

**MARCH 13, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

MONDAY

8:30 Jared Platt req. by Dennis & Patricia Quinn

TUESDAY

8:30 Cary Mattos req. by Family

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Richard Henry Thibeault req. by George & Cappy Daggett

THURSDAY – Saint Patrick

8:30 John Collins req. by Joan & Bernie Beihl
Margaret Gilvar (1st Anniv.) req. by George & Cappy Daggett

FRIDAY – Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 Elizabeth DiGidio req. by Dennis & Patricia Quinn

SATURDAY – Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

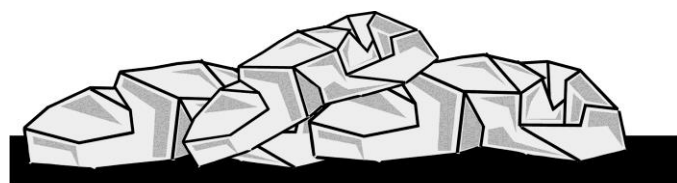
8:30 Ruth Semelsberger req. by the LaBanca Family
5:30 Bob Hoffman req. by Ted & Roseann Greiner

**MARCH 20, 2016
PALM SUNDAY**

7:45 Karin Takacs req. by Tess & Dick Martin
Pat & Jack Karl req. by Joe & Edna Pietrucha
9:00 Isak Anderson req. by Suzanne & Jerry Mirkov
10:30 Bernadette Murphy req. by Joanna & Gil Mattos
Ed Ellis (10th Anniv.) req. by Gerri Ellis & Family
12:00 People of the Parish
Anna Wilson req. by Cindy & George Williamson
5:00 Robert Iannacone req. by Michael Brennan

PARISH FINANCES

March 6, 2016	\$ 11,234
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 2,984
March 8, 2015	\$ 11,577
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	2,999
Next week's second collection is for our Diocesan Assessment.	



*Cast the first stone,
if you are without sin!*

PASTOR'S CORNER

HOLY WEEK INVITATION

Next Sunday – Palm Sunday - we begin Holy Week. For some of the weekend Masses we will gather in front of the Rectory to bless the palms and make our procession to the Church. It is a joyous celebration as we sing our Hosannas hailing Jesus as the Son of David. He comes in peace to Jerusalem riding on a donkey, but as the week progresses he will be rejected, and those who shouted 'Hosanna' with such enthusiasm, will soon be shouting 'Crucify Him.'

On Thursday of Holy Week we begin the Easter Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. In a sense we gather with the disciples in the Upper Room as Jesus celebrates the first Eucharist. He offers his body and blood to the Father under the form of bread and wine, and then he gives it to his apostles as nourishment with the command, "*Do this in memory of me.*"

At this celebration, we will recall how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. In this powerful gesture he is telling us that we must serve the needs of others after his example. During Holy Thursday this year, I would ask that if you are participating in the Mass, that you bring one or two non-perishable food items with you. During the Offertory you will be invited to come forward and place your offering in a basket in the sanctuary. It could be a can of tuna, canned vegetables, soup or apple sauce. Just one or two items will suffice to remind us to reach out in service to those in need.

Good Friday is the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. We gather to mourn the death of Jesus. He is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed so that we might have eternal life. As we venerate the cross of Christ, let us be mindful of his great love for us. During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday we celebrate the rising of Jesus from the dead. It is a joyful night when we welcome new members into the Church, and after our Lenten journey the Alleluia is once again heard.

I extend a special invitation to each of you and your family to join us this year for the Holy Week celebrations. It is a week with a difference. It is holy because we journey with Jesus during the last week of his life. To quote Pope Francis: "During these days of the Holy Triduum, let us enter into the mystery, making his feelings and thoughts our own, as the Apostle Paul invites us to do: "Have that mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus." Then ours will be a "Happy Easter".

Sincerely,

Father David

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/14/16 – 3/19/16

Mon.	6:30 PM K of C 1st Deg.	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Pope Francis Series	Cassidy Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:30 PM Parent Support	St. Benedict
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
	7:30 PM Rev. Brown Open House	
Wed.	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (Non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	9:15 AM Liturgy	Library
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	9:30 AM CCD Penance Service	Church
	1:00 – 5:00 PM Divine Mercy Experience	
	6:30 PM – St. Patrick's Dinner	Mc Kenna
	8:30 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

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.

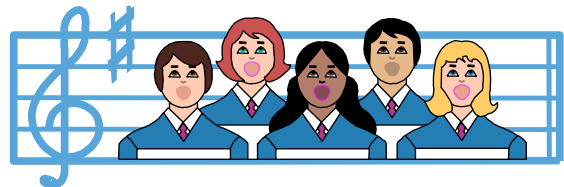
TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

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.

A RETREAT WITH POPE FRANCIS SERIES 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall

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. on DVD and follow-up 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

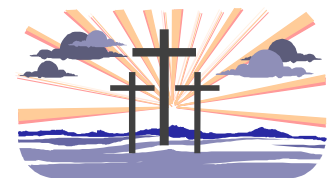
Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office.

New and existing members are invited.

PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In Lent it is especially meaningful to pray the stations. Join us as a community when we pray them on Friday nights at 7:00 PM in Lent. It can also be



done alone at any time, going from station to station as we pray. It can even be done at home!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

MANNA HOUSE

All food donations during the month of March will be given to Manna House. Manna House is a free lunch program open to anyone who feels the need of its service. Members of the Presbyterian Church in Newton saw the need for such a program and thought that other churches in the county would like to be part of the program. Our Lady of the Lake Church is one of twenty churches in Sussex County working to support Manna House. Each church takes one day a month to prepare and serve the meal and clean up afterward.

HEAR THAT CORNERSTONE ROAR

APRIL 2016

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Faustina, Messenger of Divine Mercy

A live multimedia drama with a modern message of mercy, sponsored by the Legion of Mary. Saturday, March 19 at 7:00 PM at Pope John XXIII High School. Admission: \$5 Students, \$10 Adults (Ages 13 & Up) Purchase tickets at www.faustinasparta.eventbrite.com. For information call (862) 684-0984 or email faustinasparta@gmail.com.

Family Promise Dinner Auction Fund Raiser

April 16, 6 PM to 10 PM at Skyview Golf Club, 226 Lafayette Rd., Sparta. Donations are being accepted for Auction items. Tickets are \$65 each. Please contact (973) 579-1180 to reserve your tickets.

Fundraiser for Rockaway Catholic Right to Life

Divine Mercy Conference

April 16th, 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx, NY. \$60. Box lunch \$9. Buses leaving from several locations in NJ. For information and registration go to TheDivineMercy.org/Bronx or call 1-800-462-7426.

Sussex County Right to Life

Meeting, Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 PM. St. Joseph Parish Center, 22 Halsted St. Newton. Come see what we are doing to defend life, from conception to natural death. Contact: Dian Koster (973) 579-6001 adriandian96@gmail.com.

Blue Army Shrine

Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd at the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd., Washington, NJ. For info: (908) 689-1700 Ext 210. Confessions and Mass at 2:00 PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany, and Veneration at 3:00 PM.

YOUTH GROUP - MONDAY NIGHTS

6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM
COME, BRING A FRIEND
FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP
9:30 AM

OPEN HOUSE

The Catholic Academy of Sussex County is pleased to announce the Autumn 2016 opening of the Pope John XXIII Middle School for grades 5, 6 & 7.

Tuesday, March 15th - 7:30 p.m.

**Open House and Registration for PreK-7
(Reverend Brown/Pope John Middle School)**

Hosted by Rev. George A. Brown School.
Snow Date: 7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, March 16

Come and see the exciting plans for our PreK-12th grade campus. For more information please visit our website at: Revbrownschool.org. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Linda Artigliere at 973-729-9174, Option 3.

CORNERSTONE RETREATS

**2016 Our Lady of the Lake Cornerstone Retreats
Register NOW FOR 2016 Our Lady of the Lake
Cornerstone Retreats**

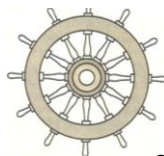
Come Holy Spirit!



The Women's Cornerstone will start 6:00 PM on Friday, April 1st through Saturday evening, April 2nd.

The Men's Cornerstone will start 6:00 PM on Friday, April 8th through Saturday evening, April 9th.

Our Voyage with Christ



Do not miss this unique opportunity to spend 26 hours that could have a profound impact on your outlook and your life. Step out of your routine to think about those things that matter most. Reflect, Renew, Relax, and Strengthen Your Faith. Further information and registration forms are in the retreat brochures available in church or at the parish office. This is the year to give yourself the gift of Cornerstone.

Participate as much or as little as you choose.

Questions? Comments?

Men's Retreat contact:

Kevin Cavanagh at 973-647-0975

Jim Storms (973) 703-3658

James Landry (973) 600-7608

Women's Retreat contact:

Pat Convey: (973) 222-6532

Rachelle Landry: Rachelle.Landry@yahoo.com

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Every Church in the Diocese of Paterson will make available the opportunity for Confession, every Monday during Lent

**February 15th, 22nd, 29th, Mar. 7, & Mar 14th
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.**

For more information, visit www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org.

SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

205 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940
(973) 377-1004

Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

Women's Conference: Feminine, Faithful, Fearless

A conference for women, at any age and any stage of life, affirming who we are in Christ. Presenters will be Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Dr. Susan Timoney, STD, and Rosario Rodriguez along with musical guests Lauren and Nicky Costabile and Keaton Douglas as emcee.

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Jewel of the Diocese

Come learn about the history of St. John the Baptist Cathedral from Msgr. Raymond Kupke, Diocesan Archivist.

Go to www.insidethewalls.org to see what else is available and how to register.

DIVINE MERCY EXPERIENCE

Saturday, March 19

In this Holy Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis, it is important that we ask ourselves: Why did Pope Francis call this year a Holy Year of Mercy? What is mercy? Why is the upcoming Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday so important? Who is St. Faustina and what did Jesus want her to tell me personally about His mercy?



Do I know how to recite the chaplet of mercy? Am I aware of what the Holy Shroud of Turin and Divine Mercy Image have in common?

Please join us on Saturday, March 19th as we learn, discuss and experience these and all major aspects of the Divine Mercy message and devotion in one afternoon.

1:00 – 3:15 PM in Cassidy Hall – Presentations and discussions with light refreshments

3:15 – 5:00 PM in Church – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:00 PM. Please don't miss out on the mercy which God wants to bestow upon you. Come, learn, discuss and experience it.



I think the crucifix is a great help to prayer. You look and look, and if you are suffering as Jesus did, then that looking will help you understand something about yourself. It gives up its secret.

Those are things you cannot write about, things you cannot talk about. Those are things you have to experience. Pray with your eyes in times of stress, no words, not thoughts, just look at the crucifix.

Cardinal Basil Hume in *The Mystery of Love*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 21

Chrism Mass at St. Philips, Clifton

Tuesday, March 22

7:30 PM - Parish Penance Service

Holy Thursday – March 24

7:00 PM - *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

9:00 PM – Midnight – *Eucharistic Adoration*

Good Friday – March 25

12:00 Noon *7 Last Words of Christ*

2:00 PM *Passion of the Lord*

3:30 PM *Divine Mercy Novena*

7:00 PM *Living Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday – March 26

12:00 PM *Divine Mercy Novena*

1:00 PM *Blessing of the Food*

8:00 PM *Easter Vigil*

Easter Sunday – March 27

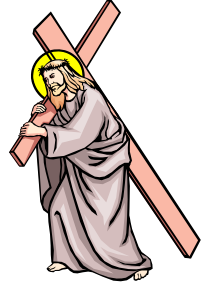
Mass in Church

7:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Mass in McKenna Hall

10:35 AM, 12:05 PM

(There is No 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)



HOLY THURSDAY OFFERING

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