

JANUARY 17, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY

8:30 Paul David Daher req. by Linda O'Connell

TUESDAY

8:30 Henry G. & Winifred Sharpe req. by Arline Sharpe

WEDNESDAY – Saint Fabian, Pope; Saint Sebastian

8:30 Betty Leimkuehler req. by Terry Mazzaferre

THURSDAY – Saint Agnes

8:30 Special Intention for Joseph Pietrucha

FRIDAY – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 Karin Takacs req. by Bridget & Tom Manning

SATURDAY - Saint Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope

8:30 Special Intention of Virgie Dizon & Family req. by Anna & Simon

5:30 Jerome Stehr & Charles Hillenbrand II req. by Family

JANUARY 24, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 People of the Parish

9:00 Camille Angeli req. by Campbell Family

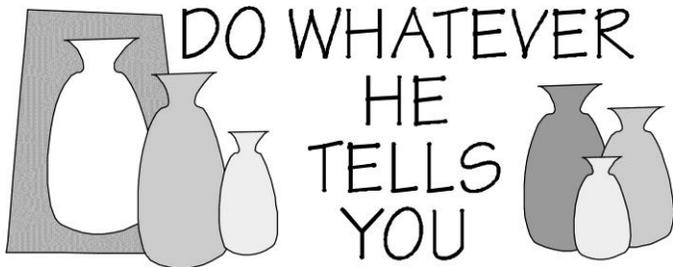
10:30 Robert Robertson req. by George & Cappy Daggett
James R. Crifasi req. by George & Cappy Daggett

12:00 Sister Ruth Esposito req. by Esther Gillan

5:00 Karin Takacs req. by the Ratyniak Family

PARISH FINANCES

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| January 10, 2016 | \$ 9,039 |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$ 2,207 |
| January 11, 2015 | \$ 10,599 |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$ 2,592 |



FATHER GREG'S REFLECTION

"In 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaims the "Year of the Rosary" and adds a new set of mysteries, "The Mysteries of Light"

The second Luminous Mystery is the *Wedding at Cana*. Today's Gospel is about this.

It must have been a big embarrassment in Cana when the wedding party ran out of wine. Because the wedding celebration was so long it is no wonder that Jesus changed so many gallons of water into wine. The difficult situation began to improve when Mary turned to Jesus and said, "They have no wine." (John 2:3) In that way Mary interceded and pleaded before Jesus to turn the situation around.

One of the titles Vatican II gave Mary is "Advocate" because she intercedes before God on our behalf as our advocate.

After learning about Mary's intercession and advocacy to remedy the situation at Cana, some people are puzzled by Jesus' reply, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not yet come." (John 2:4) Sometimes people ask me if Jesus is being rude or disrespectful to his mother. Many things in John's Gospel have a hidden second meaning, they are symbols, and when Jesus called Mary "Woman" at Cana he was not rude or disrespectful. This is not the only time when Jesus called Mary "Woman."

The other time was when Jesus was dying on the cross and he said, "Woman, behold your son" (John 19:26) and to John he said, "This is your mother" (John 19:27) and we know Jesus was not disrespectful to his mother then. On the cross Jesus means that Mary is the spiritual mother of us all. Mary, by co-operating with God's plan of salvation, became the "New Eve".

She is the woman who restored what the first woman, Eve, had broken in paradise; that is, her relationship with God. So, at Cana, when Jesus calls Mary "Woman" we don't fully understand what He means. However, when on the cross, Jesus calls His mother "Woman", we begin to understand that He is he giving her to us as our spiritual mother, the "New Eve", the woman for whom mankind has been waiting for centuries. We see Mary's importance as our intercessor, pleading on our behalf.

In conclusion, we remember that many times each day we can ask Mary to intercede before God for us, to be our Advocate. We can always pray, "Our Lady of the Lake, pray for us"

Sincerely,

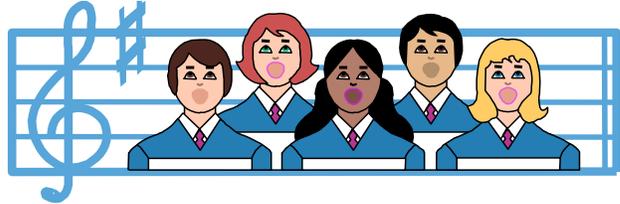
Fr. Grzegorz Golba

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/18/16 – 1/22/16

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| Sat. & Sun. After Masses – K of C Selling Roses | | |
| Sun. 8:30-12:30 – Seminarian Breakfast McKenna Hall | | |
| | 1:00 PM Respect Life Essay Awards | Cassidy |
| Mon. | 7:30 PM Advisory | Library |
| Tues. | 9:00 AM Scripture Sharing | Library |
| | 7:00 PM Bible Study | Cassidy Hall |
| | 7:30 PM Parent Support | St. Benedict |
| Wed. | 7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone | Cassidy Hall |
| | 7:30 PM Cornerstone Support | St. Lucy |
| Thurs. | BINGO (Non-smoking) | McKenna Hall |
| Fri. | 6:00 AM March for Life Bus departs | |
| | 8:30 PM AA | Cassidy Hall |
| Sat. | 9:00 AM Legion of Mary | St. Benedict |

MUSIC MINISTRY - CHOIR PRACTICE

The Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.



Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM

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.

LITURGY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, Christopher Tantillo, Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard. Please continue to pray for all our service men & women.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Come join us on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall, with Jeff Cavins presenting THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION. This workshop utilizes DVD presentations and follow-up discussion. ALL ARE WELCOME.



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9:00 A.M.
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3rd
Wednesday, February 3rd

For more information please visit our website at: Revbrownschool.org

To make an appointment please call 973-729-9174



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- Fostering Catholic Values
- Instilling Respect for Self, Others, and the World
- Developing Service-Oriented Young People
- Innovators
- Leaders



You are invited to **A Parish Day of Reflection**, on **THE FACE OF MERCY**, Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30 – 2:30 in McKenna Hall, led by Sister Anita Constance, S.C. This day of reflection will unfold the garment of mercy, as we focus, receive, and experience the mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ. Please RSVP by calling the parish office at 973-729-6107. Light refreshments & lunch will be provided. Free will donation will be appreciated.

REDISCOVER JESUS: An Invitation
by Matthew Kelly

If you are reading *Rediscover Jesus* one chapter each day, perhaps you've finished the third set of seven chapters:

- We all suffer, some more than others. Our secular culture sees suffering as useless and teaches us to avoid it at all costs, but Scripture invites us to accept certain inescapable suffering in our lives and to allow it to transform us. Rather than letting it make us angry, we could let it teach us how to love more fully.
- In addition to last week's invitations to generosity and forgiveness, Jesus also invites us (radically!) to empty our hearts of unhealthy and unchristian judgment. How would our key relationships improve if they were free from judgment?
- God loves even those who seem unlovable. Jesus willingly encountered those on the edges of society, even tax collectors and prostitutes. Whom do we avoid and ignore? May Jesus open our eyes to see them as He sees them.
- On what do we spend our time and money? Do our attitudes towards money, things, and people reflect God's priorities?
- We are surrounded by miracles. We often think of them as happening in far-off places to people we don't know, but if we seek out those who suffer and try to ease their pain, in small ways with great love, Jesus can use us as His instruments to answer prayer and to bring about miracles here and now.
- Life is a course designed to teach us to love. The Gospels teach us "agape" love: selfless, sacrificial, generous, and unconditional. When we face God at the end of our lives, He may very well ask us, "How well did you love? Did you pour yourselves out for others as Jesus did?"
- The most radical moment in the history of the world must have been that Easter Sunday morning when Jesus rose from the dead. Acknowledging the Resurrection is necessary to making sense of life and of human history. God wants to resurrect you in some specific way; what area of our lives needs resurrection right now?

FEEL THE CORNERSTONE
APRIL 2016

MARCH FOR LIFE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

Our Lady of the Lake's Respect Life Committee is hosting a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22, 2016. We will be departing from the parking lot at 6:00 AM and returning by about 10:00 PM. The cost is \$25 per person; please sign up at the parish office (973) 729-6107, by January 19. For more information, please contact Christine Levin at (973) 729-4293. Please join us this year to offer prayers and witness for the sanctity of human life from its very beginnings to its natural end.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

Open to ALL Children 9 to 14 years of age (as of January 1st 2016).

Marquette Council is holding its annual free throw contest on Saturday, January 23rd at 9:15 AM in the Reverend Brown Gymnasium. All are invited to test their basketball skills. The winners in each category will move on to represent the Council in the District, Regional and hopefully the State Championship! So come out to compete and become a State Champion! Any questions please contact Kevin Cavanagh at [973-647-0975](tel:973-647-0975).



WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

St. Francis de Sales "After Christmas" Sale

From now till February 14th, our Gift Shop will offer 20% off all Advent and Christmas items. The Shop is open after every Mass, Saturday 5 PM and Sunday, 8, 10 and 12. Feel free to call during the week for special hours, (973) 827-3248. Confirmation and First Communion gifts will be arriving soon. We look forward to you visiting us.

Pizza Night with Bishop – Date change

Pizza Night with Bishop at Morris Catholic High School (which was scheduled for February 1) has been cancelled. A new date will be announced soon. Quo Vadis Days – Discernment Retreat for young men ages 15-25 will be held this year June 29-July 1. There will be more information in a future bulletin.

Alert

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness month. Women, men and children in the U.S. and around the world are subjected to forced labor, domestic servitude and the sex trade at the hands of human traffickers. U.S. Catholic Sisters are working together to end this crime. Learn more about it at sistersagainstrafficking.org. Ending Slavery is everyone's work.

"COME & SEE" POPE JOHN OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week at Pope John High School, 28 Andover Rd., Sparta, NJ
Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 PM.
Faculty-guided tours and light refreshments
RSVP (973) 729-6125 x 221 or carolsherrier@popejohn.org

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

**MARCH 19 IN MCKENNA
HALL – 6:30 PM**



Please mark your calendars for this annual parish event. Our own top of the line

Irish step dancers and traditional musicians will be back, and the customary corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at your table.

Tickets will be available in the vestibule after all Masses the weekend of January 23rd/24th and in the parish office beginning January 25th. You may purchase tickets individually for open seating or as table of 10. Beer is included in the ticket price of \$35. This is a BYOB event, so 21 and over only, please. Ticket sales will close on March 7, 2016.

It's going to be a lovely evening for our parish family. Please join us and make it even better.

U.S. NATIONAL PARKS TOUR MAY 23 - JUNE 5, 2017

Visit our country's greatest natural treasures on this comfortably-paced and in-depth National Parks tour. Travelers have been calling it the trip of a lifetime. It's impossible to duplicate the vast open spaces of the American West. Discover God's handiwork in six U.S. National Parks-

- *Yellowstone-the 1st National Park*
- *Grand Teton, along the trail of Lewis & Clark*
- *The Arches National Park*
- *Grand Canyon National Park*
- *Bryce Canyon National park*
- *Zion National Park*
- *Monument Park, a tribal park.*

We'll journey from jagged peaks to verdant forests and cascading waterfalls. See the unmatched splendor of the canyons and the red-rock formations. You'll have a genealogy demonstration at Salt Lake City, as well as a concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. What's more, your experience will be enhanced by spending six nights at official National Parks Lodges. The grand finale of the trip will be a night in Las Vegas!

This comprehensive American West experience is not to be missed!

For more information, call the parish office or Judy and Bill Bosworth, 973-729-4629

FINANCE

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PARISHPAY - AUTOMATED GIVING

ParishPay is an automated giving program. Those who wish can make their church donations by automatic deduction or by credit card. To enroll: a) call 1-866-727-4741, or b) use the website, (www.parishpay.com) through the link on the parish website. Please keep in mind that signing up for ParishPay does not register you with the parish if you are just joining our parish; please come into the office to register.

All parish volunteers are invited to
**Our Lady of the Lake
Volunteer Appreciation Night,**
in appreciation for all that you do for our parish. Please join us for a night of fun, food, music and community.
January 29, 2016
7:00 PM at McKenna Hall.
Spouses are welcome.
RSVP by Jan. 22nd
at
(973) 729-6107.