

MARCH 11, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MONDAY

8:30 Michael J. Scalera II req. by the Loyas Family

TUESDAY

8:30 Gloria Farina req. by the Fabiano Family
 James Costello req. by Joan Costello

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Victoria Como req. by Mr./Mrs. Rocco Sgarlato

THURSDAY

8:30 Dr. Howard O’Gorman req. by Regina Sax

FRIDAY

8:30 Peggy McGovern req. by Regina Sax

SATURDAY – Saint Patrick

8:30 Peggy McGovern req. by Linda O’Connell
 5:30 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Regina Sax
 Joseph Lorello req. by Re Lorello

MARCH 18, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:45 Member of the Purgatorial Society

9:00 People of the Parish

Christopher Segot req. by Cecilia Segot

10:30 Raymond O’Leary (1st Anniv.) req. by Choka & Piermatteo Families

Special Intention of the Mele Family req. by Janis & Dominick Tripodi

12:00 William & Kathleen G. Hassloch req. by Thomas Hassloch

William Geffkin req. by family

PARISH FINANCES

March 4, 2018 **\$ 11,943**

H.E.L.P. (Parish Maintenance) **\$ 3,141**

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.

REFLECTION

LENT – A TIME TO GIVE

Paul is emphatic: we have been saved by grace, not by our own efforts. If we could have saved ourselves, Jesus would not have had to die for our sins.

So how are we supposed to understand the interplay between God’s grace and our efforts? First, it’s essential for us to believe, as Paul writes, that we are saved by grace, through faith. Second, we need to recall Paul saying, just two verses later, that God calls us to do “good works that God has prepared in advance”.

Paul isn’t referring to individual acts of kindness or service here and there. He is speaking about a way of life. He is telling us that we, who were saved by grace, must respond to God’s gracious gift. And the best and only response we can have to this gracious gift from God is to try to be just as gracious as he is by doing charitable works of service for people in need.

Paul goes so far as to say that our charitable works are “prepared in advance” by God. In other words, we may think that our desire to reach out to someone in distress arose in our minds by itself when it actually came from the Holy Spirit.

God has put a desire for charitable works on everyone’s heart. But all too often people believe they are too busy to help. Or they believe their help won’t make much of a difference. The sad result is that there are still many people who are not getting the help they need.

Don’t let that happen! Resolve today to give back to the Lord through works of service. Lent is the perfect time to visit the sick or the elderly, to give to the poor, and to reach out to the wounded. It’s also the perfect time to get your children or grandchildren to join you.

From: *The Word Among Us*



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/11/18 – 3/17/18

Mon. 7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy Library
Tues. 9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
1:30 PM Diocesan Meeting	Cassidy Hall
7:00 PM Catching Fire video	Cassidy Hall
7:-00 PM Cornerstone	St. Lucy
Thur. 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
7:00 PM Women's Lenten Group	Library
7:00 PM Cornerstone	St. Lucy
Fri. 8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. 9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
12:30 PM Rosary	
1:00 -3:00 PM Legion of Mary Curia	Cassidy Hall
6:30 PM St. Patrick Dinner Dance	McKenna Hall
NO AA	

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.*

Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

LITURGY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10
Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21
God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

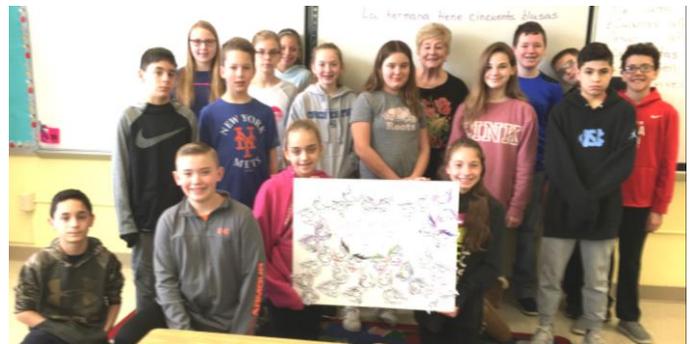
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

**WE BELONG
Belonging**

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist reflected on their baptism. Through Baptism we are initiated into the life of Christ and his Body, the Church. Our membership in the Christian community is both a privilege and a responsibility. How are we as a parish witnessing the Holy Spirit's presence to others?

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



Mrs. Morter's & Mrs. Bednarick's grade 6 Sunday morning Religious Ed classes seen here with a poster of masks they made. Each student wrote on the inside of their mask what they wanted God to see inside their heart & soul, with the hope of eventually removing the mask for all to see the goodness in all of us.

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.



Mrs. Darlene O'Neill's grade 2 Sunday morning Religious Ed classes seen here having worked on sending lollipop flowers with happy notes to the senior citizens at Knoll view Assisted Living Center in Sparta as part of their Lenten project.

YOUTH GROUP CORNER

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 allisono@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.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Please consider a 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 (April 9, May 7, June 4) and other selected days.

CRS RICE BOWLS



Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Pick up a Rice Bowl from

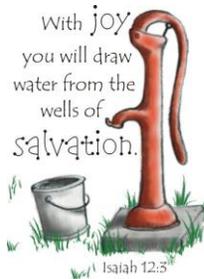
the baskets at each exit of our church and use the easy and fun resources to deepen your family's Lenten experience. Your prayers, fasting, and almsgiving his Lenten season will help CRS continue to provide lifesaving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty

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.

REMINDERS

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) 222-6532.

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 jgavenas@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>.



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For information, please contact Dan Scully c-973-

534-6462 or Daniel.Scully@ScullyTravel.com

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LENTEN & 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

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.

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE



Our Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service will be on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 PM. This is a perfect time to fulfill your Easter duty. There will be additional priests available to hear your confession. Everyone is welcome!