

JANUARY 24, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY – The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

8:30 Pat Ward req. by Terry Mazzaferre
George Wustefeld Sr. req. by Genevieve Appel

TUESDAY - Saints Timothy and Titus

8:30 Robert J. Holdsworth Sr req. by the Ziegler Family
John Auwerda req. by Genevieve Appel

WEDNESDAY – Saint Angela Merici

8:30 Bernard Beihl Sr. req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl
Clare Clark req. by Family

THURSDAY – Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:30 Elaine Pagano req. by the Mazzaferre Family

FRIDAY

8:30 Joseph Azzolina req. by Ann Jachts

SATURDAY

8:30 Angela Burke (1st Anniv.) req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton
5:30 Nicole Tedeschi req. by Dottie Capasso

JANUARY 31, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:45** Special Intention of the Wrobleskis req. by Doug Vance
- 9:00** People of the Parish
Karin Takacs req. by Stacey & Eugene Fluri
- 10:30** Angela Livera req. by Jessica & Jason Soehngen
Barry Ward req. by the Stemley Family
- 12:00** Deceased Members of the Gorospe & Geronimo Families req. by Anna & Simon
- 5:00** Richard Skow req. by David Stock

PARISH FINANCES

January 17, 2016	\$ 9,694
January 18, 2015	\$ 8,185



PASTOR'S CORNER

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

Each week as we hear the scriptures proclaimed in Church, it is Christ speaking to us here and now. It's a living word, so it speaks to us right where we are. Each of us in our own way tries to see how God's Word is speaking to us this week, and how we can make it come alive in the circumstances of each day.

Have you noticed how the people in the First Reading listened to God's Word? The people had just returned from captivity in Babylon, back to their own country and were now trying to get their lives together. They were hungry for God's Word as they came to listen to Ezra the priest.

We read how attentive they were, listening to every word and responding with a wholehearted "Amen." For so long they were deprived of hearing the scriptures and now that they have the opportunity to do so, they are open and eager, ready to take it all in and allow it to become part of their lives. What a wonderful example they are for us as we listen to the readings each time we come to Mass.

In order for us to follow the Lord more closely, we need to listen to his Word and try to integrate it into our lives. Sometimes, it might be a word or a phrase that captures our attention and speaks to us in the depths of our hearts. At other times we hear words that we have heard many times before, and now for some reason, they take on new meaning and we begin to appreciate them in a fresh, new way.

I have been reading and listening to the passion of Christ for many years and yet when I hear it proclaimed on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, I pick up something new each time 'round. It's like good music; it is always revealing something vital and new. The same is true of the scriptures because it is a living word. It is able to speak to us right here and now; sometimes challenging, sometimes comforting, always assuring us of the love the Father has for each one of us.

Before the Gospel is read in Church, we say: Glory to you, Lord. As we say these words, we bless ourselves on our forehead, on our lips and over our heart to remind ourselves that we are to think of God's Word, to speak it and to love it with all our hearts.

Sincerely,
Father David

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/25/16 – 1/30/16

Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
	7:30 PM Parent Support	St. Benedict
Thurs.	BINGO (Non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	7:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation	McKenna
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-30
Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21
Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:31—13:13
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

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.

CAN YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS?



Did you know that we have Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 9:00 AM till 7:15 PM, ending with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Evening Prayer and Benediction? The Divine Mercy Chaplet is also prayed at 3:00 PM (the hour of mercy) Come join us. If you can commit to one hour every week, please call Rita Scanlon to sign up. (973) 729-3482.

PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION

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 **Feb. 1st** by calling the parish office at 973-729-6107. Light refreshments & lunch will be provided. Free will donation will be appreciated.

HEALING MASS

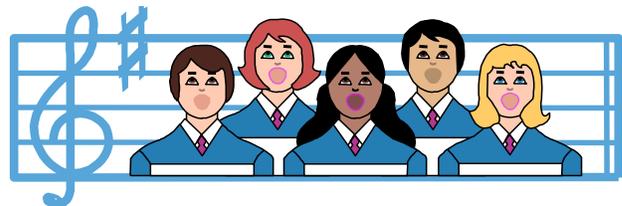
There will be a Parish Healing Mass on Saturday, February 13th at 11:00 AM. A reception with light refreshments will follow. All parishioners are invited to attend, especially those who are ill. All are welcome!

A RETREAT WITH POPE FRANCIS SERIES

Six Weekly Sessions beginning Mon., Feb 15th
Pope Francis has captured the hearts of the faithful throughout the world. Now, you can attend a retreat with his words and his personal example, opening the door to a deeper relationship with God. Led by Fr. Anthony Ciorra, Ph.D. with DVD and discussion.

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.

**Just Do It At Cornerstone
April 2016**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group meets every Monday, 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room in the lower level of the Parish Center.



Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School is a thriving National Blue Ribbon School committed to academic excellence. We invite you to visit our school to learn more about our community.

OPEN HOUSES

9:00 A.M. Wednesday, February 3rd
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 3rd

For more information please visit our website at:
Revbrownschool.org
To make an appointment please call 973-729-9174



CUTTING EDGE CURRICULUM

- Full-Day Early Childhood Development Program
- Next Generation Science Standards
- After-School Enrichment Programs
- One-to-One Computing
- Discovery Education
- Robotics



REVEREND BROWN SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE:

- Global Citizens
- Value Based

FAITH-FILLED EDUCATION

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



“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

REDISCOVER JESUS: An Invitation By Matthew Kelly

It is impossible to get close to Jesus and stay close to Him without developing an intimate daily conversation with Him. Mr. Kelly suggests *The Prayer Process: Gratitude* - thanking God for whatever you are most grateful for today; *Awareness* - revisiting the times in the last day that you were or were not the best-possible-version-of-yourself; *Significant Moments* - exploring what God might be trying to tell you through a particular event or person today; *Peace* - asking God to forgive you and to fill you with peace; *Freedom* - speaking with God about how to change your life so as to experience the freedom to be the best-possible-version-of-yourself; *Others* - lifting up others in prayer for God's blessing and guidance; finishing with the "Our Father." We can survive without prayer, but we cannot thrive without it. Are you thriving or just surviving?

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

RESPECT LIFE



Pictured are the winners of the Respect Life Essay/Poster Contest. Winners' names were announced in last week's bulletin. They received their awards last Sunday in Cassidy Hall. Congratulations!

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Auxilium School Open House

To help celebrate Catholic Schools week, the Auxilium School will be hosting an Open House on **Wednesday, February 3rd from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.** Please come see our classrooms in action. We will be having a brief Questions & Answer session at 10:45 in our big Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Rainbows

The Sparta United Methodist Church will sponsor the winter/spring session of Rainbows for All God's Children. This program supports children (kindergarten through 8th grade) who are grieving as a result of loss as a result of death of a parent/grandparent, divorce, separation, or incarceration. Please note the date change: Sessions begin February 16, 2016, and concludes March 22, 2016, (Tuesday evening meetings at the Sparta Methodist Church.) If you would like to register your child for this program, please call Pat Johnson, (973) 729-3233.

**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. Please join us.

Tickets are available in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend and in the parish office beginning Monday, 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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Our Lady of the Lake Welcoming Ministry will hold a "Getting to Know Each Other" gathering on February 20th at 4:15 PM in Cassidy Hall. Invitations will be sent out to all parishioners who have joined the parish within the last three months. If you are relatively new to the parish and were unable to attend our last gathering, you are also welcome to join us. Please call the parish office to let us know how many members of your family will be attending. Snow date will be March 15th.

BAPTISM CLASS

The Baptism Class for new parents will be held in Cassidy Hall on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:30 PM. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend.

PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

January 29, 2016

7:00 PM at McKenna Hall

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. Spouses are welcome. Please RSVP by calling (973) 729-6107.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

JANUARY 23RD DATE IS CANCELLED

DUE TO SNOWSTORM.

NEW DATE: FEB. 6



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, February 6th at 9:00 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.

**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, The Arches National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Bryce Canyon National park, Zion National Park, Monument Park. 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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If you're shopping online please keep in mind that if you make purchases through Amazon.com, you can help our parish by using the link on our website (www.ourladyofthelake.org). The church gets a little money back for every dollar that people spend on Amazon using our link. To find the link, click on the "Getting Involved" button and you will see the Amazon.com link at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

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.

NIGHT CUSTODIAN NEEDED

Reverend Brown School has an immediate opening for a night custodian. All qualified applicants should send their resume to

Daniel Rosanelli at

danielrosanelli@revbrownschool.org

For further information call the school office at
(973)-729-9174.