

**MARCH 5, 2017  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MONDAY**

8:30 Eileen DeNobile req. by the Cassis Family  
Nancy Zande req. by Carol Krueger

**TUESDAY Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

8:30 Loy Huskey req. by Barry & Tawnie Scymanski  
David Lupfer req. by Chris & Diane Bond

**WEDNESDAY Saint John of God**

8:30 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Betsy Sutherland  
Edward Forde req. by the Novak Family

**THURSDAY - Saint Frances of Rome**

8:30 Richard Messer req. by Barry & Tawnie Scymanski  
Special Intention for Veronica Steele req. by her sister, Sandra & Family

**FRIDAY**

8:30 Helen Cassidy req. by Family

**SATURDAY**

8:30 Mary & Vito Mazzaferre req. by Terry Mazzaferre  
5:30 Richard Redshaw req. by Terry Mazzaferre  
Joseph Lorello req. by Robert Taylor

**MARCH 12, 2017  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

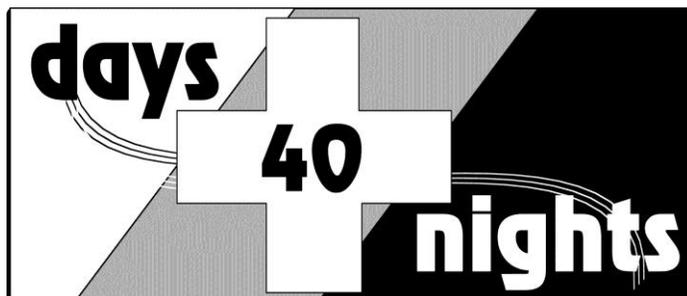
7:45 People of the Parish  
Gisela Michaelis req. by Christa Schmidt  
9:00 Nicole Elizabeth Minton  
10:30 Eileen DeNobile req. by Barbara Young  
12:00 Sal Scarpati req. by Thomas & Marguerite Fergus  
5:00 Richard Bennett req. by Barry & Tawnie Scymanski

**PARISH FINANCES**

February 26, 2017	\$ 10,080
Amazon.com – December	\$140



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
BEGINS NEXT  
SUNDAY  
MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>  
Don't forget to turn your  
clocks  
AHEAD one hour.**



**REFLECTION**

**Jesus is Tempted**

Today's readings show us two opposite responses to the temptation to be "like gods" Our first parents gave in to the serpent's allure, but Jesus didn't. He did what we could not do. Facing every temptation that we face, he clung to his Father and remained free from sin.

Sin is appealing, isn't it? It's also incredibly deceptive, passing itself off as harmless and maybe even good for us. Imagine how the forbidden fruit must have appeared to Eve – "good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and ... desirable for gaining wisdom". But that doesn't mean fighting temptation is a hopeless cause. This Lent is a time when our lives can change.

What temptations oppress you the most? A tendency toward irritation or resentment? Selfishness? Jealousy? Choose one, and decide to make some headway in just this one area this Lent.



Here's one of the best ways to do it: think about Jesus in the wilderness, battling hunger and the nagging voice of Satan. Each time he was tempted, Jesus turned to his Father in prayer, even when it was a great effort, even when the truths he clung to felt distant. And his Father didn't abandon him!

God never turns away from us either. He is always ready to help us. That's why Lent is such a vital time. It's our chance to change directions and cling to the Lord and his word. It's our chance to say no to the temptations we face and turn back to our heavenly Father.

When you do this, it will make a difference in your relationship with God. But it will also change the world. Think about the ripple effects of millions of people turning away from the snares of the devil and welcoming God more deeply into their lives! Come Easter, families will be stronger, and faith will be deeper.

***"Jesus, show me what is tempting me, and help me turn back to the Father."***

From "A Word Among Us"

## THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/5/17 TO 3/12/17

Sun.	9:00 AM Mass Altar Server Installation	Church
Mon.	6:30 PM Knights of Columbus	Cassidy Hall
	7:00 PM Theresa of Avila	Library
	7:30 PM Respect Life	St. Benedict
	7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
	7:00 – 8:30 – Coming Home Confessions	
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
	7:30 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parents	McKenna
Wed.	7:00 PM Lenten Speaker for School Parents	MH
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	9:30 AM CCD Retreat	McKenna Hall
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

## LITURGY

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

#### Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

#### Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

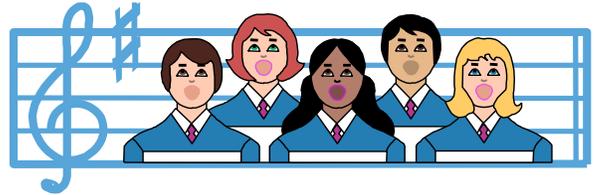
First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.



### 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.**

### SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

#### BIBLE STUDY

Increase your understanding of Holy Scripture by attending BIBLE STUDY every Tuesday in Cassidy Hall from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Special emphasis will be placed on Sunday Scripture readings and how they connect to our daily living. All are welcome.

#### DOGMA TEAM/YOUTH GROUP

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

### LENTEEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

**March 21, 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Church**

#### Come to the Water...

*If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4: 10*  
As we thirst for God, do we realize that God thirsts for us as well? Come to the water and experience the abundance of God's love and compassionate healing. Renew and refresh your spirit, as this Lenten season reveals the God of our longing.

### A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

A spiritual journey through St. Teresa of Avila's Classic: **Interior Castle** - A new Study of the Saints discussion group is forming in our parish to learn about and experience true spiritual growth in prayer with the great Saints of the Church. We are starting with Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila. Meetings will be held on **Monday evenings starting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## NAME IN VAIN FORGIVENESS CAMPAIGN

A SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY

What will you be doing this Lent? This weekend, all parishioners, young and old, will be given an opportunity to participate in a parish-wide, "Name In Vain Forgiveness Campaign." It is a very simple yet effective way to exercise your love of God and love of neighbor during Lent. Just like last year, any time you hear someone taking the name of our Lord in vain, you **silently yet sincerely** pray a simple, one sentence prayer on behalf of that person, to ask for God's mercy. Namely, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

We will provide you with the prayer, the simple instructions and even a fashionable "Name In Vain" wristband for you to wear during Lent, to help you remember. All you need to do is wear the wristband and pray for anyone you happen to hear, who is breaking the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment.

Please join us and take one for yourself or take more, for your family and friends. They will be available near the exits of the church now through Ash Wednesday.

### RENEW AT CORNERSTONE!



#### REGISTER NOW!

**Women's Cornerstone** will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> through Saturday evening, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Women's Retreat contacts:

Eileen Vandenberg (201) 310-6091 or Tawnie Scymanski at

[OLLWOMENCORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OLLWOMENCORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM)

The **Men's Cornerstone** will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday evening, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 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 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.



I am the Vine  
You are the Branches

**Peace be with you at**

**Cornerstone April 2017**

### MANNA HOUSE

**All food donations during the month of March will be given to Manna House.** Manna House is a free lunch program open to anyone who feels the need of its service. Members of the Presbyterian Church in Newton saw the need for such a program and thought that other churches in the county would like to be part of the program. Our Lady of the Lake Church is one of twenty churches in Sussex County working to support Manna House. Each church takes one day a month to prepare and serve the meal and clean up afterward.

### WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

#### Auxilium Open House

The Auxilium School & Infant/Toddler program and Camp Auxilium is hosting an Open House on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 PM and Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 PM. Please come out and see the great programs we offer. Year Round program for our school families and FUN summer activities for our campers.

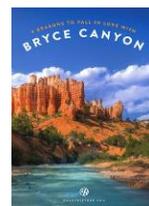
#### Hidden in Plain Sight

Sparta Middle School is hosting "Hidden in Plain Sight" on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Presented by the Center for Prevention and Counseling, this exhibit and presentation to prevent youth drug use is suitable for parents and adult community members who work with or care about young people. An exhibit of a teenager's bedroom will be on display for participants to browse, observe and become familiar with where and how teens might hide drugs or paraphernalia. Seemingly innocent items commonly used by youth could actually indicate a substance use problem. For more information please contact Tina Aue at The Center at (973) 383-4787 Ext 239 or email [tina@centerforprevention.org](mailto:tina@centerforprevention.org).

#### Literacy NJ – Sussex Branch Needs Volunteers

LiteracyNJ-Sussex Branch is seeking volunteers to tutor adults who need help with English and other life skills. LNJ-Sussex will offer an orientation to tutoring at 10:00 AM on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Sussex-Wantage Library 66 Rte 639, Wantage). This is followed by five Thursday morning training sessions: March 16 through April 13. To register call (973) 300-9444 or email [training@literacynj.org](mailto:training@literacynj.org).

### U.S. NATIONAL PARKS TOUR-



MAY 23-June 5, 2017

**ONLY 4 SEATS LEFT!**

Join us on a comfortably-paced, in-depth tour of 6 of the U.S. National Parks, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, The Arches, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, and Monument Park, a tribal park. The grand finale of the trip will be a night in Las Vegas!

For more information, call the parish office or Judy and Bill Bosworth, 973-729-4629. .

## ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE 2017



### MARCH 18 IN MCKENNA HALL – 6:30 PM

This is the last week to purchase tickets to the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. Ticket Sales will close on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available after Mass this weekend or at the parish office during the week. 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.

#### FROM BISHOP SERRATELLI

*"I hereby grant a dispensation from the laws of fast and abstinence to all Roman Catholics living in or visiting this diocese on **Friday, March 17, 2017.***

*This dispensation is given with the strong recommendation that the faithful honor both Saint Patrick and this holy season of Lent by some special work of charity or exercise of piety in place of abstinence."*

#### PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP

Pizza Night with Bishop Serratelli will take place on **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at Pope John XXIII High School. Young men, ages 15 through 25, are invited. If you are interested in participating in a night of adoration, reflection, fellowship and pizza, please call the parish office if you would like to attend.

#### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



##### OPERATION RICE BOWL

*CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parish and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our brothers and sisters in*

*need around the world."*

Please pick up a rice bowl as you leave church today and return it after Easter Sunday. Your support means so much to many underprivileged people.

#### INCREASED OFFERING PROGRAM

Our Increased Offertory Program Commitment Sunday is this weekend at all Masses. We encourage all parishioners to complete and turn in your commitment cards to the church. The Commitment Card contains information on how to plan your increased offertory gift to the church, and asks for your commitment over the next year. If you have any questions regarding this program, or how to give electronically, please contact the parish office.



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00–5:00 PM

#### **RECONCILIATION ADDITIONAL HOURS**

7:00 – 8:30 PM Mondays: March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, and April 3

Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 PM

#### **PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

In Lent it is especially meaningful to pray the stations. Join us as a community when we

pray them on Friday nights at 7:00 PM in Lent. It can also be done alone at any time, going from station to station as we pray. It can even be done at home!

