

**APRIL 1, 2018
EASTER SUNDAY**

The Resurrection of the Lord

MONDAY

8:30 Herman Stephan req. by Clare & Michael Gallagher

TUESDAY

8:30 Adolorata (Dora) DiCarlo req. by Dr. & Mrs. Caruso

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Anthony Egan

THURSDAY

8:30 Richard Geib

FRIDAY

8:30 Thomas & Catherine Bracken req. by Tom & Pat Bracken
Raymond Milligan req. by Ingana Mort family

SATURDAY

8:30 Robert D. Shaffer req. by the LaBanca Family
5:30 People of the Parish

APRIL 8, 2018

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:45 Laurie DiCianni req. by George & LuAnn Sensale

9:00 Members of the Purgatorial Society
Bridget Lewczak req. by the Mattos Family

10:30 George Sax req. by his wife, Regina
Dorothy Brown req. by Mary Conti & Family

12:00 Michael Scalera II req. by David & Alice Romano
Special Intention of Simon Levien req. by Mom

PARISH FINANCES

March 25, 2018 \$ 14,200.

The second collection next week is for our Diocesan Assessment.

50/50 Fundraiser

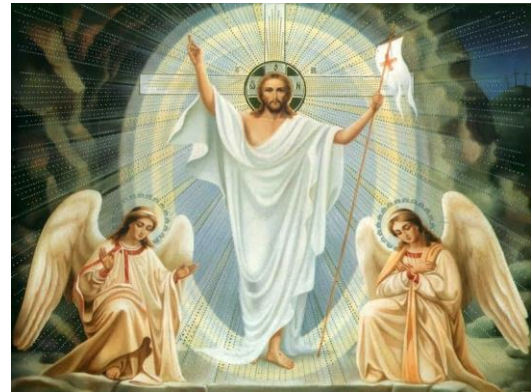


This year, once again, we will be conducting a 50/50 raffle to benefit our parish. This year's tickets are \$20 each. We are hoping to sell 1200 tickets. First prize will be 30% of all ticket sales; second prize will be 15% of ticket sales and 3rd prize will be 5% of ticket sales. The drawing will be on the last night of our carnival in June. Please support this important fund raiser. Tickets will be going out in the mail shortly.

REFLECTION

The Lord is Risen!

"Having died with Christ we shall return to life with him."

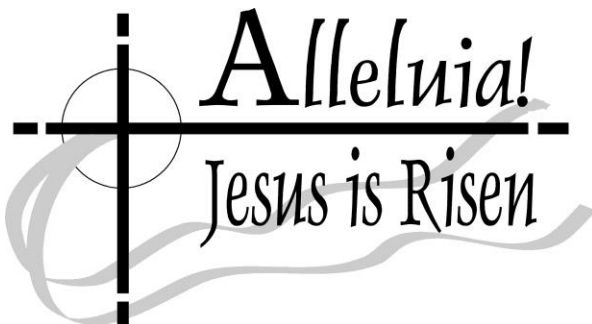


Lighting the paschal candle from the Easter fire is always a tricky business. It might rain. A strong wind may blow it out. The wick may burn quickly but not melt the wax. The heat of the fire will make it difficult. There is always relief when the lighted candle is carried into the safety and protection of the church. As people process into the church with their lighted candles, a glow moves through the building, lighting up the darkness, and the warmth of the burning candles touches the gathered people. Joy explodes into the hearts of the people gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

This most wonderful night of the year celebrates newness, transformation and the growth of the Church. From the setting of the sun in the Pacific Islands, across Australasia, to China, Korea and then the Indian subcontinent, through Africa and Europe towards the Americas, this light has spread and the hope of Christ's resurrection has dispelled fear. Christians persecuted in many countries are renewed and strengthened by the victory of Christ over suffering, death and evil. The light of each candle offers God's holy people the hope that good will triumph over evil, hope over despair, justice over oppression and peace over division.

As we celebrate the baptism of new Christians into the Church and receive other Christians into full communion, we are reminded of the adventure of being a follower of Jesus Christ and the promise that God loved the world so much that he sent his Son so that those who believe in him will inherit the promise of eternal life. Just as the fragile light is carried into the Church, so it is a reminder that we are called to nurture those people whose faith is faltering and reach out to those who have wandered away from the practice of the faith. We are called to reach out to those in need, not only by words but more importantly by our love in action.

—The Living Word



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 4/1/18 – 4/8/18

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| Mon. 8:00 Knights of Columbus | McKenna Hall |
| Tues. 9:15 AM Scripture Class | Library |
| Thur. 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking) | McKenna Hall |
| 7:00 PM Cornerstone | St. Lucy |
| Fri. 7:00 PM Filipino Mass | Church |
| 8:30 PM AA | Cassidy Hall |
| Sat. 9:00 AM Legion of Mary | St. Benedict |
| 7:00 PM Movie | Cassidy Hall |
| 8:00 PM AA | McKenna Hall |
| Sun. 2:00 PM Divine Mercy Celebration | Church |

LITURGY

EASTER SUNDAY SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35.

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

MUSIC MINISTRY



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. *New and existing members are invited.*

The Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft. **Contemporary**

Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

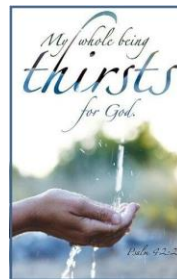
FILIPINO MASS

The Filipino Bi-lingual Mass will take place on Friday, April 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Church. All are welcome to attend.

Women's Cornerstone VI Retreat "Come to the Living Water" April 20-21

The Cornerstone Retreat is quickly approaching. Please join us for this wonderful experience. The following are reactions of some of your fellow parishioners to the retreat:

"I went reluctantly, But I'm so glad that I did.



Cornerstone has given me a new spiritual framework and outlook. Additionally, it has provided the support of my new Cornerstone sisters."

"I feel that Cornerstone has brought me closer to God and my beliefs have become stronger. I have a deeper sense of

community and have made good friends."

.Come and see what the Women's Cornerstone retreat is all about. . . "Come to the Living Water." Registration brochures are at all the exits; or go to www.ourladyofthelake.org for more information and a brochure.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 morning Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together, it will be an hour well spent.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday evening Bible Study will resume on April 10 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in our Parish Library. All are welcome.

MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE



All are invited to join us for **MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE** on April 7th in Cassidy Hall right after the 5:30 Mass. We'll watch Brendan Gleeson starring in

CALVARY, followed by discussion of the film. Feel free to bring a beverage of choice, perhaps an appetizer or other goodie to munch on during the film.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Poster Contest

We are announcing a poster contest in time for 4th Sunday of Easter on April 22, which happens to be Earth Day this year. The Poster Contest is open to three categories: Elementary School, Middle School, and High School. The Grand prize winner will be awarded \$100.

All posters are due by April 8. Poster submissions can be in any medium (crayon, chalk, pencils, pen and ink, acrylic, oil, digital art, etc.) and might include messages related to be guardians of our Earth and all of the creation.

YOUTH GROUP CORNER

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group meets every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the basement of the parish center. 9th grade and above are welcome to attend. Make new friends, bring a friend, enjoy board games, pray, talk about what's happening in life. Take the Lent challenge!

Save the Dates:

Confirmation Rehearsal: Thursday, April 12 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration will be held on Friday, April 13 at 7:30 PM. More details will be emailed to families.

Please pray for our Confirmation students as they attend retreats this weekend. May the Holy Spirit guide them through their journey as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

YOUTH GROUP FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 12-2:30 PM

Theme: Songs that Inspire You!

(9th Grade and above – all are welcome to attend)

Join us for the 12 p.m. Mass (we will be sitting in the right side in the back) then we will go to the Youth Room where we will play our favorite songs that inspire us. We will then look at the Book of Psalms and discuss how these songs can inspire us in our daily lives. **Lunch will be served.** We will be doing a service project outside, so please dress for weather. The hour and a half can go towards community hours, so bring your sheet. Email: AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org if you are attending so she can order the proper amount for lunch.

BLUE MASS HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 10:30 AM at

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist,

Corner of Main St., and Grant St., Paterson, NJ

With special remembrance of
Police Officer Matthew Tarentino,
Summit Police Dept.

Lieutenant Christopher
Robateau, Jersey City Police
Dept.

Also for the men and women of our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Country. For information please contact Chairman Frank Petrelli (973) 703-9657 or Bill Bosworth (862) 266-3005.



ICE SKATING PARTY



Fun things are happening at Our Lady of the Lake! Members of the DOGMA Team and altar servers enjoyed a day of ice skating.



WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

First Thursday Retreat

Join us for the First Thursday Retreat on April 5th at Sacred Heart Center, Newton. Father Tim Dowling, pastor at Good Shepherd Parish in Andover, will give a talk on "Abundant Living," at 9:30 AM. It will beautifully connect with the Easter season and help us be aware of the lavishness of God's love for us, as well as our heartfelt gratitude for Him. Father Tim will also hear confessions during Adoration, and celebrate Mass at Noon. Afterwards all are invited to share a light lunch and fellowship. To help defray costs, kindly donate \$15 or make a free will offering. God bless you and fill you with the joy of His love!

Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church

294 Sparta Ave., Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Lake is a Roman Catholic Community founded in tradition and based on our faith in Jesus Christ. With the help of the Holy Spirit we share the message of God's love with all. Through our ministries and school, we strive to address spiritual, social and educational needs. We are nourished by the Eucharist, enlightened by the Word and guided by our devotion to Mary, Our Lady of the Lake.

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| Rev. David McDonnell | Pastor |
| Rev. Marcin Bradtke | Associate Pastor |
| Rev. Mr. Krzysztof Ślimak | Deacon |
| Mr. James McGovern | Deacon |
| Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio | Deacon |
| Elizabeth Heldak | Director of Religious Education |
| Allison Ognibene | Conf/Youth Director |
| Krzysztof Kowalewski | Music Director |
| Denise Aldana | Social Ministries |
| Ellen Ormond | Secretary/Bookkeeper |
| Joanna Mattos | Secretary |

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 5:30 P.M.
Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 Noon

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 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Parish Membership

Our Parish Family invites all its members to participate fully. If you move to another Parish, or change your address, please notify us.

Please see our website for more information.

New Parishioners – Welcome!

Won't you please register at the Parish Office, Monday-Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Parish Office & Rectory (973) 729-6107 Fax (973) 729-7203
Religious Education Office (on weekdays) (973) 729-6107
E-Mail info@ourladyofthelake.org
Web Site www.ourladyofthelake.org
School Offices
Rev. George A. Brown (Pre-K to Gr. 4) (973) 729-9174
Pope John XXIII Middle School (Gr. 5 to 7) (973) 729-1967

EASTER SCHEDULE

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

April 1st - Easter Sunday

7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon in Church

10:35 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. in McKenna Hall

HAPPY EASTER



Father David
Father Marcin
Deacon Krzysztof
Deacon James McGovern
Deacon Sonny Curcio
And the entire parish staff
Wish you all a Safe and
Blessed Easter!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Please join us on Sunday

April 8, 2018

2:00 PM

- † Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
- † Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song
- † Holy Rosary
- † Benediction
- † Confession Available
- † Reception

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet prayer cards may be found in the vestibule of Church or at the parish office.

