

MARCH 27, 2016
EASTER SUNDAY
The Resurrection of the Lord

MONDAY

8:30 Maximillian Schelle req. by Lorraine & Glenn Gerard

TUESDAY

8:30 Kathy Weckler req. by the Weckler Family
 Paquito Catapujan req. by the Tabaranza Family

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Lucretia A. Hamilton req. by her husband, Tom Hamilton

THURSDAY

8:30 Anna Chikotas req. by the Sherrier Family

FRIDAY

8:30 Judge Edward K. Gannon req. by Peter & Sheila Conforti
 9:15 Peter Alessandra req. by Rev. Brown Faculty & Staff

SATURDAY

8:30 Allen Vohden req. by Catherine & Kristian Voza
 5:30 Cary Mattos req. by Family
 Barbara Stamm req. by Janis Tripodi & Dominic

APRIL 3, 2016
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:45 People of the Parish
 Michael Filosa req. by Maria & Louis DiLorenzo
 9:00 Steve Raynor req. by Donna & Kevin Sharpe
 Special Intention for Kristian Voza & Family req. by the RCIA Team
 10:30 Olla Mongiovi req. by Annette Moran & Family
 William Connors req. by Family
 12:00 Deceased members of the Rona, Banciu, & Dirle Families req. by the Dirle Family
 Special intention of the family of Andre Rona req. by the Dirle Family
 5:00 Patricia Mary Karl req. by Peter Curtis & Maureen Kershaw

PARISH FINANCES

March 21, 2016	\$ 13, 306
March 22, 2015	\$ 10,578
Next Week's Second Collection is for Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	

*Lord,
 Be Glorified*



PASTOR'S CORNER

RISEN

Last week I saw the movie "Risen". I wondered how the resurrection of Christ would be portrayed on the big screen. I found it engaging from beginning to end. As with many movies about Christ, the writers take liberties with the story.

When it became known that the body of Jesus was not in the tomb on that first Easter morn, the authorities called for an all-out investigation, headed by a Roman tribune named Clavius. He was a tough character who brutally crushed any opposition to Roman rule. He began by interrogating those who knew Christ and those who were overheard speaking about him. Slowly but surely, Clavius began to see the Nazarene in a different light and finally came to believe in him.

As cradle Catholics, we have come to believe that the resurrection of Christ was the central truth of our faith. If Christ had not risen, as St. Paul tells us, our faith would have no basis in reality and we would be the more miserable of people. If Christ's body remained in the tomb, we could no longer see him as our Savior and Messiah. He would be just another great man like Churchill or Lincoln.

While no one actually saw Christ rising from the tomb, there were those who met him in his post resurrection appearances. When Thomas insisted on having proof of the resurrection, Jesus invited him to touch the wounds of his hands and side, after which Thomas believed. People don't walk around with nail prints in their hands and feet.

When Jesus met his disciples for breakfast on the beach, he gave Peter an opportunity to profess his faith in him after his earlier triple denial. When he met with his disciples in the Upper Room, he didn't reprimand them for their cowardice; rather, he gifted them with his peace. The love and gentleness of Christ and his disciples are in stark contrast with the efficiency and brutality of the world around them. When Clavius asked Bartholomew to give him the names of Christ's followers, he whispered in his ear: "They're everywhere."

We, too, are witnesses to the Risen Christ. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we listen to his Word and we are fed with his Body and Blood. We see him in the faces of the poor and needy. Because of the empty tomb, death has lost its power. Our loved ones who have gone before are held in Christ's loving embrace. Let us then rejoice and be glad for he is truly risen.

A Blessed Easter,

Father David

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/28/16 – 4/2/16

Mon.	7:00 PM Pope Francis Series	Cassidy Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
Wed.	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	7:00 PM Filipino Mass	Church
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
Sun.	2:00 PM Feast of Divine Mercy	Church

LITURGY

**EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

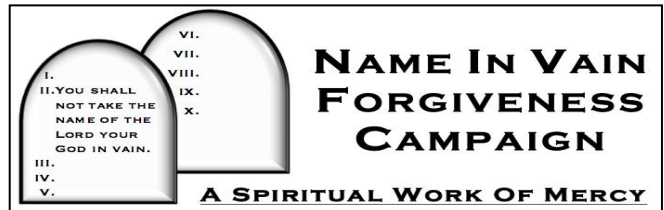
Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

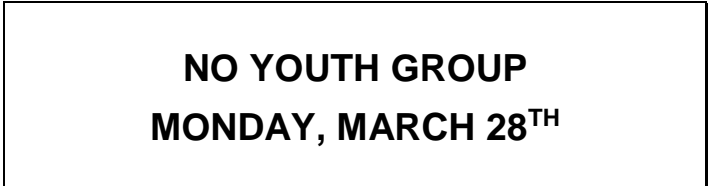
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Listening

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist reflected in listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us. How do we as a parish listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of love to transform our hearts and our minds – our very lives?



For all those participating in the "Name in Vain Forgiveness Campaign," please remember to drop off your prayer cards in the designated basket located in the church vestibule when you arrive for services on Good Friday, the day Jesus echoed those words on the card. If you are unable to attend services here on Good Friday, simply place your card in the basket anytime that is convenient for you before then. The basket is already in the vestibule. May God bless all our youth and adults who have been participating in this Lenten campaign, and may He also bless those for whom they have prayed.



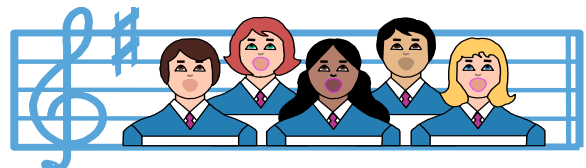
KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

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.

**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.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Lacordaire Academy Tricky Tray

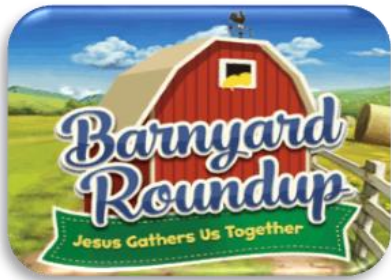
"Beach Party Tricky Tray" Friday, April 22 at 6:00 PM at 155 Lorraine Ave, Upper Montclair. Admission \$20 (includes dessert, beverage, and one free sheet of raffle tickets. All proceeds benefit the students of Lacordaire Academy. Reservations are required. Call (973) 744-1156 X 33 or contact advancement@lacordaire.net

Fifteenth Annual Caring Basket Gala

April 14th at Hanover Marriot from 6:30 – 10:00 PM. Featuring 50/50 cash raffle, wine pull, basket raffle along with silent and live auction. All proceeds are primarily for the support and education of 10 international Sisters from developing nations who are attending Assumption College. Sponsored by Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, honoring Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch, Kathleen Ginty Hyland, and Fred & Mary Alice Lawless.

Auxilium School

Call (973) 383-2621 or go to www.campauxilium.org for info. We have programs for infants, toddlers, juniors, PreK3, PreK4, Yeartogrow/Kindergarten. Open 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM (School day starts at 8:45 AM and concludes at 2:00 PM) Free Morning Care. We now offer a "Holiday Care Program" for our students to cover you when school is closed!



The SON is calling you this summer!
VBS Volunteers Needed ~ Summer 2016
July 11th - 15th (8:30am-12pm)
We are looking for volunteers entering 6th grade through adult. All adults 18 and over must be Virtus trained. Excellent way to earn service hours!
Please leave a message with Kristi Carlucci:
973-568-8971 or kristibc@yahoo.com

**IT IS HERE - CORNERSTONE
APRIL 2016**

CORNERSTONE RETREATS

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

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.
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

THANKS VERY MUCH!



On March 19th, nearly 200 people gathered in McKenna Hall for our 6th annual St. Patrick's Night. It was a complete sell out, and truly parish family event. It was an evening filled with great music,

dancing, dining, and lots of laughter.

Everyone contributed; by purchasing the tickets to support the event, serving dinner to fellow parishioners, joining in song led by Fr. David, taking the dance floor and making the rounds to meet new friends. A special, "Thank you" goes out to the very talented youngsters who provided us with traditional Irish music and step dancing. Thanks also to their parents, who are also their brilliant instructors, for keeping the tradition alive. We're looking forward to another great gathering next year.



All the best,

The St. Patrick's Team

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Parish Staff

Rev. David McDonnell	Pastor
Rev. Grzegorz Golba	Associate Pastor
Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio	Deacon
Mr. James McGovern	Deacon
Rev. Mr. Dawid Zajecki	Deacon
Elizabeth Heldak	Director of Religious Education
Laurie DiCianni	Confirmation Coord.-Youth Minister
Krzysztof Kowalewski	Music Director
Ellen Ormond	Secretary/Bookkeeper
Joanna Mattos	Secretary
Denise Aldana	Social Ministries

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 5:30 P.M.
Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12 Noon
5:00 P.M. (except June, July, and August)

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 to 10:00 AM and 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

For information on Baptisms, Marriages, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Visitation of the Sick, Parish Membership, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

New Parishioners - Welcome!

Won't you please register at the Parish Office
Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Or find our registration form on our webpage
www.ourladyofthelake.org



Father David, Father Greg,
Deacon Dawid, Deacon Jim
McGovern, Deacon Sonny Curcio
and all the Parish Staff wish you
all a Happy Easter!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

All this week, we will pray the
Divine Mercy Novena after the
8:30 Mass up to and including the
Saturday before Divine Mercy
Sunday.



Jesus told
Saint
Faustina that
He wanted His image to be
venerated and to be in every
church. He told her that He desired
the Sunday after Easter to be the
Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus told
Saint Faustina that those who pray
the Novena of Divine Mercy
(especially the nine days before
Divine Mercy Sunday), go to
confession, and receive communion
on Divine Mercy Sunday, would be
granted every grace possible – even

complete remission of sins.
Pope John Paul II, who himself has been canonized a
saint on Divine Mercy Sunday, canonized Saint Faustina
in the year 2000 and established the Feast of the Divine
Mercy.

Our parish will celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday this
year on April 3rd beginning at 2:00 PM** confessions will
be available; there will be Blessing and Veneration of the
Divine Mercy image, Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song, the
Holy Rosary, Benediction, and a reception afterwards in
Cassidy Hall. Everyone is invited – bring your family and
friends. **Divine Mercy prayer cards are available in
the vestibule of the church.**

