

**FEBRUARY 4, 2018  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY – Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

8:30 Nancy Zande (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) req. by Jean McGovern

**TUESDAY – Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 Josephine Sica & relatives req. by August Sica

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 Agnes Shelton req. by Stan Gasior

**THURSDAY – Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita**

8:30 Linda DeFronzo req. by the Weckler Family

**FRIDAY**

8:30 Dolores & Louis Piermatteo req. by the family

**SATURDAY – Saint Scholastica**

8:30 Special Intention of Rita Scanlon req. by Anna & Simon

Mary Weigh req. by the Campbell Family

5:30 Members of the Purgatorial Society

Rose & Joseph Castello req. by Family

**FEBRUARY 11, 2018  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:45 Debra Haff req. by Susan Santore

9:00 People of the Parish

Frank Ponte req. by John & Alice Roy

10:30 Special Intention of Lourdes Barrameda req. by Anna & Simon

12:00 Margaret Grumbach req. by Ken & Kathy O'Rourke

Barry Wilson req. by the Curtis Family

**PARISH FINANCES**

**January 28, 2018**

**\$ 10,308.**

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



**POPE FRANCIS' RULES OF HAPPINESS**

**Part 1**

**Rule 1. Live and Let Live**

We don't think a 'live and let live' or move forward and let others do the same' is a Christian attitude but it really is. We find it beautifully expressed in the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus reminds his disciples that 'God lets his sun shine on the righteous and the unrighteous' and teaches them to refrain from worry and anxiety by considering the lilies in the field which neither labor or spin but are beautifully adorned.

**Rule 2. Give of Yourself to Others**

Pope Francis said recently: 'Be open and generous toward others, because if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid.' This is, of course, the logic of the kingdom of God – we give in order to receive, we die to self so we can live for others, and the Christian life is essentially a call to love God and our neighbor as we love ourselves.

**Rule 3. Proceed Calmly in Life**

The Pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel by Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the protagonist – gaucho Don Segundo Sombra – looks back on how he lived his life. 'He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river, and in old age, he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool of water,' the Pope said. He said he likes this latter image of a pool of water – to have 'the ability to move with kindness and humility, a calmness in life.' Pray for the grace to be an instrument of God's calm and peace.

**Rule 4. Have a Healthy Sense of Leisure**

Pope Francis has said that we are in danger of losing the pleasures to be derived from art, literature and playing together with our children. Carving out quality time to refresh and re-charge our batteries, to enjoy our families are important in living a balanced Christian life. All work and no play makes the Christian a very dull boy or girl indeed! The Pope said: 'Consumerism has brought us anxiety and stress', causing people to lose a 'healthy culture of leisure.' Their time is 'swallowed up' so people can't share it with anyone. Even though many parents work long hours, they must set aside time to play with their children' work schedules make it 'complicated, but you must do it. Families must also turn off the TV when they sit down to eat because, even though television is useful for keeping up with the news, having it on during mealtime 'doesn't let you communicate' with each other.

**Rule 5. Keep Sunday Special**

Keeping holy the Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments. Pope Francis said" 'Sundays should be holidays. Workers should have Sundays off because Sunday is for family.'

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From: *Bible Alive*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 2/5/18 – 2/10/18

Mon. 7:30 PM RCIA – Fr. David	St. Lucy
7:30 PM Advisory	Library
8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues. 9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
7:00 PM Catching Fire Video	Cassidy Hall
Wed. 7:00 PM Cornerstone	St. Lucy
Thur. 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri. 6:00 PM RB Spaghetti Dinner	McKenna Hall
8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. 9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Lucy
2:30 PM Girl Scouts	McKenna Hall
7:00 PM Mardi Gras	McKenna Hall
NO AA	

## LITURGY

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

## CATHOLIC ACADEMY

The Catholic Academy will host Welcome Wednesdays, inviting prospective families to tour all three Academy schools. Each Wednesday, Reverend George A. Brown Elementary School, Pope John XXIII Middle School, and Pope John XXIII High School, will host tours starting at 8:30 AM. If interested in taking a tour, please call (973) 729-6126.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office.

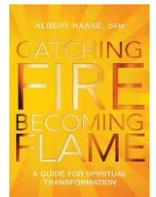
*New and existing members are invited.*

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### DO YOU NEED A SPIRITUAL "TUNE-UP"?

Catching Fire Becoming Flame, A Guide For Spiritual Transformation is a

six-session video presentation given by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM & it will be offered here in Cassidy Hall starting Feb. 6 at 7:00 PM. Follow-up discussion & fellowship should make for an enriching Lenten experience. All are welcome.



## CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

### A NEW MINISTRY AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE



Join us on Mondays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the Parish Library. We will gather to pray and work in thanksgiving for the goodness of creation. We join our voices, as St. Francis of Assisi did in his Canticum of the Sun, and as Pope Francis echoed in his encyclical on the environment.

"Praised be you, O Lord, for the beauty and goodness of the created world!" We thank God for the gift of creation and show our appreciation through our care. If you are interested in working with us to Care for God's Creation let us know at [LaudatoSi.OLL@gmail.com](mailto:LaudatoSi.OLL@gmail.com).



## 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.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Training will begin soon for new altar servers! We invite boys and girls in the 4th grade or above to join this important ministry!

To accommodate parents' busy schedules, training sessions will be on Friday evenings and Saturday noontime.

Attendees will come to either

Friday evening or Saturday noon sessions, not both.

The schedule for training is as follows:

Friday evening training, 5 - 6:30 PM: February 16th, 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Saturday noontime training, 12 – 1:30 PM: February 17th, 24th and March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Registration forms will be distributed to Reverend Brown and CCD students, and also will be available on the Parish website at [www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org). Click on "Liturgy", then "Altar Servers" to find the link to the registration form which can be printed out in PDF format.

**MARDI GRAS** – Hosted by The Knights of Columbus 588 and Our Lady of the Lake Church of Sparta.



Come Celebrate Mardi Gras with Cajun food and Jazz music. Bring your masks and wear a colorful outfit. It is going to be a FUN NIGHT!

Date/Time: February 10th at 7pm-11pm at McKenna Hall  
Tickets by email or at door:  
[digital.knight@kofc588.org](mailto:digital.knight@kofc588.org)

For more info:

<http://www.kofc588.org/event/mardi-gras>.



## ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE 2018

**MARCH 17th in MCKENNA HALL - 6:30 PM**

Please mark your calendars for our annual St. Patrick's gathering. YES, it is on the actual feast day: March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our very own WORLD champion Irish step dancers and musicians will be with us again this year....and our favorite DJ will be there too. A fine corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at your table. Feel free to BYOB – this is a 21 and over only event. The price is still \$35, and someone has already donated the keg of beer, thanks very much. **Do you have a favorite recipe? Good! Please bake your favorite one and bring it. There will be a prize awarded for the best soda bread.** Please purchase your ticket as soon as possible. Tables of ten are currently available, and the other option is open seating. We've got all the makings of another lovely evening for our parish family. Please join us and make it even better.

**TICKET SALES CLOSE ON FRIDAY March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

### Literacy New Jersey

Sussex County Programs of Literacy New Jersey offers free, confidential tutoring to ESL adults of all levels. Lesson are student oriented, based on what each person's needs and goals might be. Students can meet with their tutor individually for about two hours each week, in a public location such as a library. In addition, starting in February, group classes are being offered at the Sparta Library for General Conversation and for College and Careers. For more information call Mary at (973) 300-9444. Visit website at [LiteracyNJ.org](http://LiteracyNJ.org).

### Assumption College for Sisters' Gala

Making the education of a new generation of Catholic Sisters possible, Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will hold the Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 22, 2018. The gala raises scholarship funds for the education of Catholic Sisters from the developing world who do not have such an opportunity in their homelands. Upon completion of their degrees, the Sisters return to their communities equipped with the professional skills for ministry. For more information call (973) 597-0188 X101 or email [gala@acs350.org](mailto:gala@acs350.org) or visit [www.acs350.org](http://www.acs350.org).

## YOUTH GROUP CORNER

**NEW -- JOIN US!**

### YOUTH GROUP FIRST SUNDAYS

**12 to 2:30 p.m.**

Every First Sunday the Youth Group (9th grade and above) will meet at the Church and attend the 12 Noon Mass. We will then meet in the Youth Room (basement of Parish Center) and to focus on community, fun, and service projects. Snacks will be provided. Dates include February 4, March 4, April 8 (since Easter is April 1), May 6, June 3. Summer dates to follow. This is also great time for teens to celebrate God's Word, hang out, while parents have some free time. Contact [allisono@ourladyofthelake.org](mailto:allisono@ourladyofthelake.org) if you are interested in attending.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - YOUTH GROUP FIRST SUNDAY 12-2:30 p.m. - Tailgating Party

Join us at the 12 Noon. Mass followed by Meet and Greet with members of the DOGMA team in the Youth Room located in the basement of the Parish Center. Snacks will be provided. Wear your favorite sports team colors or jersey.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4 - YOUTH GROUP FIRST SUNDAY 12-2:30 p.m. - The Forbidden Fruit

Join us at the 12 Noon. Mass followed by playing the board game Apples to Apples in the Youth Room located in the Basement of the Parish Center. Apple related snacks will be provided. We will also talk about the forbidden fruit.

## PARISH MISSION

### Mark Your Calendar

We will be having a Parish Mission during Lent, on February 26, 27 & 28 at 7:00 PM. Our Mission Speaker will be Paul Rymniak. On February 25<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Rymniak will speak briefly at all the Masses. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation each night of the Mission, we'll pray the Holy Rosary on Monday and Wednesday, and there will be a Healing Service for Seriously Ill People. Set aside some time for a spiritual experience.

*Paul Rymniak experienced a profound conversion*



*experience connected to what our Lord is doing through the Blessed Virgin Mary in Medjugorje.*

*Eventually he came to understand that the Lord was calling him to a ministry of healing of all sorts through leading people in praying the Rosary in a particular manner.*

*Paul has published a book: "The Mystery of Healing," The book as well as audio CDs and cassettes will be available after the Mission.*

## BEEFSTEAK DINNER

### FORMER GIANTS LINEBACKER SPEAKER HARRY CARSON



Please join Nothing Is Impossible and The Knights of Columbus Marquette Council 588 for our first annual beefsteak dinner fundraiser, with special guest NY Giants Hall of Famer Harry Carson. Dinner will be catered by the famous Brownstone Restaurant. All profits from the event will benefit Nothing is Impossible (NII) and The Knights of Columbus Marquette Council

588(KOC). The mission of NII is to provide temporary financial assistance to individuals and families following a catastrophic event, so that they may be able to maintain their independence in the community.

Limited tickets are still available for the VIP meet and greet cocktail hour. Only 30 tickets will be sold to meet with Harry one on one. For tickets, please visit our website at:

<http://www.nothingisimpossibleinc.org/>

Sponsorship packages are also available on our website. For questions, please email Jennifer Gavenas at [Jgavenas@nothingisimpossibleinc.org](mailto:Jgavenas@nothingisimpossibleinc.org)

## 2018 Women's Cornerstone VI

**Save the Date**  
**April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**



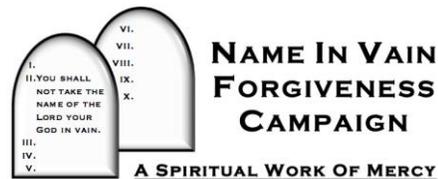
*"Come to the Living Water"  
Come, renew and focus your spiritual life while enjoying camaraderie of other women.  
More Information to come.*



## Office of the Bishop Diocese of Paterson 2018 Liturgical Guidelines for the Flu Season

1. If you don't feel well and suspect that you may have the flu: **remain at home.**
2. **Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.**
3. **Sign of Peace:** If you feel uncomfortable with exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbors by a nod of the head.
4. **Distributing and Receiving the Eucharist:** Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist **must thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser both before and after the distribution of the Eucharist.** Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
5. Receiving the Eucharist by also drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice is discontinued until the level of flu cases is dramatically decreased.

**Children.** In parishes where Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated, the pastor may suspend the practice during flu season.



### A LENTEN OPPORTUNITY – SO SIMPLE – SO DOABLE – SO BENEFICIAL!

For the third year in a row, we are asking all parishioners to participate in a parish-wide, "Name In Vain Forgiveness Campaign." It is a very easy yet effective way to exercise your love of God and love of neighbor during Lent. Here's how it works - 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 a package containing the prayer, the simple instructions, and even a "Name In Vain" wristband for you to wear during Lent, to help you remember. All you need to do is wear the wristband or keep the prayer card in a place where you will see it every day as a reminder. Then, as you go about your normal day, any time you hear anyone taking the name of the Lord in vain, immediately pray this one-sentence prayer for him or her, in the silence of your heart. It's that simple!

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 the weekend of February 10<sup>th</sup> through Ash Wednesday while supplies last.