

**APRIL 23, 2017  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**MONDAY – Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

8:30 Raymond Kenneth O’Leary req. by Valerie O’Brien  
Maria Triano req. by Nora & John Simone

**TUESDAY – Saint Mark, Evangelist**

8:30 Dr. John A. Mazzaferre req. by Terry Mazzaferre

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 Matthias Palossy req. by Martha Palossy  
Kevin Bell req. by Rose & Gene

**THURSDAY**

8:30 George McDonough req. by Marguerite McDonough

**FRIDAY – Saint Peter Chanel and Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort**

8:30 Raymond Kenneth O’Leary req. by Michael O’Brien

**SATURDAY – Saint Catherine of Siena**

8:30 Eileen Ryan req. by Denise Aldana  
5:30 Genevieve Kozdron req. by the Mattos Family  
Leonard Tamboer req. by Marguerite McDonough

**APRIL 30, 2017  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:45 Special Intention of the Cramer Family req. by Doug Vance.  
Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Judy Savage  
9:00 Mary Spinner req. by the Spinner & Walker Family  
Bill Heinz req. by Joe DeVasto, Robert, Christine & Jaclyn  
10:30 People of the Parish  
Nancy Zande req. by John Harrington & Family  
12:00 Raymond Kenneth O’Leary req. by John Paul O’Brien  
Alexander & John Nowak & Sandy Shaffer req. by Jennifer & Victor Nowak  
5:00 Jerzy Bradtke req. by Family

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 33,218</b>
<b>Holy Land (Good Friday)</b>	<b>\$ 1,990</b>

**Faith**



**MORE PRECIOUS THAN gold**

**REFLECTION**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It’s a special day for us to reflect on and rejoice in the merciful love God has for us. It’s an opportunity for us to celebrate the



eternal inheritance Jesus has won for us, an inheritance that is “imperishable, undefiled, and unfading”.

We all know what mercy looks like. It’s the judge who knows you are guilty but pardons you anyway. It’s the mother who has caught you in a lie but forgives you. It’s Jesus saying, “Your sins are forgiven.... Go in peace.” It’s the mercy that brings you “an indescribable and glorious joy”.

The Old Testament tells us about God’s merciful love. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, he promised to show mercy to everyone who loves him and obeys his word. King David sang about the Lord who “pardons,” “heals,” and “redeems” us because he is “merciful and gracious”. Even the prophets, who regularly spoke about doom and destruction for the “rebel Israel,” also recalled God’s desire to pour his merciful love on his people.

The teaching of God’s merciful love shines even brighter in the Gospels. It runs through every one of Jesus’ parables, miracles, and teachings, until it reaches its climax on the cross, when he prays, “Father, forgive them”.

Pause for a moment and picture God’s merciful love flowing into you. See yourself as the imperfect, sinful person you know you are. Now, see Jesus washing you clean and embracing you.

If we were to forget about God’s mercy, the guilt and shame of our sins could weigh heavily on us. If we were to forget that we are sinners in need of mercy, we would risk being blinded by our sins and unable to enjoy God’s wonderful fountain of merciful love. May we never forget! May we always rejoice!

From: *The Word Among Us*

**THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 4/24/17 TO 4/30/17**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
	<b>7:00 PM Theresa of Avila</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>9:00 AM Scripture Sharing</b>	<b>Library</b>
	<b>7:00 PM Bible Study</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:00 PM Social Ministry</b>	<b>Library</b>
	<b>7:00 PM Diocesan Pilgrimage Mtg</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
	<b>7:00 PM RB Art Show</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6:30 PM Men's Cornerstone</b>	<b>Youth Room</b>
	<b>6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
	<b>7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone 3</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>6:00 PM K of C Federation</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
	<b>8:30 PM AA</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary</b>	<b>St. Benedict</b>
	<b>10:00 &amp; 1:00 Communion Practice</b>	<b>Church</b>
	<b>8:00 PM AA</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:30 AM Seminarian Breakfast</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
	<b>1:00 PM Women's Social</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>

**LITURGY**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

**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.

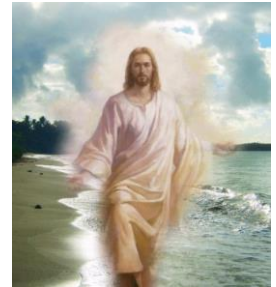
**SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT**

**CELEBRATING**

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on Jesus' presence with us in the Eucharist. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. How are we as a parish living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?

**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.

**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**

**9:00 am** Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
**7:00 pm** Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
**3:00 pm** Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

For more information please visit our website at: [revbrownschool.org](http://revbrownschool.org)

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



## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

## SUMMER STEAM ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



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rend George A Brown Memorial School Summer STEAM Enrichment Program – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. RBS STEAM offers a fun, creative, and highly academic program designed to engage your child. July 10 – August 3. All are welcome for grades K-5. Sign up for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 weeks! Register Early – Space is limited. To register, and for more details go to: [www.rev Brownschool.org](http://www.rev Brownschool.org) and click on STEAM tab.

**Believe**  **that you may have life**

## WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

### Dominican College – Open House

Dominican College is hosting an Open House for High School and Transfer students and their families on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will be held in Hennessy Center. During Open House, students can tour our campus, meet faculty and current students. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss financial aid, learn about our Honors program and our very generous scholarship and grant programs that offer up to \$20,000 per year. Just 20 minutes from NYC. Located at 496 Western Highway, S. Blauvelt, NY. Bring your transcripts and SAT or ACT scores. . Call 1- (866) 4DC-INFO

### Spiritual Direction - What Is It?

Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. An invitation to come spend a day learning about Spiritual Direction – what it is and what it is not – at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. Presenters are JoAnn Atlas and Fran Fay, certified Spiritual Directors. Morning coffee/cake and lunch is included – cost is \$25 pp. RSVP to Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at [cbezak@carmelites.com](mailto:cbezak@carmelites.com) or call 845-343-1879 for more information.

### First Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> “You at Least Try to Console Me.”

World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ 07882 invites all. Honor Our Lady’s plea of Dec. 10, 1925 requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. *Speaker/Celebrant: Fr. Michael Venditti.* Confessions 10:30 a.m.; 11:30 Rosary w/15 minute meditation; 12:00 Holy Mass and Benediction; 2:30 .m. Holy House: Children’s Video, Talk on Last Vision of Fatima; 3:00 p.m, Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: “And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?” [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com) (908) 689-1700 Ext. 210

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> session will be at St. Thomas More Church,  
4 Convent Rd., Morristown, NJ

## **FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY** Sunday, April 23, 2017

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked her to have his image painted along with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You!" He presented this image to remind people to trust in His mercy, and to come to Him for mercy. Our Lord asked St. Faustina to pray and work towards establishing a Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. He told her: "On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." Jesus also taught St. Faustina the Novena of Divine Mercy and asked that we pray the Novena prior to the Feast day.



**Join us on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM for the Feast of Divine Mercy Celebration! Bring family & friends!**

### **Easter Flower Donations**

**Thank you to the following received after the deadline.**

Bob & Helen Cassidy req. by the Novak Family  
Wilgan & Janiak Family req. by Eva Wilgan  
Stephen Kish req. by Frances Kish  
Mary Moreland req. By Carol Gentile  
Richard & Josephine Drake req. by Diane Bond

### **SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS**

**Catholicism from Scratch – Making Sense: Questions about the Eucharist**

**Madison, NJ, Saturday, April 29, 10 AM - Noon**

A course in basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter

**Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)**

**Madison, Saturday, May 13, 10:00 AM - Noon**

Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and his Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community.

**Speaking of Faith**

**Madison, Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

Fr. Manning talks with Dr. Brian Beyerl, deacon at Assumption Parish, Morristown and Chief of Neurosurgery at Morristown Medical Center, about his encounter with and response to God and the integration of faith into work and life.

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### ***Parish Staff***

Rev. David McDonnell	Pastor
Rev. Marcin Bradtke	Parochial Vicar
Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio	Deacon
Mr. James McGovern	Deacon
Elizabeth Heldak	Director of Religious Education
Laurie DiCianni	Confirmation Coord.-Youth Minister
Krzysztof Kowalewski	Music Director
Ellen Ormond	Secretary/Bookkeeper
Joanna Mattos	Secretary
Denise Aldana	Social Ministries

### ***Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist***

Saturday	5:30 P.M.
Sunday	7:45, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12 Noon 5:00 P.M. (except June, July, and August)

### ***Weekday Masses***

8:30 A.M.

### ***Holy Day Masses***

8:30, 9:30 A.M. (except August 15<sup>th</sup>), 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 to 7:00 P.M.

For information on Baptisms, Marriages, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Visitation of the Sick, Parish Membership, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

### ***New Parishioners - Welcome!***

Won't you please register at the Parish Office

Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Or find our registration form on our webpage at

[www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org)

### **SEMINARIAN BUFFET BREAKFAST**



Hosted by Marquette Council #588, Knights of Columbus on April 30<sup>th</sup> 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.