

**MARCH 4, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

MONDAY

8:30 Agnes (Tiny) Shelton req. by George & Cappy Daggett
Richard Redshaw req. by his loving family

TUESDAY

8:30 Cara Bonang req. by Kurt & Ronni VanDerMark

WEDNESDAY - Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

8:30 Helen Larson req. by Kim Collins

THURSDAY – Saint John of God

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

FRIDAY – Saint Frances of Rome

8:30 Julia Sheppard

SATURDAY

8:30 Gloria Claudio req. by Anna & Simon

5:30 Jack Brady req. by Friends of Somma Family

Frank & Grace Lorello req. by Robert Taylor

**MARCH 11, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:45 People of the Parish

9:00 Stephen Swentzel

Mary & Vito Mazzaferre req. by Terry Mazzaferre

10:30 Mary Bridget McGuire req. by Samantha & Michael Turner

John Segot req. by Cecilia Segot

12:00 Michael Scalera II req. by David & Alice Romano

Helen Cassidy req. by Family

PARISH FINANCES

February 25, 2018

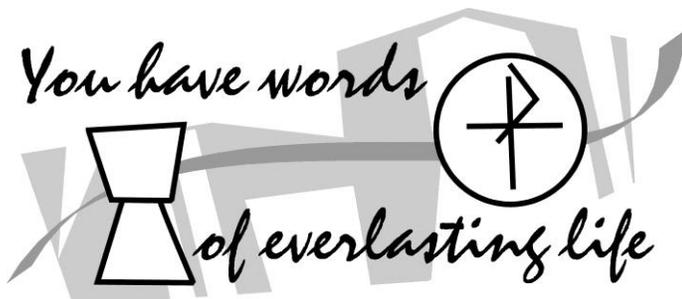
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50/50 Fundraiser



This year, once again, we will be conducting a 50/50 raffle to benefit our parish. This year's tickets are \$20 each.

We are hoping to sell 1200 tickets. First prize will be 30% of all ticket sales; second prize will be 15% of ticket sales and 3rd prize will be 5% of ticket sales. The drawing will be on the last night of our carnival in June. Please support this important fund raiser. Tickets will be going out in the mail shortly.



LENT – A TIME TO COME HOME

The parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the best known of Jesus' parables, revealing the loving heart of God the Father. There are three people in this parable: the father and the two sons. The brothers represent two very human experiences: the first, a wayward wastrel, a public sinner, rather like a tax collector or prostitute; the second, a self-righteous, self-satisfied and self-indulgent man, rather like a scribe, Pharisee or teacher of the law.



Which son do you identify with? For most of us it is the prodigal – few of us identify with the stay-at-home son. What is shocking is that both are equally lost to the father. The self-righteous sibling is as lost as the

unrighteous one – perhaps even more lost. Both are estranged from the father's love; both have through their own choice cut themselves off from receiving his tender love and mercy. However – and this is the truly shocking bit – the elder brother has hardened his heart towards his father and become bitter. The only way back for him, as it was for the younger son, is the road of humble repentance.

'I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son' is the cry of the repentant heart. This depth of sorrow and contrition is overwhelmed by the father's lavish generosity and love. The parable reveals that no matter how many steps we have taken away from our Father God, it only takes one step to return. Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance, grace gave him a feast. No sin is beyond redemption, no life beyond the pale, no one is outside of the Father's love and embrace.

This Lent we can encounter God's love and mercy in a wonderful way in the sacrament of confession or reconciliation. In this holy sacrament the Father's mercy is revealed and the Father's love, so beautifully portrayed in the parable of the Prodigal Son, is made real and present. Through sacramental grace we can know the embrace of the Father; we can experience not so much ourselves running to meet God but God running to meet us. We can tune into that sense of excitement in the heavenly realm of the angels rejoicing and delighting in our repentance and return to God.

From: *Bible Alive*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/4/18 – 3/10/18

Sun.	8:30-12:30 Seminarian Breakfast	McKenna Hall
	3:00-6:00 PM Legion of Mary ACIES	MH & Church
Mon.	7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy
	8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues.	9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
	7:00 PM Catching Fire video	Cassidy Hall
	7:30 PM 1s Eucharist Parents Meeting	McKenna Hall
Wed.	1:30 PM Diocesan Meeting	Cassidy Hall
Thur.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Cornerstone	St. Lucy
Fri.	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Lucy
	9:30 AM First Eucharist Retreat	Church/McKenna
	2:30 PM Girl Scouts	McKenna Hall
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

COMING HOME

During Lent, all parishes in the Diocese of Paterson will have Confessions every Monday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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 at 7:00 PM. Follow-up discussion & fellowship should make for an enriching Lenten experience. All are welcome.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

With the upcoming Lenten season, please consider another prayerful request by our Holy Father: "May the works of mercy include the care for our common home". There are many ways to do that. One of them could be to give up plastics for Lent. Why? Since many people give up something for Lent, giving up single-use plastics would provide an opportunity for your sacrifice to make a difference. It could become a little way that can create a big impact. We thank God for the gift of creation and show our appreciation through our care. If you're interested in working with us to Care for God's Creation, let us know at LaudatoSi.OLL@gmail.com. We meet every first Monday of the Month (March 5, April 9, May 7, June 4) and other selected days.

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!

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.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain

Visiting Barcelona/Madrid/Avila/Toledo/Granada/Montserrat and more! September 10-21, 2018, \$3,699.00 per person including air from Newark. Breakfast & Dinner Daily. Holy Mass daily at the Shrines. For a flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

YOUTH GROUP CORNER

Dogma and Youth Group Welcomes New Members!

For those who went on the DOGMA retreat, we invite anybody who is interested in joining the DOGMA team or the YOUTH GROUP to attend the meeting on Monday, March 5 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The DOGMA Team will be there! Snacks will be provided.

Save the Dates:

Confirmation Rehearsal: Thursday, April 12 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration will be held on Friday, April 13 at 7:30 PM. More details will be emailed to families.

Please pray for our Confirmation students as they attend retreats this weekend. May the Holy Spirit guide them through their journey as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

DOGMA CONFIRMATION RETREAT REUNION 9th and 10th Grade

March 24 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Come and skate at Skylands Iceworld and meet up with friends and DOGMA team members. We will have meet and greet with pizza and drinks after skating. If you don't know how to skate, don't worry. Come anyway and hold on to the wall or sit in the stands and talk to fellow confirmation friends. \$13, includes skate rental, skate time, pizza and drink. Skylands Iceworld is located at 2765 State Hwy 23, Stockholm, NJ 07460. Email aalisono@ourladyofthelake.org if you are interested in attending

YOUTH GROUP FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 12-2:30 PM Theme: Songs that Inspire You!

(9th Grade and above – all are welcome to attend)

Join us for the 12 p.m. Mass (we will be sitting in the right side in the back) then we will go to the Youth Room where we will play our favorite songs that inspire us. We will then look at the Book of Psalms and discuss how these songs can inspire us in our daily lives. **Lunch will be served.** We will be doing a service project outside, so please dress for weather. The hour and a half can go towards community hours, so bring your sheet. Email: AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org if you are attending so she can order the proper amount for lunch.

BEEFSTEAK FUNDRAISER – MARCH 24, 2018 Guest Speaker, Harry Carson, NY Giant and NFL Hall of Famer

Knights of Columbus Marquette Council #588 has partnered with the Nothing is Impossible Foundation, for a fundraising event – March 24, 2018, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Mc Kenna Hall. Price \$60 in advance, \$75 at the door Ticket includes Beefsteak Dinner, Beer, Wine and soft drinks. A photograph of Harry Caron will be provided for autographing. No personal items will be signed. Silent auction and 50/50. Both organizations help people in our community who are in need. For ticket information please visit www.nothingisimpossible.org/events or email igavenas@nothingisimpossibleinc.org; digital.knight@koc588.org. You may also call Jim Storms (973) 703-3658, Ray Convey (973) 886-7173 OR Jennifer Gavenas (973) 845-1213. Sponsorship opportunities are available, visit: <http://www.nothingisimpossibleinc.org>.



DINNER DANCE 2018 MARCH 17th in MCKENNA HALL - 6:30 PM

Please join us for our annual St. Patrick's Night on Saturday, March 17th. We will have the customary fine food and entertainment. Since our dinner dance falls on the actual feast day this year, there will be a Soda Bread Contest. A prize will be awarded for the winning entry. Tickets are \$35 per person, and sales close on March 9th.

NAME IN VAIN CAMPAIGN

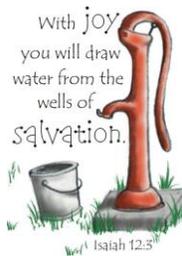


"Name In Vain Forgiveness Campaign. It is a very easy yet effective way to exercise your love of God and love of neighbor during

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." 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. Pick up a wristband at the exit of church while supply lasts.

Women's Cornerstone VI Retreat "Come to the Living Water" April 20-21

Please consider joining us. The Cornerstone experience has had a lasting effect on its participants. The following are reactions some of your fellow parishioners had to attending the retreat:



"Life changing."

"The Retreat has given me ways to become closer to God, to understand how I can refocus my life daily with prayer and meditation, and motivated me to share God's good news with others."

"My faith journey was tremendously accelerated as a result of this retreat."

If you are reading this, perhaps you are searching for something. Perhaps you are searching for a way to be closer to Him, but don't realize it. You can get to know Him better at Cornerstone. Come and see. "Come to the Living Water" ..Go to www.ourladyofthelake.com for more information and registration brochure.

LOST ROSARY



A Rosary similar to the one pictured here has been lost. The Rosary was lost after adoration on Thursday, Feb. 22nd. It belongs to Father Marcin. It does not have a great monetary value, but it has sentimental value. If you have seen it and perhaps picked it up by mistake thinking it was yours,

would you please return it. Thank you.

REMINDERS

SEMINARIAN BUFFET BREAKFAST TODAY

Hosted by Marquette Council #588, Knights of Columbus on **March 4th** 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.

MARQUETTE COUNCIL # 588

12th Annual Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner

Friday, March 9, 2018

6 PM to 8 PM, Pope John Cafeteria

Take-out available starting at 5:30PM

Adults (Ages 8 years and above) - \$14.00 each

Seniors (65+) - \$10.00; Children under 8 - \$6.00 each

Coffee, Tea and Dessert included

For additional information and tickets, please email:

Digital.knight@kofc588.org Check out our website:

www.kofc588.org or visit us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Kofc588/>

HAITI TWINNING SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

Once again with your help and generosity we have an opportunity to send school supplies to our sister parish. Donations of notebooks, pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners, colored construction paper would be welcome. No crayons please. We will also be collecting new or gently used backpacks. Donations will be accepted through Friday, March 16th. There will be a box in Cassidy Hall for donations. The opportunity to ship only comes around once a year, so please be generous. Question? Please call Pat Convey (973) 222-67532.

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For information, please contact Dan Scully c-973-534-6462 or Daniel.Scully@ScullyTravel.com

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LENTE & EASTER SCHEDULE

Wed. Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – Mass

12:00 Noon – Prayer Service

4:00 p.m. – Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. – Mass

Welcome Home Confessions

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on

February 19, 26,

March 5, 12, 19,

March 27th – Communal Penance Service

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 PM

March 29 - Holy Thursday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday – NO MASS

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 noon – 7 Last Words of Christ

2:00 p.m. – The Passion of Our Lord

3:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 p.m. – Livings Stations of the Cross

March 31 - Holy Saturday – One Mass

12:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena

1:00 p.m. – Blessing of the Food

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

April 1st - Easter Sunday 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon in Church

10:35 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. in McKenna Hall

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Friday, March 9, 2018 at 17:00 in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis will preside over the solemn penitential celebration of the opening of the traditional 24-hour initiative for the Lord and promoted by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

The whole world will immerse itself in God's mercy with the "24 hours for the Lord". This great initiative, started in Rome but grew very quickly and has now become world-wide, during which the dioceses on the five continents will be spiritually united to the Holy Father to offer everyone the opportunity to experience God's mercy. The initiative was born with the aim of putting the importance of prayer, Eucharistic adoration and the gift of the sacrament of reconciliation at the center of our lives.

On Friday, March 9th St. Francis de Sales Church in Vernon will be covering a portion of this initiative for Sussex County. Our evening will start with Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM; followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. Adoration will continue until 10:00 PM when we will conclude with benediction. During this 4 hour window of time, confession will be available as well. Please join us as we come together with all the Catholic churches in Sussex County for this very special evening.