

JANUARY 31, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY

8:30 Karin Takacs req. by the Tom Adams Family

TUESDAY – The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 Charlie Stemley eq. by Family

Vilma Rendor req. by Ludy Danielson

WEDNESDAY – St. Blaise and St. Ansgar

8:30 Elizabeth Heldak req. by her children

10:00 Peter Alessandro req. by Terry Post

Rose O'Koren req. by Rev. Brown Faculty & Staff

THURSDAY

8:30 Mary Caruso req. by the Tom Adams Family

FRIDAY – Saint Agatha

8:30 Raymond McCloskey req. by Fred & Kim Jenkin

SATURDAY – Saint Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 Special Intention of Linda O'Connell req. by

Friends of Linda

5:30 Frances DiCianni req. by Laurie DiCianni

FEBRUARY 7, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Herb Eisenhart req. by Mike Brennan

9:00 James Woods req. by his wife

10:30 People of the Parish

Joseph T.D'Alessandro req. by the Muth Family

12:00 Deceased members of the Rona, Banciu & Dirle

Families req. by the Dirle Family

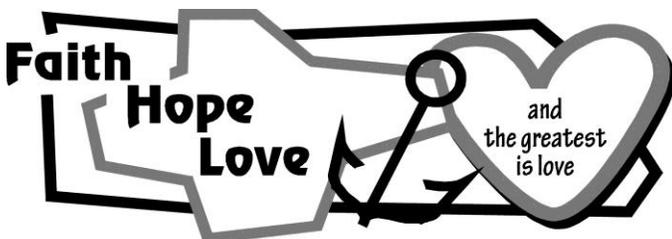
Special Intention of the Andre Rona Family req.

by the Dirle Family

5:00 John Townley req. by Bob & Sandy Tiscornia

PARISH FINANCES

January 24, 2016	\$ 6,002
January 25, 2015	\$ 9,997
Next week's second collection is for parish maintenance. (H.E.L.P.)	



PASTOR'S CORNER

ORDINARY TIME – ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

Now that Christmas is over, we enter the Season of Ordinary Time, which will bring us to Ash Wednesday. We call it Ordinary Time, but these days are anything but ordinary. We use the term ordinary because they are numbered within the liturgical calendar.

During these weeks before Lent, we walk with Jesus as he proclaims the Good News to his people. We hear his invitation to follow him each day by opening our hearts to his message of love and forgiveness. We listen to his words so that we can follow him more closely. These are ideal weeks for us to prepare for the Lenten Season.

Given our busy schedules, it often happens that Lent is upon us before we know it. We receive the ashes on our foreheads and we wonder how we are going to live this season. Instead of waiting for Ash Wednesday, I suggest that we make better use of these weeks in Ordinary Time to prepare ourselves in advance for Lent. I'd like to draw your attention to some upcoming opportunities that might be of interest to you.

As you know, Pope Francis has set this year aside so that we can reflect more deeply on the mercy and forgiveness of God. We can enjoy his loving embrace because the doors of his mercy are thrown open. He is the shepherd who seeks us out and welcomes us home. This is the theme of our Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 6 – 9:30 – 2:30. I know that you will find this day, led by Sr. Anita Constance, enjoyable and enriching.

Once again, we will have Confessions on the Mondays of Lent from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. I invite you to celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy even if you have been away from Church for a long time. Also invite members of your family and friends to avail themselves of this great gift. Indeed, you can go to any church in our Diocese and know that a priest will be there at that time to hear your confession.

The Season of Ordinary Time helps us to anticipate Lent so that when Ash Wednesday rolls around, we're not caught off guard. We've had time to pray and prepare so that we can enter more fully into the Lenten Season. It will be here before you know it.

Sincerely,

Father David

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/31/16 – 2/7/16

Mon.	6:30 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
Wed.	7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Thurs.	BINGO (Non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	7:00 PM Filipino Mass	Church
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Day of Reflection	Cassidy

LITURGY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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.

FILIPINO MASS

The bi-lingual Filipino Mass will be held on Friday, February 5th at 7:00 PM in the Church. Everyone is invited. All are welcome.

PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION

You are invited to **A Parish Day of Reflection**, on **THE FACE OF MERCY**, Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30 – 2:30 in Cassidy Hall, led by Sister Anita Constance, S.C. This day of reflection will unfold the garment of mercy, as we focus, receive, and experience the mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ. Please RSVP by **Feb. 1st** by calling the parish office at 973-729-6107. Light refreshments & lunch will be provided. Free will donation will be appreciated.

HEALING MASS

There will be a Parish Healing Mass on Saturday, February 13th at 11:00 AM. A reception with light refreshments will follow. All parishioners are invited to attend, especially those who are ill. All are welcome!

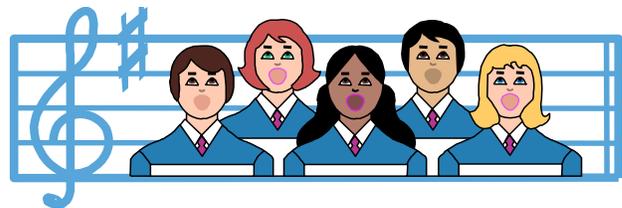
A RETREAT WITH POPE FRANCIS SERIES

Six Weekly Sessions beginning Mon., Feb 15th at 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. with DVD and 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.

**All Structures Are Built Upon
A Strong
Cornerstone
April 2016**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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 HOUSES

9:00 A.M. Wednesday, February 3rd
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 3rd

For more information please visit our website at:
Revbrownschool.org
To make an appointment please call 973-729-9174



CUTTING EDGE CURRICULUM

- Full-Day Early Childhood Development Program
- Next Generation Science Standards
- After-School Enrichment Programs
- One-to-One Computing
- Discovery Education
- Robotics



REVEREND BROWN SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE:

- Global Citizens
- Value Based

FAITH-FILLED EDUCATION

- Fostering Catholic Values
- Instilling Respect for Self, Others, and the World
- Developing Service-Oriented Young People
- Innovators
- Leaders



“COME & SEE” POPE JOHN OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week at Pope John High School, 28 Andover Rd., Sparta, NJ

Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 PM.

Faculty-guided tours and light refreshments

RSVP (973) 729-6125 x 221 or

carolsherrier@popejohn.org

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Annual Craft & Vendor Fair

Redeemer Preschool PTO presents their annual craft and vendor fair on February 6th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at 37 Newton Sparta Rd., Newton. One-stop shopping for your loves just in time for Valentine's Day.

Eva's Village Community Tour

Eva's Village will host its quarterly community tour on February 9th beginning promptly at 10:30 AM. The tour is open to anyone who wants to learn more about Eva's Village and its efforts to comprehensively care for the homeless, hungry and poor in the Paterson and surrounding Passaic County communities. To reserve your space, contact Jason Patterson, Government & Community relations Specialist at (973) 523-6220 Ext. 226 or via email at Jason.Patterson@evasvillage.org.

Lumen Center

Deepen your relationship with God and join us in prayer, study and action grounded in the contemplation of God, of justice, and the sacredness of the earth. Sisters of Saint Dominic, 1 Ryerson Ave, Caldwell, For the latest Information and Updates please visit our website: www.lumenctr.org.

Saint Paul Inside the Walls

Go to www.insidethewalls.org to see what's available and how to register.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE MARCH 19 IN MCKENNA HALL – 6:30 PM



Please mark your calendars for this annual parish event. Our own top of the line Irish step dancers and traditional musicians will be back, and the customary corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at your table. Please join us.

Tickets are available in the vestibule after all Masses and in the parish office. You may purchase tickets individually for open seating or as table of 10. Beer is included in the ticket price of \$35. This is a BYOB event, so 21 and over only, please. Ticket sales will close on March 7, 2016.

BAPTISM CLASS

The Baptism Class for new parents will be held in Cassidy Hall on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:30 PM. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Our Lady of the Lake Welcoming Ministry will hold a “Getting to Know Each Other” gathering on February 20th at 4:15 PM in Cassidy Hall. Invitations will be sent out to all parishioners who have joined the parish within the last three months. If you are relatively new to the parish and were unable to attend our last gathering, you are also welcome to join us. Please call the parish office to let us know how many members of your family will be attending. Snow date will be March 15th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

WAS CANCELLED DUE TO
SNOWSTORM.

NEW DATE: FEB. 6



Open to ALL Children 9 to 14 years of age (as of January 1st 2016). Marquette Council is holding its annual free throw contest on Saturday, February 6th at 9:00 AM in the Reverend Brown Gymnasium. All are invited to test their basketball skills. The winners in each category will move on to represent the Council in the District, Regional and hopefully the State Championship! So come out to compete and become a State Champion! Any questions please contact Kevin Cavanagh at [\(973\) 647-0975](tel:9736470975).

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group meets every Monday, 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room in the lower level of the Parish Center.

REDISCOVER JESUS: *An Invitation*

By Matthew Kelly

It is impossible to get close to Jesus and stay close to Him without developing an intimate daily conversation with Him. Mr. Kelly suggests *The Prayer Process*: *Gratitude* - thanking God for whatever you are most grateful for today; *Awareness* - revisiting the times in the last day that you were or were not the best-possible-version-of-yourself; *Significant Moments* - exploring what God might be trying to tell you through a particular event or person today; *Peace* - asking God to forgive you and to fill you with peace; *Freedom* - speaking with God about how to change your life so as to experience the freedom to be the best-possible-version-of-yourself; *Others* - lifting up others in prayer for God's blessing and guidance; finishing with the "*Our Father*." We can survive without prayer, but we cannot thrive without it. Are you thriving or just surviving?

U.S. NATIONAL PARKS TOUR

MAY 23 - JUNE 5, 2017

Visit our country's greatest natural treasures on this comfortably-paced and in-depth National Parks tour. Travelers have been calling it the trip of a lifetime. It's impossible to duplicate the vast open spaces of the American West. Discover God's handiwork in six U.S. National Parks: *Yellowstone-the 1st National Park, Grand Teton, The Arches National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Bryce Canyon National park, Zion National Park, Monument Park*. This comprehensive American West experience is not to be missed! *For more information, call the parish office or Judy and Bill Bosworth, 973-729-4629.*



NAME IN VAIN FORGIVENESS CAMPAIGN

A SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY

Today, all third through tenth grade religious education classes will be given an opportunity to participate in a Lenten "Name In Vain Forgiveness Campaign." Any time they hear someone taking the name of our Lord in vain during the weeks of Lent, participants promise to silently pray a simple, one sentence prayer to ask for God's mercy on behalf of that person. Namely, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

Participants will be given a prayer card and a wristband to wear throughout Lent to help them remember. Parents and the entire parish are encouraged to pray for our youth participating in this campaign, that God not only bless them in their efforts but also those for whom they will be praying.

In addition, any parishioners wanting to join in on this campaign along with our youth are welcome to do so. Extra prayer cards and wristbands will be available after all Masses next weekend.

FINANCE

AMAZON.COM TO HELP OUR PARISH

If you're shopping online please keep in mind that if you make purchases through Amazon.com, you can help our parish by using the link on our website (www.ourladyofthelake.org). The church gets a little money back for every dollar that people spend on Amazon using our link. To find the link, click on the "Getting Involved" button and you will see the Amazon.com link at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

PARISHPAY - AUTOMATED GIVING

ParishPay is an automated giving program. Those who wish can make their church donations by automatic deduction or by credit card. To enroll: a) call 1-866-727-4741, or b) use the website, www.parishpay.com through the link on the parish website. Please keep in mind that signing up for ParishPay does not register you with the parish if you are just joining our parish; please come into the office to register.

NIGHT CUSTODIAN NEEDED

Reverend Brown School has an immediate opening for a night custodian. All qualified applicants should send their resume to

Daniel Rosanelli at

danielrosanelli@revbrownschool.org

For further information call the school office at
(973)-729-9174.