that I am reaching out to the members of this parish for help.

One of the members of the Hispanic Community is very ill and needs a liver transplant. Gloria is currently in University Hospital in Newark. The hospital is able to take care of Gloria and perform the transplant surgery but she will also need a particular medication. She will need to start taking this medicine before the transplant and for a year after the transplant surgery. Gloria has no insurance and the medication will cost approximately \$30,000. The surgery cannot be even considered until the money is available for the medicine. I am writing to you – members of Our Lady of the Lake – for help. A monetary donation would certainly be of great help, or maybe more importantly possibly some advice or information from someone who works for a drug company who might be able to help her obtain this drug. If you can help, please contact:

Pamela Madzy
Coordinator Saint Kateri Migrant Ministry
Project of Catholic Charity in the Diocese of Paterson
973-726-0789 cell 973-202-3431
stiles33@embarqmail.com

MASS OF ANGELS



The Parent's Support Group will have a Mass in memory of our children gone before us. May 16th at 7:30 PM. Please RSVP by calling Betty Donnelly at (973) 383-2502 or email TANTEBET@PTD.NET. Refreshments to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to the following people who completed their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil:

Carol Fahy –First Eucharist and Confirmation
Ana Hernandez –Confirmation
Damien Kaczynski –Confirmation
Kevin Kaczynski –Confirmation

SEMINARIAN BUFFET BREAKFAST TODAY

Hosted by Marquette Council #588, Knights of Columbus on April 30th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Bring the family and friends to enjoy a delicious breakfast with all of the

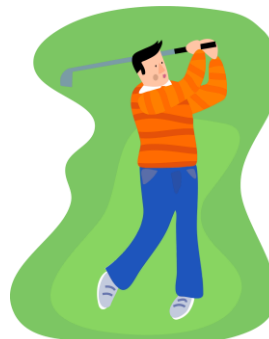


favorites: delicious bacon, ham and sausage, eggs, French toast, pancakes, coffee, tea, juice. Why cook or clean when you can have the Knights do it for a good cause? All the proceeds go to

benefit the Council's support for our future parish priests, so please come out and show your support. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children under 12; Family Price of \$25 for immediate family.

Help People with Disabilities Support the Wiegand Farm Golf Classic

Please help support the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD), a Catholic Charities Agency, as they host their 43rd Annual Wiegand Farm Golf Classic. DPD provides care for over 100 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the Diocese of Paterson.



The Annual event will be held on June 26th at Crystal Springs Resort in Vernon. This year, DPD will be honoring Monsignor John Hart of Assumption Parish; DPD Board Member John Butler and the NJ State Police. You do not have to be a golfer to participate as non-golfers can attend the dinner and silent auction, participate in the MEGA 50/50, SPONSOR THE EVENT, OR CONTRIBUTE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM.

For more information visit: www.dpd.org/wiegand or contact DPD'S development office at (973) 406-1104 or at Chrisb@dpd.org