

APRIL 8, 2018 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MONDAY – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 Josephine Sica and relatives req. by August Sica
Margaret Grumbach req. by the Coughlin Family

TUESDAY

8:30 Shirley Ann Barloon req. by the Santore Family

WEDNESDAY – Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 Margot Miko req. by LuAnn Sensale

THURSDAY

8:30 Dottie Lands req. by Jon Bober

FRIDAY - Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:30 Ellen Brennan req. by Bill & Judy Bosworth
Dr. Arnulfo Aldana req. by Denise Aldana
9:30 James Cahill req. by Dottie Capasso
Diana Vance req. by Doug Vance

SATURDAY

8:30 Joann Clark
James Lewis req. by Jim & Mary Ellen Forneris

APRIL 15, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:45 People of the Parish
9:00 Pat Gamache req. by Ray & Pat Convey
10:30 Dr. Arnulfo Aldana req. by Denise
James N. Costello req. by Joan Costello
12:00 William & Kathleen G. Hassloch req. by Thomas Hassloch
Laura Galiano req. by Mr. & Mrs. Torres

PARISH FINANCES

April 1st – Easter Sunday	\$ 26,552
Good Friday	\$ 1,599
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 2,421

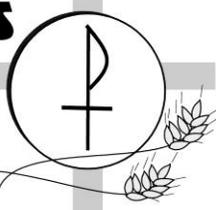
50/50 Fundraiser

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. Look for your ticket in the mail.



Know Jesus

**in the breaking
of the bread....**



REFLECTION DOUBTING THOMAS

The Gospel is all about Thomas today. He's called doubting Thomas because he didn't believe, initially, in the Resurrection of Christ. Put yourself in Thomas' shoes and honestly ask: would we have done better? Jesus was dead. He was crucified, and when people say that he's alive, we ask: How could he be? When you're dead, you're dead. So, Thomas went off by himself and grieved deeply.

The good thing is that he didn't cut himself off completely. Although the other disciples told him about the Lord's appearance, he had to find out for himself. He wanted proof. We're very much like that. We like to examine things under a microscope to make sure. It was only when Thomas was reconnected with his friends that he found the answers and the healing he needed. It was only when he was part of the community that he could put things in perspective.

We had a wonderful example of community this past week as we joined others for the Holy Week ceremonies. We prayed together and walked closely with Jesus as he gave himself to us in the Eucharist, and taught the value of serving after his example. We grieved in our own way as we reflected on the suffering and passion of Christ on Good Friday, and we rejoiced on Easter Sunday as we celebrated the Risen Christ. We felt supported and encouraged as we gathered with fellow parishioners. Thomas felt supported too as he re-connected with his fellow disciples.

While there are times when we feel strong in our faith, we have our moments when, because of circumstances, we doubt and question. We're not immune from pain and sickness that are part and parcel of daily living. Neither can we ignore the tragedies in our world that leave us in shock. It is at times like this that we lean on our faith and the support and encouragement of our parish family. Our ministry to one another consists not so much in doing things, even though that is important. Rather, it consists of us traveling together, listening to and learning from one another.

Sincerely,
Father David

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 4/8/18 – 4/14/18

Sun.	1:00 PM Youth Group 1 st Sunday	Youth Room
	2:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour	Church
Mon.	7:30 PM Advisory	Cassidy Hall
Tues.	9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Library
	7:00 PM Cornerstone	St. Lucy
	7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone	St. Joseph
Wed.	5-9:00 PM RB Uniform Exchange	McKenna
Thur.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Confirmation Practice	Church
Fri.	7:30 PM Confirmation	Church
	NO AA	
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	9 – 4:00 PM Mother/Daughter Retreat	Cassidy
	9 – 6:00 PM Middle School Play	McKenna Hall
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of “one heart and one mind.” They had no rich or poor among them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6
John explains that we become God’s children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31
Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.”

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Second Reading: I John 2:1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

MUSIC MINISTRY



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

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. *New and existing members are invited.*

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.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday evening Bible Study will resume on April 10 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in our Parish Library. All are welcome.

WE GIVE THANKS

Thanksgiving

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist reflected on their gifts, which are blessings from God. At the Eucharist (a word meaning “to give thanks”) we thank God for all his gifts and blessings. How do we as a parish help others develop such a grateful heart?



Mrs. Enza DeNicola's Kindergarten Sunday morning Religious Ed class pictured here holding posters they made preparing for Holy Week.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION - POSTER CONTEST

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

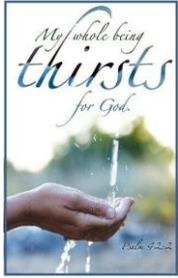


categories: Elementary School, Middle School, and High School. The Grand prize winner will be awarded \$100. **All posters are due by April 8.** Poster submissions can be in any medium (crayon, chalk, pencils, pen and ink, acrylic, oil, digital art, etc.) and might include messages related to be guardians of our Earth and all of the creation.

**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.

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.

**BLUE MASS HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 10:30 AM at
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist,
Corner of Main St., and Grant St., Paterson, NJ**



With special remembrance of
Police Officer Matthew Tarentino,
Summit Police Dept.
Lieutenant Christopher Robateau,
Jersey City Police Dept.

Also for the men and women of

our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Country. For information please contact Chairman Frank Petrelli (973) 703-9657 or Bill Bosworth (862) 266-3005.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Visiting Nurse Association (VNA)

The Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey's Friendly Visitor Program provides volunteers with a rewarding volunteer opportunity and homebound neighbors with a break from the social isolation that often comes from living alone or being homebound. Volunteers are matched with homebound residents in Morris County who could benefit from a friendly visitor. Volunteers

visit on a regular basis and participate in activities such as playing board games, arts and crafts projects and reading.

The House Calls for Groceries (HCG) provides grocery shopping assistance on a weekly or biweekly basis to homebound residents in Morris County. Volunteers visit the clients home to pick up the shopping list, and payment for the groceries. Then the volunteer will shop at a local grocery store, deliver the groceries to the client's home and assist with putting items away.

Hospice volunteers provide terminally ill patients and their families with practical and emotional support. VNA offers a free comprehensive training program where volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice and become prepared for this rewarding work. *Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and auto insurance, and pass a criminal background screening.* For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at (973) 451-4128 or renderle@vnanj.org

Columbiettes Flapjack Breakfast

Join the Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 at the Applebee's in Newton on Saturday, April 14th from 8:00-10:00am for a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast. Breakfast is \$10.00 per person (and includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage and a drink). Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event, or can be pre-purchased by contacting Kathy Barbieri at (973)713-5979 or email kathys1953@gmail.com.

Bone Marrow Registry Event

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Church, 427 Stanhope Rd., Sparta is hosting a Bone Marrow Registry Event along with their regular Blood Drive on April 21st. Donors between the ages of 18 and 44 are needed. If you cannot join the registry, send someone who can.

There is a 17 month old girl who is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant. If she doesn't find a match, she has less than a year to live. For this little girl and for the thousands of people diagnosed every year with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, a cure exists. But the cure can only come for a donor. If you have questions please contact Mary Stanek at mary.d.stanek@gmail.com or (973) 349-9191

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

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Please join us

April 8, 2018
2:00 PM

- ✠ Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
- ✠ Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song
- ✠ Holy Rosary
- ✠ Benediction
- ✠ Confession Available
- ✠ Reception

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet prayer cards may be found in the vestibule of Church or at the parish office.

If you would like your Divine Mercy Image to be blessed, please bring it to Church.

Join Us
FRIDAY, APRIL 27 at 7PM
in McKENNA HALL
as We Celebrate Five Years of
Our Lady of the Lake
Cornerstone
Craft Beer &
Wine Tasting
WITH LIGHT
APPETIZERS
SUGGESTED DONATION \$10

EMPOWERED



TO

FORGIVE