

**MARCH 25, 2018
PALM SUNDAY**

MONDAY-

8:30 Susan Moriarity req. by Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Sgarlato

TUESDAY

8:30 Kevin Crossan req. by the Cronin Family

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Lucretia Hamilton req. by her husband, Tom Hamilton

HOLY THURSDAY (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

8:00 Morning Prayer

7:30 Jack & Bridget McDonnell

GOOD FRIDAY

8:00 Morning Prayer

12:00 The Seven Last Words of Christ

2:00 The Passion of the Lord

3:30 Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 Living Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 Morning Prayer

12:30 Divine Mercy Novena

1:00 Blessing of the Food

EASTER VIGIL MASS (Saturday)

8:00 Paddy McDonnell

**APRIL 1, 2018
EASTER SUNDAY**

7:45 Edward Mahon req. by Muriel Macksoud

9:00 Tomislav Jovanovich req. by Joan Flanagan & Family
Special Intention of Alyam Moser req. by Anna & Simon

10:30 Harold McGovern req. by the McGovern Family
Kathy Dong req. by Kathleen & Tom Makoujy

10:35 Jerzy Bradtke

12:00 People of the Parish

12:05 Magda Zielinska

PARISH FINANCES

March 18, 2018 \$ 11,505

The second collection next week is for our Parish Maintenance.



Mrs. Ann Novak's Kindergarten Sunday morning Religious Ed class pictured here holding posters they made depicting their journey through Lent. What a wonderful and beneficial journey it's been!

REFLECTION

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today we hear and read the Passion from Saint Mark's Gospel. The longer version covers two chapters (chs. 14, 15.), the shorter version, Mark 15:1-39. On Good Friday we hear and read Saint John's version of Jesus' Passion. The two accounts are different and give an opportunity to understand events surrounding Jesus' death from two different perspectives. If you are able, try and carve out some time today, and on Good Friday, to slowly and prayerfully read these two accounts of the Passion: you will be richly rewarded.

A profound truth that each Gospel reveals is that Jesus is a King but no ordinary King, a servant King. He fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem, in humility, riding on a donkey. Jesus turned the idea of kingship on its head and revealed that human greatness isn't as we perceive and understand it. Pomp and pride are humbled before love and service. Power, wealth, possessions, fame, fortune, celebrity are brought low by the Suffering Servant. God went low so we could go high. The Son of Man became as sons of men, so that the sons of men might become sons of God.

Do you doubt that God loves you? Are you troubled, anxious, fretful or are you struggling with guilt, condemnation or a sense that you can't be forgiven? There is a remedy, there is a cure, there is a way to know the peace of Christ which surpasses our understanding. And it is this: when you read the Passion of Christ, know that, by the power and grace of God's Word, these events are being made real and present, and reveal in a unique and special way God's love. This is love: Jesus suffered and died that we might become children of God. This is love: Jesus shed his blood to reconcile us to the Father. We can think that business, politics or entertainment is what matters most in the world. What matters most is knowing the love of God as revealed in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

'Jesus' cross has given a meaning to the various, shifting course, the trials, the temptations, the sufferings, of his earthly state...It has taught us how to live, how to use this world, what to expect, what to desire, what to hope. It is the tone into which all the strains of this world's music are ultimately to be resolved.'

(Blessed John Henry Newman)

From: *Bible Alive*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/25/18 – 3/31/18

Sun. 1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall
After Masses – Girl Scout Cookie Sale	
Mon. 7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy
Tues. 9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone	St. Joseph
7:00 PM Parish Lenten Penance Service Church	
7:00 PM Cornerstone	St. Lucy
Thur. HOLY THURSDAY – NO BINGO	
Fri. GOOD FRIDAY – Office Closed	
AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. 9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

CHRISM MASS

St. John the Baptist Cathedral,
Monday, March 26, 2018
7:00 PM



Bishop Serratelli invites everyone to attend the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated in our newly renovated Cathedral. This is a very special celebration where the Holy Oils are blessed and distributed to all the parishes in our Diocese. There is free parking in the municipal garage across from the Cathedral.

LITURGY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EASTER SUNDAY – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

On each Good Friday, our Diocese takes up a special collection for the Church in the Holy Land. I ask you to give your support during this Lenten season as we focus on the place where Jesus ministered, died and rose again to new life.

The collection for the Church in the Holy Land supports the work of the Franciscans who are responsible for promoting the faith in an area where Christians are a minority. The funds raised help support and maintain the Holy Places so that all who come on a pilgrimage experience a deeper connection to their faith. Your support also helps operate schools, provide housing for needy families and staffs parishes in the area.

Our Lenten journey promotes the joy of almsgiving. Please make the Collection for the Church in the Holy Land one way to respond to this call when it is taken up on Good Friday. May God bless you for being such generous stewards!

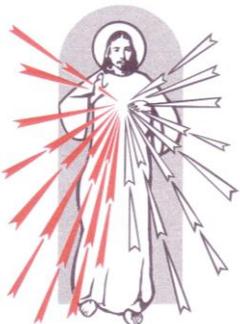
Faithfully yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration will take place on Sunday, April 8th at 2:00 PM. Come, bring your family and friends for a very special celebration.



MUSIC MINISTRY



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

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

WE LISTEN

Listening

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist reflected on listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us. How do we as a parish listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of love to transform our hearts and our minds – our very lives?

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.

MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE

All are invited to join us for *MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE* on April 7th in Cassidy Hall right after the 5:30 Mass. We'll watch Brendan Gleeson starring in *CALVARY*, followed by discussion of the film. Feel free to bring a beverage of choice, perhaps an appetizer or other goodie to munch on during the film.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Poster Contest

As part of Pope Francis' call to take care of our Common Home and all God's creation, we would like to encourage young people to develop a deeper relationship with our environment through art. Therefore, we are announcing a poster contest in time for 4th Sunday of Easter on April 22, which happens to be Earth Day this year. The Poster



Contest is open to three categories: Elementary School, Middle School, and High School. The Grand prize winner will be awarded \$100. All posters are due by April 8, but CCD students can submit their work during class by March 25 because their classes will be in recess during Easter and spring break. Poster submissions can be in any medium (crayon, chalk, pencils, pen and ink, acrylic, oil, digital art, etc.) and might include messages related to be guardians of our Earth and all of the creation.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

MARCH FOOD PANTRY

As in previous years, all the food donated during the month of March will go to Manna House.

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus appreciate all the support our parishioners gave to our 12th Annual Lenten Fish Fry. We hope all enjoyed the fine food cooked by our executive chefs! We believe a good time was had by all. We strive to provide social opportunities for our Christian Community to gather. The funds from the event will provide support to the multiple charities we serve as Knights.

YOUTH GROUP CORNER

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group meets every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the basement of the parish center. 9th grade and above are welcome to attend. Make new friends, bring a friend, enjoy board games, pray, talk about what's happening in life. Take the Lent challenge!

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.

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.

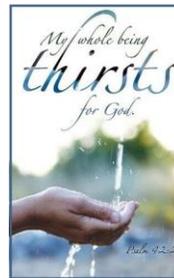
Women's Cornerstone VI Retreat

"Come to the Living Water"

April 20-21

The Cornerstone Retreat is quickly approaching. Please join us for this wonderful experience. The following are reactions of some of your fellow parishioners to the retreat:

"I went reluctantly, But I'm so glad that I did."



Cornerstone has given me a new spiritual framework and outlook. Additionally, it has provided the support of my new Cornerstone sisters."

"I feel that Cornerstone has brought me closer to God and my beliefs have become stronger. I have a deeper sense of community and have made good friends."

.Come and see what the Women's Cornerstone retreat is all about. . . "Come to the Living Water."

Registration brochures are at all the exits; or go to www.ourladyofthelake.org for more information and a brochure.

Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church
294 Sparta Ave., Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Lake is a Roman Catholic Community founded in tradition and based on our faith in Jesus Christ. With the help of the Holy Spirit we share the message of God's love with all. Through our ministries and school, we strive to address spiritual, social and educational needs. We are nourished by the Eucharist, enlightened by the Word and guided by our devotion to Mary, Our Lady of the Lake.

Rev. David McDonnell	Pastor
Rev. Marcin Bradtke	Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Krzysztof Ślimak	Deacon
Mr. James McGovern	Deacon
Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio	Deacon
Elizabeth Heldak	Director of Religious Education
Allison Ognibene	Conf/Youth Director
Krzysztof Kowalewski	Music Director
Denise Aldana	Social Ministries
Ellen Ormond	Secretary/Bookkeeper
Joanna Mattos	Secretary

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 5:30 P.M.
 Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 Noon

Weekday Masses

8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Masses

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

Parish Membership

Our Parish Family invites all its members to participate fully. If you move to another Parish, or change your address, please notify us.

Please see our website for more information.

New Parishioners – Welcome!

Won't you please register at the Parish Office, Monday-Friday
 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Parish Office & Rectory (973) 729-6107 Fax (973) 729-7203
 Religious Education Office (on weekdays) (973) 729-6107
 E-Mail info@ourladyofthelake.org
 Web Site www.ourladyofthelake.org
 School Offices
 Rev. George A. Brown (Pre-K to Gr. 4) (973) 729-9174
 Pope John XXIII Middle School (Gr. 5 to 7) (973) 729-1967
 Pope John XXIII High School (Gr. 8 to 12) (973) 729-6125

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. This is the

last chance for confession before Easter. Everyone is welcome!



LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

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