

APRIL 3, 2016

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MONDAY – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 Anthony Falduto req. by Mr/Mrs Rocco Sgarlato

TUESDAY – Saint Vincent Ferrer

8:30 Grace Fader (1st Anniv.) req. by the Ziegler Family

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Winnie Hunter

THURSDAY – Saint John Baptist de la Salle

8:30 Special Intention for Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli req. by Our Lady of the Lake, Sparta Legion of Mary

FRIDAY

8:30 Lillian Milan req. by Peggy McGovern

SATURDAY

8:30 Joanne Cambouris req. by her son, John

5:30 Louise Nazzaro & D.J. Nazzaro req. By Louis Nazzaro

APRIL 10, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:45 Sophie Wojciechowski req. by Edna & Joseph Pietrucha

9:00 People of the Parish

10:30 Joan Kociencki req. by Ellen Ormond
Esther Gillan req. by Deborah Berry-ton

12:00 Ernest Rome req. by the Drew Family
Pauline DeSante req. by Willie & Irene Nelson

5:00 Maximilian Schelle req. by Karl & Gudrun Rank
Special Intention for Frank Diliberto Sr. req. by his family

PARISH FINANCES

March 27, 2016 - Easter \$ 25,281

April 5, 2015 – Easter \$ 28,188

Next Week's Second Collection is for our Diocesan Assessment.

YOUTH GROUP - MONDAY NIGHTS

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



FATHER GREG'S REFLECTION

Feast of Divine Mercy

Pope Francis is calling on the whole Church to celebrate a Jubilee Year of Mercy. During this time the Pope calls all of us to a deeper life in Christ, and he is inviting us to help people get in touch with God's great mercy.

We are sinners and we all need God's mercy. The Lord cries out to each and all of us: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

The Lord offers us an invitation and he stands at the door of our hearts: "*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with Me*". If we open our hearts to Him and to His desire for us, which is greater than our desire for Him, then He comes in and dines with us!

Today we celebrate the Feast of Mercy. The Divine Mercy Sunday was officially declared by St. Pope John



Paul II as a feast for the whole Church, celebrating God's Merciful love for you and me.

Come to the Feast for the fulfillment of your deepest desires. Come prepared with a good Confession in order to receive the best and holiest Communion, the Lord's gift of himself to us. Come to the feast and drink deeply of the desire of your life. The Lord's desire for you is an infinite ocean of love and mercy.

Jesus said: On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to the Lord, even though its sins be as scarlet. The mercy of the Lord is infinite.

Don't let your sins of the past be an obstacle. Approach the "Tribunal of Mercy" in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Lord Jesus calls out to you, from His Merciful Heart, "Come to the feast and Trust even more!"

Receive the gifts and grace of Divine Mercy Sunday with thanksgiving, and then share them with others. Tell them to trust in Jesus even more!

How are we to remember the message of Mercy? Ask for His mercy, Be merciful and COMPLETELY trust in Jesus.

We invite you to join us in this Divine Mercy devotion as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy at 2:00 PM today. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, the Holy Rosary, and priests will be available for confession. There will be light refreshments and fellowship in Cassidy Hall after the service. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Sincerely,

Father Greg

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 4/3/16- 4/7/16

Sun.	2:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour	Church
Mon.	6:30 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
	7:30 PM Respect Life	Library
	7:30 PM Advisory	St. Benedict
Tues	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Pope Francis Series	Cassidy Hall
Wed.	7:30 PM Baptism Class	Library
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	6:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Retreat	
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
Sun.	2:00 PM Divine Mercy Celebration	Church

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

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

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We Give Thanks

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist reflected on their gifts, which are blessings from God. At the Eucharist (a word meaning "to give thanks") we thank God for all his gifts and blessings. How do we as a parish help others develop such a grateful heart?

BAPTISM CLASS – APRIL 6TH, 7:30 PM

A preparation class for parents of children to be baptized will be held on Wednesday, April 6th at 7:30 PM in the parish library. If you plan to attend, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

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.

A RETREAT WITH POPE FRANCIS SERIES

Beginning Tuesday, April 19th

7:00 – 8:30 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. April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 & 24. All are Welcome!

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Reverend Brown students presented a living Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Sparta, on Holy Thursday for the faculty and staff, and again on Good Friday for the parish's parishioners. The way of the Cross included scenes based on passages and Church traditions.

The students presented the stations through the eyes of Mary, Jesus' mother.

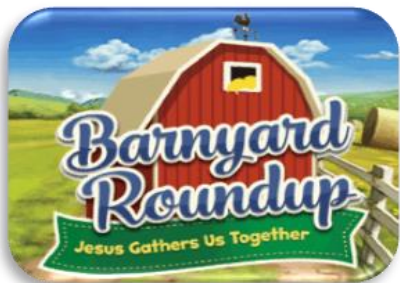
WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Donate Used Books

Lacordaire Academy is accepting donations of gently-used hardcover, paperback, and audio books for its book sale. You may drop books off any time now through April 29 to the Lacordaire Hall Front Porch located at 155 Lorraine Ave, Upper Montclair. Tax receipts available upon request. Please – no magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias. For more info call 973-744-1156 x27. The Annual book sale will be held May 19-22 on campus. Visit Special Events at LacordaireAcademy.com for details.

Alzheimer's New Jersey – Tips and Techniques

Communication Tips and Techniques in Alzheimer's Disease will be offered Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM at Newton Medical Center, Romano Conference Center 175 High St, Newton. There is no fee, however, pre-registration is required. To registered, please call Alzheimer's New Jersey at 888-280-6055



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

DIOCESAN BLUE MASS AT ST. GERARD CHURCH, 501 WEST BROADWAY, PATERSON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 10:30 AM

The Blue Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for those employed in the "public safety field" (i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel). The color blue

relates to the blue-colored uniforms predominantly used by these services. The Mass is an opportunity for the community to show gratitude to the first responders and their families.



Pray For Us At Cornerstone APRIL 2016

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:

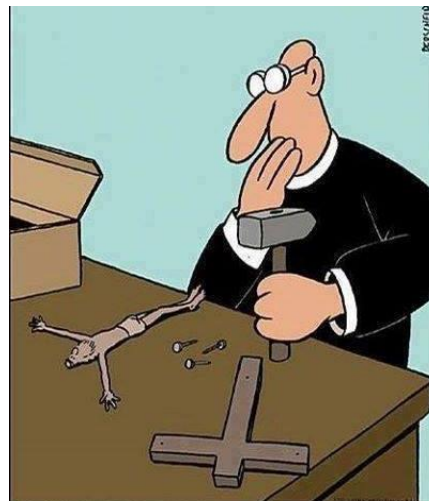
Pat Convey: (973) 222-6532

Rachelle Landry: Rachelle.Landry@yahoo.com

SHIPMENT ON ITS WAY TO HAITI



Shown are Danny Mulkerin and Alexis Thomas as they pack goods they collected for Haiti. Alexis is working towards a Girl Scout Gold Award and Danny towards his Eagle Scout. Along with donations from OLL, we sent over 90 boxes of school supplies, sports equipment, and dental hygiene items. Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support!



Suddenly, Father Schober was not sure whether he really should have bought the new crucifix at Ikea.

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Parish Staff

Rev. David McDonnell	Pastor
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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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

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.

In the year 2000, St. Pope John Paul II, canonized Saint Faustina and established the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Our parish will celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday today 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.**

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. Admission \$25, College Student \$10

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.

Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 a.m. – noon

What are the Seven Habits of Christian Disciples?

Join Br. Jude Lasota to find the answer to this question and learn much more.

Pope Francis and Capitalism: The Enemy or the Answer?

Tuesday, May 3 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

A conversation with William McGurn, columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* and former chief speech writer for President George W. Bush.

2016 Gala – St. Paul Inside the Walls is hosting their Annual Gala fundraiser on May 7th. This elegant cocktail party will be hosted by Bishop Serratelli and members of St. Paul Inside the Walls staff. If you would like to join us, please contact the Center for more information.

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

