

FEBRUARY 5, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:30 Ruth McCormack req. by the Byers Family

TUESDAY

8:30 Jerzy Bradtke req. by Mae & Charlie Catalano & Paula & Sonny Curcio

WEDNESDAY – St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30 Linda DeFronzo req. by the Weckler Family

THURSDAY

8:30 Jerzy Bradtke req. by Arline Sharpe

FRIDAY – St. Scholastica

8:30 Edward Crofts req. by the Dunn Family

SATURDAY – Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 Benedetto Calcaterra req. by his brother, Salvatore and Family

Joseph Pietrucha req. by Sal Calcaterra Family

5:30 Carolina Smith req. by Carol Siro

Joe Pietrucha req. by Joan & Howard Cabiness

FEBRUARY 12, 2017
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 William Bosworth, Jr. req. by Judy & Bill Bosworth
Benedetto Calcaterra req. by his Brother Salvatore and family

9:00 People of the Parish
Patrick Rowley req. by Joseph DeVasto and Family

10:30 Eileen DeNobile req. by Marge Schlomann
Nicole Elizabeth Minton req. by Mae & Charlie Catalano

12:00 Jerzy Bradtke req. by the Dirle Family

5:00 Robert Cassidy req. by Family

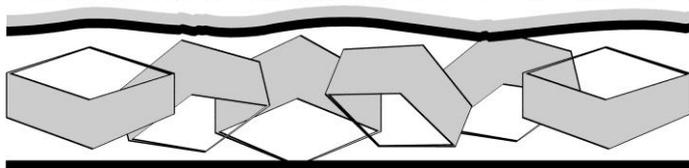
PARISH FINANCES

January 29 2017 **\$ 8,641**

The Beacon **\$ 1,755**

Next week's second collection is for our Diocesan Assessment.

You are the salt of the earth



REFLECTION

Resting In God

A few years ago I told my spiritual director I was disappointed with my recent prayer life. Why? Because nothing much seemed to be happening. "All I do is rest in God's presence," I said. He smiled and said that perhaps because I lead an active life, this was precisely how God was choosing to be with me.

Since then, "resting in God" has become one of the primary ways that I pray. It's similar to an elderly married couple feeling comfortable being in each other's presence in silence. Words aren't always necessary. Nor is it important to have "fireworks" in a relationship all the time. Certainly I enjoy times in prayer when I find a new insight, experience an emotional response to Jesus' sayings, or can imagine myself in a scene from the Gospels. But I also like simply *being* with God. Lately I've realized it can be every bit as enjoyable as the times when something seems to be "happening" in prayer.

Of course any time spent in God's presence is transformative, because God is always nourishing our hearts, soothing past hurts, and strengthening us for whatever awaits us.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus invites his disciples to "come away" so they can "rest a while". And while that implies physical rest from all the disciples' hectic activity, it also implies a peaceful rest with Jesus himself.

So why not hear Jesus' invitation addressed to you, today, wherever you are. Can you come away from your busy life and "rest a while" in his presence?

He's waiting to meet you there.

By Fr. James Martin, SJ in *Give Us This Day*

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 2/5/17 TO 2/11/17

Mon.	6:00 PM Altar Server Training	Church
	6:30 PM K of C	McKenna Hall
	7:30 PM Respect Life	St. Benedict
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	9:15 AM Special Altar Server Training	Church
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
Wed.	7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone	Library
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	6:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
	6:00 PM Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner	McKenna
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	10:30 AM Altar Server Training	Church
	4:15PM Welcome Gathering	Cassidy Hall
	5:00 PM K of C	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

RAINBOWS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

The Sparta United Methodist Church will sponsor the winter/spring session of *Rainbows for All God's Children*. This program supports children (kindergarten through 8th grade) who are grieving as a result of loss. This may be a result of death of a parent/grandparent, divorce, separation, or incarceration. *Rainbows* offers peer support along with the guidance from trained, caring adults who will listen and give youngsters a safe place to express their feelings about the changes in their family's dynamics. The winter/spring session begins February 28, 2017, and concludes April 4, 2017, (Tuesday evening meetings - first session begins at 6:15 – all other sessions begin at 6:30 until 7:15 PM, at the Sparta United Methodist Church). If you would like to register your child for this program, please call Pat Johnson, (973) 729-3233

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Attention Boys and Girls in the 4th Grade and above:

Training for new altar servers begins soon! Training will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:30 AM to Noon on February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; and on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Registration forms will be given out in the coming weeks to Rev. Brown, Pope John Middle School and CCD students in grades 4 thru 7. Please fill them out, and return them with a parent's signature to your teachers or to the Parish office.



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

DOGMA TEAM/YOUTH GROUP

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

BIBLE STUDY

We take "A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, Mary", Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall. All are invited to join us for this Seven Session DVD series, with follow-up discussion and refreshments.



WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Dominican College Open House

Saturday, February 11, 2017, 10:00 AM in Hennessy Center: Take a tour of our beautiful campus; View the residence halls and learn about life on campus Get important information about our programs from the faculty; Meet with students for an insiders' perspective Check out Charge athletics (NCAA Div. II); Get advice from Financial Aid counselors.

Can't Make It? Go to dc.edu/visit to find another opportunity to visit the campus. Freshmen Applicants, be sure to bring official copy of your high school transcript and SAT I or ACT scores.

Please Help Support Three Children Without Parents

In July 2016, three Bergen County children witnessed a horrific scene as their mother was shot and killed by their father on their front lawn. He then went on to kill himself leaving them without parents. It is a heartbreaking situation and one can only imagine how much the children suffered emotionally and financially. Deborah Bode, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Lake, was a longtime best friend of the mother and family. She has written a children's book in her friend's honor as well as to help the children. The book is available for purchase online at Amazon.com under the title "The Best Friend Interview." It is a beautifully illustrated short story about a child dealing with a loss of a best friend. Perhaps it can help a child you know. Please consider purchasing the book. Deborah is donating all proceeds directly to the children. Your purchase, support, and especially prayers for the children is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Quellen Spiritual Direction Formation Program

Applications are being accepted from those individuals who may be called to the ministry of becoming Spiritual Directors. Our three-year program is designed for mature adults seeking to deepen their own spiritual life, learning how to sharpen their skills in offering direction, and becoming a trained spiritual director. Classes are held each week from September to May excluding holidays at the Quellen Spiritual Center, Mendham, NJ. A trained staff and other visiting presenters offer a wide range of topics designed to help the person grow in the area of spiritual direction. Applicants must be in spiritual direction themselves for at least one year. For more information visit our website at www.quellenspiritualcenter.org or call Sister Teresa at (973) 543-6528 Ext. 217.

CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

February 8 is the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita who was sold into slavery as a child. Pray for all children who live in slavery and are exploited. (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

What is this Cornerstone we keep seeing in the bulletin?

CORNERSTONE

April 2017

**RENEW AT CORNERSTONE!
SAVE THE DATES! 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) 2310-091 or Tawnie Scymanski at

OLLWOMENCORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM



I am the Vine
You are the Branches

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 (9973) 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.

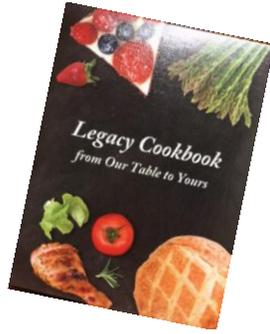
WHAT IS TRIVIA NIGHT?

Join us in Cassidy Hall for this first time event on **February 17 at 7:00 PM**. All parishioners are welcome. A special invitation goes out to those who donated their favorite recipes to help make the Legacy Cookbook fundraiser a success. Won't you please make that favorite dish and bring it with you so everyone gets a taste of the great things to be found in our Legacy cookbook? Some light dinner fare will also be available, but it's bringing your favorite recipe that will make it special. Beverages are BYOB.

Several rounds of trivia questions in different categories will help round out the evening; lots of good laughs to go along with good food. Cassidy Hall has limited seating, so please be sure to RSVP with the parish office no later than February 3rd. If you're one of our cookbook contributors, please let us know what you're bringing. See you then.

ALL LEGACY COOKBOOKS ON SALE

Our Lady of the Lake Legacy Cookbooks have been published and are available for purchase at the parish office. They are \$25 each and make great gifts for Easter or Mother's Day. They may also be purchased at the Sparta Book Store. Please support this important fundraiser. Thank you.



SPRING HAITI COLLECTION

Once again we will have the opportunity to send supplies to our sister parish in Haiti. In the updates provided over the last few months, we have talked about the increase in student population as the number of class rooms increased, again thanks to your financial generosity. We will be collecting school supplies over the next few weeks. Donations of notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, construction paper, chalk and erasers as well as any kind of child geared stickers are needed. There will be a box in Cassidy Hall for your donations. We will be accepting these items through Friday, March 3rd. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Questions, please call Pat Convey at (973) 222-6532.

THANK YOU FROM SAMARITAN INN

Samaritan Inn

Dear Children of Our Lady of the Lake Parish:

Samaritan Inn would like to thank you for your donation of 210 bears that you made to share with other children of our families in need. Mr. and Mrs. Korkidis delivered the bears and we will give them to children of families who come to us in need of a safe and good home.

We are so thankful that you have continued to join in making and donating these bears each year. We hope that you had fun making the bears and sharing in the preparations for Christmas with your family and friends.

Special thanks, also, to the volunteers who helped organize and plan this happy event and to the mentors who made bears in the past and have returned to help again this year.

All of us at Samaritan Inn wish you a Happy and Bright New Year! Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

*Very truly yours,
Dawn Metzger, LSW, MPA
Director*

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER



We will have a "Getting to Know Each Other" gathering for new parishioners on Saturday, February 11th at 4:15 PM.

All new parishioners and anyone who wishes to learn more about our parish are welcome to attend. Please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107 to let us know if you will be attending.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE 2017



MARCH 18 IN MCKENNA HALL – 6:30 PM

Please mark your calendars for our annual St. Patrick's gathering. In keeping with parish family tradition, our own top of the line Irish step dancers and traditional musicians will be there. As always, a fine corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served to you at your table, and the DJ will also be there to play your favorite dance tunes.

Tickets are available at the parish office. You may purchase tickets either for a table of 10 or individually for open seating. Happily, the ticket price remains \$35. This is a BYOB event, so - 21 and over only, please. Ticket sales will close on March 5, 2016. Please purchase your tickets early; thanks to your support and enthusiasm they sell out quickly.

We've got all the makings of another lovely evening for our parish family. Please join us and make it even better.

