

APRIL 22, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MONDAY – Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 Anthony Luongo req. by the Children
Mary Grillo req. by Arline Sharpe

TUESDAY - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr

8:30 Carmina Arguelles req. by Jon Bober

WEDNESDAY – Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:30 Dr. John Mazzaferre req. by his wife, Terry Mazzaferre

THURSDAY

8:30 Matthias Palossy req. by his wife, Martha

FRIDAY

8:30 George E. McDonough

SATURDAY – Saint Peter Chanel, Martyr, Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort

8:30 Frank Gammo req. by Don & Elain Walker
5:30 Antoinette DiSanti req. by Angelo DiSanti
William Moody req. by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fiore

APRIL 29, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:45 Max Froeger & Berta Froeger req. By the Schmidt Family
9:00 Surjit Viridi req. by Ray & Pat Convey
Alexander Nowak req. by Jennifer and Victor Nowak
10:30 Eileen Ryan req. by Denise Aldana
People of the Parish
12:00 Deceased members of the Straka & Mulkerin Families req. by the Mulkerin Family

PARISH FINANCES

April 15, 2018

\$ 12,624

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.



We bless you † † † †
from the house of God

REFLECTION

THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND THE HIRELING

Here we have two people engaged in the exact same work. But what a contrasting attitude they bring to it.

Take the hireling. His problem is that his heart is not in his work. For him minding sheep is just a job. He does it, not because he wants to, but because he has to. He doesn't care about the quality of his work. All he cares about is his wages.



Now take the good shepherd. His heart is in his work. For him caring for the sheep is not just a job. It is his life. He does it, not because he has to, but because he wants to. For him shepherding is a labor of love.

In one sense this makes it harder for him, because he puts more of himself into it – to do anything well involves hard work and pain. But in another sense it makes it easier, because it enables him to bring all his energies and talents to it. The easiest actions are those that flow from love.

Jesus is the supreme example of the Good Shepherd. He gave his life for his sheep. His life wasn't taken from him. He gave it. He gave it because he cared for his sheep.

Each one of us is called to be a loving and caring person. This Sunday gives encouragement to all those who are trying to imitate the Good Shepherd and should prod the consciences of the hirelings.

Love is a marvelous source of strength and energy. Where genuine love is present no sacrifice is too great. This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. But it is also referred to as 'vocations' Sunday. For Christians, there is really only one vocation – the vocation to love.

Reflections on the Word

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 4/22/18 – 4/29/18

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| Sun. | Knights of Columbus Seminarian Breakfast MH | |
| | 10:00 AM & 12:30 PM Earth Day Celebration MH | |
| Tues. | 9:15 AM Scripture Class | Library |
| | 7:00 PM Bible Study | Cassidy Hall |
| | 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone | St. Joseph |
| Thur. | 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking) | McKenna Hall |
| Fri. | 9:15 AM Liturgy Meeting | Library |
| | 7:00 PM Cornerstone Beer & Wine Tasting MH | |
| | 8:30 PM AA | Cassidy Hall |
| Sat. | 9:00 AM Legion of Mary | St. Benedict |
| | 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon 1 st Communion Practice | |
| | 9:00-5:00 PM RB Aladdin | McKenna Hall |
| | 8:00 PM AA | McKenna Hall |
| Sun. | 1:00 PM Women's Social | Cassidy Hall |
| | 3:00 PM RB Open House | McKenna Hall |

LITURGY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Peter explains to the elders that his healing of a cripple was done in the name of Jesus Christ. He reminds the elders that they crucified Jesus, but God rose him up so that all people could be saved in his name.

Second Reading: I John 3:1-2

John expresses amazement at the fact that God allowed us to be called his children. Although we are unsure exactly what we will be after this life, we do know that we will see God as he is and be like him.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading: I John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

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

Please join us for Tuesday evening Bible Study from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in our Parish Library. All are welcome.

WE CELEBRATE

Celebrating

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for First Eucharist reflected on Jesus' presence with us in the Eucharist. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. How are we as a parish living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION - POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to our winners! After much deliberation, the winners of the 2018 Care of God's Creation poster contest have been chosen. We received so many beautiful posters encouraging care of God's earth, Our Common Home, that choosing a winner was a difficult decision. Thank you so much to all 95 students who participated by making a poster! The winners are:

Grand Prize Winner

Sarah Bargfrede

Elementary School

First place: Vanessa Spatola

Second place: Gwendolyn O'Hearn

Tied for Third place: Lilly Benemerit and Caitlyn Schnellings

Elementary School Honorable Mention

First place: Dylan Emond

Tied for Second place: Madeline Leonard and Julia Tarkowska

Third place: Christiana Lipka, Terri Zukovski and Bonnie Beals

Elementary School, emerging artists

Jacob Leto and Liam Kunz

Middle School

First place: Katie Groome

Second place: Michael Condon

Third place: Stephen Bobitka

High School

First place: Aura Rispoli

Second place: Madeline Sprieser

Tied for Third place: Catherine Chen and Kayla Frumolt

Honorable Mention: Madison Womack

Digital art

First place: Grace Campbell

Second place: Trevor Befumo

Third place: Katelyn O'Connor

Tied for Honorable Mention: Julia Herraiz, Adrianna Alongi and Giovanni Tricario

YOUTH GROUP CORNER

DOGMA/YOUTH GROUP

Mondays– 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Movie Night – wear comfy clothes, bring a pillow and watch a movie. We will have a discussion after the movie. Snacks will be served. High School students welcome.

Jesus Christ Superstar (JCS)

Sunday, April 22 at Sussex County Community College at 2:00 PM. For group rate of \$10 per person for April 22nd, please contact AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org by Monday April 16. Open for all parishioners to attend. You can pay at the door, but Allison will need your name prior to the show. This is a very traditional version of JCS. Light refreshments will be served after the performance and we will have an opportunity to meet the cast.

YOUTH GROUP FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY, MAY 6, 12-3:00 PM

Theme: Planting the Good Seeds

Join us for 12:00 noon Mass followed by lunch, fellowship and service. We will discuss the meaning of planting the good seed, play a game of SPUD and then help clean up the outside of our parish. Bring a rake and gloves and wear clothes that you can plant good seeds! High school students are welcome. If you need service hours, this will count toward your 15 yearly hours for Confirmation. Bring a friend!

Laurie DiCianni Memorial Dinner AND SILENT AUCTION Hosted by OLL DOGMA TEAM

The OLL DOGMA team is holding a Laurie DiCianni Memorial Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, June 2nd from 6 to 10:00 PM. The cost is \$35 per person. Please make your check payable to Our Lady of the Lake, in the Memo: Laurie's Dinner. There will be an Italian feast with dessert, live music and memories shared. Please know this is a BYOB event since the team is mostly underage, but adults are welcome to bring wine or beer to share with your table. Soda and water will be provided. This event is to help raise funds for a park bench for outside and plaque in the youth room in memory of Laurie DiCianni.

SEMINARIAN BUFFET BREAKFAST

Hosted by Marquette Council #588, Knights of Columbus on **April 22 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.

NOTICE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As you may recall, we usually hosted a party for our volunteers once a year in recognition of all they do for our parish. Unfortunately, because of Laurie DiCianni's death we decided to postpone it until January of next year. We are very grateful, and we thank you for all you do for the parish, and we hope to have our Volunteer Appreciation Party next year.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Parents Helping Parents

Third Friday of each month, a support group for parents grieving the death of a child due to addiction. Join us for refreshments at 5:45 PM followed by a group meeting at 6:00 PM at The Center, 65 Newton Sparta Rd., Andover, NJ For more information please contact Rachel at (973) 383-4787.

World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine

First Saturday, May 5th "You at Least Try to Console Me." Speaker/Celebrant: Fr. James Walling. Confessions 10:00 AM; Rosary 11:30; Holy Mass 12:00; Enrollment in Brown Scapular 1:00 PM; confessions 2:00 PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus. For more information call (908) 689-1700 Ext. 210 or go to www.bluearmy.com

Family Expo 2018

Thursday, April 26th; 5:00 – 8:00 PM at Project Self Sufficiency's Community Education Center, 127 Mill St., Newton, NJ. Get your questions answered at our Break-Out Sessions – Early intervention services; child study team process; de-escalating your child's tantrums. New this year: Ask an attorney. Free hearing screenings. Register today, call (9973) 940-3500.

Dominican College Open House

Saturday, April 28th, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY 10962; (845) 359-7800. Take a tour of the beautiful campus; View residence halls and learn about life on the campus; get pertinent and useful information about your major from faculty; meet with students for an insider's perspective; check out Charger athletics; get advice from Financial Aid counselors and help completing your FASFA. Dominican College offers a generous financial aid and scholarship program

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be conducted at Saint Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, from Monday, **April 23rd to June 4th**. Come and experience a greater openness to the Holy Spirit in your life leading to a new life in Jesus Christ. Sessions are held on Monday evenings 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Chapel following the 7:00 PM Mass. Contact Betty at (973) 448-8847.



CORNERSTONE CRAFT BEER & WINE TASTING

Join us on Friday, April 27 at 7:00 PM in McKenna Hall as we celebrate five years of Our Lady of the Lake Cornerstone. Craft beer and wine tasting with light appetizers. Reservations are not needed. Suggested donation \$10.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES

SPARTA ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

The S.E.F.P. will again have the summer lunchtime meal assistance for children. Items needed are Jello, pudding, crackers, mac-n-cheese, granola bars, cookies, juice boxes, pop tarts, cereal, meal-in-a-can, tuna, soup, small applesauce, box milk. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated. This is a good opportunity to "feed the hungry". Our first collection will be the weekend of April 21st & 22nd.

HAITI COLLECTION AND THANK YOU

Next weekend we will be collecting cash donations at the doors after all the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Recently we sent 45 boxes of school supplies, backpacks, etc. to our sister parish in Haiti. All of these items were donated by you here at OLL. As always it was a great response and will be greatly appreciated by the school children. Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

Instead of the Birth Haven Giving Tree in December, this year the Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a

Mother's Day Baby Shower to benefit **Birth Haven**, a shelter in Newton for homeless mothers expecting babies or recently having delivered them. Donations will be collected in the vestibule up to and including Mother's Day weekend, **May 12-13**, and will be delivered to Birth Haven the

week of May 14. Items they most need include baby monitors, bouncy seats, Boppy pillows, carseat/stroller combos, breast pumps, gift cards to Wal-Mart or Babies 'R' Us, sanitary napkins, twin-size mattress pads, sheets, comforters and pillows, ladies' slippers, pajamas, and robes, toiletries, bath towels, laundry baskets, liquid hand soap, and cleaning supplies. Or, to make a cash donation, you can visit their website www.BirthHaven.org and click on the "Donate Now" button. Thank you so much for your generosity to these struggling young mothers who have chosen to give life to their babies in spite of difficult circumstances.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF SUSSEX COUNTY

Prek-12 is hosting an Open House on Sunday, April 29 at all three Academy schools at 3:00 PM.

Visit one, two or three schools and enjoy faculty-led tours.

- Rev. George A. Brown Memorial School – Gr PreK - 4
- Pope John XXIII Middle School – Gr 5 - 7
- Pope John XXIII Regional High School – Gr 8 – 12

The Academy is truly an amazing place and we invite you to see first-hand our dynamic educational offerings.

For information, call Anne Kaiser, Admissions, (973) 729-6126 or annekaiser@popejohn.org.

Located at the corner of Andover Rd. and Sparta Ave., Sparta, NJ



LETTER FROM BISHOP SERRATELLI



DIOCESE OF PATERSON

777 Valley Road
Clifton, New Jersey 07013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a diocese, we are taking up a special national collection this month for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support of this collection brings positive change to communities across the country that are too often trapped in a cycle of poverty. In addition to making an impact nationally, 25% of this collection remains here to support our efforts at helping the poor in our own neighborhoods.

For over 40 years, CCHD has been working to improve the living conditions of those who live at or below the poverty level. The CCHD allocates grants to provide long-term solutions for millions of poor people who live in the United States.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for many of our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout our country and in our own backyard. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this collection when it is taken up in your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

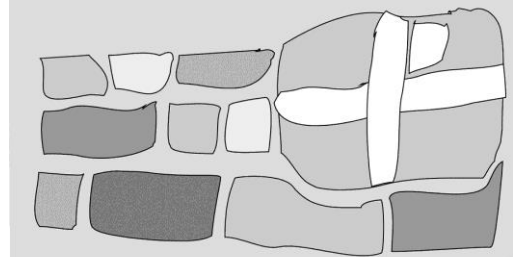
+Arthur J. Serratelli

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

(Our collection for CCH

D is on April 22nd.)

**The stone
rejected
by the builders**



**has become
the cornerstone**