

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MONDAY – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Florence Gentry req. by the Young Family
Jack Duffy req. by his wife, Evelyn

TUESDAY – Saint Cecilia

8:30 Cary Mattos req. by Family
Grace Conforti req. by Judy Savage

WEDNESDAY – Saint Clement; Saint Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

8:30 Milton & Genevieve Kozdron req. by Family

THURSDAY – Thanksgiving Day; Saint Andrew Dung- Lac & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 Harold McGovern req. by the McGovern Family
Michael Donnelly req. by his wife, Betty

FRIDAY – Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8:30 Jimmy Costello Jr. (1st Anniv.) req. by Jim & Linda
Hyland

SATURDAY

8:30 Edith Brescia req. by her children
5:30 People of the Parish
Donna DeVasto req. by Janice Quinn & Family

NOVEMBER 27, 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:45 Pearl Collins req. by Joan & Bernie Beihl
9:00 Ada Louise Sinacore req. by Geoffrey & Judy
Zoeller
10:30 Michael Morelli req. by Katherine Stehr
Vittorio & Tina Montesano req. by their sons,
Carmen & Rocco
12:00 Francis & Margaret Manassy req. by the Manassy
Family
5:00 Dr. Hooshang Kipiani req. by Bob & Doris Mayer
Special Intention for Monsignor Kevin Flanagan

PARISH FINANCES

November 13, 2016	\$ 10,062
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,042

The Second collection next week is for
Catholic Home Missions.



REFLECTION

PRAYING FOR MERCY

By Fr. James Martin

When Pope Francis inaugurated the Year of Mercy last December, I was asked the same question by several Catholics: “Are we supposed to be merciful for only a year? What happens when the year ends?” Needless to say, Pope Francis intended to emphasize mercy, not to limit it. In fact, you could say that his entire papacy has focused on that theme. The same might be said – with only a few quibbles from New Testament scholars – of Jesus’ ministry.



By this point you might be tired of hearing about all the ways you are called to be merciful (pick one): to your spouse, your family members, your coworkers, and your neighbors; not to mention the poor, the sick, the marginalized, and, as Pope Francis reminded us in his encyclical *LAUDATO SI'*, the earth. Creation itself deserves our mercy.

So let me suggest one person you might have forgotten to have mercy on: you. That is the prayer I suggest this month. Of course you can always pray that God in his infinite compassion might look upon you mercifully. But God is already looking at you with mercy. So why not also pray that you might look upon yourself mercifully. That you might give yourself a break for all that you do. That, as one of my spiritual directors liked to say, you might be “easy with yourself.”

Why not ask God to help you see yourself as God sees you: someone who is trying his or her best. Why not conclude the Year of Mercy by being merciful to someone God cares for very much: you.

From *A Word Among Us*

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 11/19/16 – 11/26/16

Sat & Sun.	After Masses – Adopt-a-Family – Cassidy
Mon.	8:00 PM K of C McKenna Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing Library
	7:00 PM DVD Series Youth Room
Thurs.	THANKSGIVING - NO Bingo
Fri.	8:30 PM AA Cassidy Hall
Sat.	8:30 PM AA McKenna Hall

LITURGY

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First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Samuel describes how all the tribes of Israel went to David in Hebron and said they were his bone and his flesh and it was he who led them back to Israel. The Lord told David he would be a shepherd to His people. David made an agreement with the elders and was anointed king.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul explains to the Colossians that God has made them fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light and that through the Son we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. He describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the head of the church and in Him all things hold together.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is mocked by the crowd as he hung on the cross. Above him was an inscription that read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the men being crucified with Jesus tells Him to save them and Himself, while the other asks that he be remembered when Jesus is in his kingdom. Jesus said in reply, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

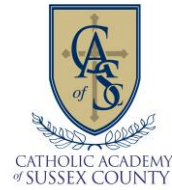
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

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, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1ST Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF SUSSEX COUNTY NEWS



Reverend Brown's students, faculty, staff, parents and grandparents attended a very festive All Saints Day Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Marcin Bradtke.



Also in attendance were Pope John Middle School students and staff. This was Fr. Marcin's first children's Mass since joining Our Lady of the Lake Church. The 2nd grade students dressed as their favorite saints in honor of the day.



Caught in the Act of Kindness

Congratulations! Reverend Brown Students were "Caught in the act of Kindness." Every day, Reverend Brown teachers are on the lookout for students who go



out of their way to show kindness to others, and once a month a student from each grade received the "Caught in the Act of Kindness" award. Children at Reverend Brown School go above and beyond every day without asking for anything in return. This is a way of honoring them and recognizing their

efforts. One never knows to what extent an act of kindness will impact the life of another.

For additional information about Reverend Brown School, please call (973) 729-9174.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WE ARE SORRY

This week the young people of the parish preparing for Reconciliation reflected on penance and the desire to heal the hurt caused by sin. Living a life in Christ demands a continuing conversion of heart, a life of penance, with hope in God's mercy and trust in his grace. How do we as a parish share in the Paschal mystery, the great mystery of Christ's love, the mystery of mercy?

SPIRITUALITY OF THE TWELVE STEPS FOR EVERYONE

You are invited on a powerful journey that will lead you along the steps towards freedom and new life. The spirituality of the 12 steps transcends multiple religious and secular traditions, and it gets to the heart of the most basic of human desires: happiness, peace, and inner freedom. Join us on Tuesdays, at 7 – 8:30 PM in Cassidy Hall for this DVD series led by Fr. Anthony Ciorra, with follow-up discussion & refreshments.

DOGMA TEAM

Dogma Team usually meets on Mondays, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th 4:00 PM.

Come and sing along!

Share the joy as we await the coming of Our Lord Jesus!

Join us for the reading of nine lessons from Sacred Scripture celebrating the birth of Jesus along with Our Lady of the Lake

Children's Choir, Adult Choir, and instrumentalists performing traditional and contemporary Christmas Music.

Hope to see you there!

Free will offering will be appreciated.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

We encourage our parishioners to bring non-perishable food items TODAY to the Food Closet in Cassidy Hall for the needy who will receive food from the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry.

On Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 24th at 9 AM, please bring non-perishable food items to church and you will be invited to bring it forward and place it in the basket.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Mammograms Save Lives

Project Self-Sufficiency will be offering mammograms to women over the age of 40 on **Thursday, December 1st**. Can't afford one? You may be eligible for a free mammogram. Appointments available 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Project Self-Sufficiency, 127 Mill St., Newton, NJ. Call (973) 940-3500 to determine eligibility and schedule an appointment.

Christmas Gift Shop and Bake Sale

The Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784, Newton, will hold a bake sale and Christmas Gift Shop with a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in St. Joseph Community Center, Halsted St., Newton. Come and visit Santa, Take a photo (bring your own camera) receive a gift, and shop in our bakery & Christmas Gift Shop. Cost is FREE. Monies collected from the sales will be used to help subsidize "St. Joseph Youth Mission trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

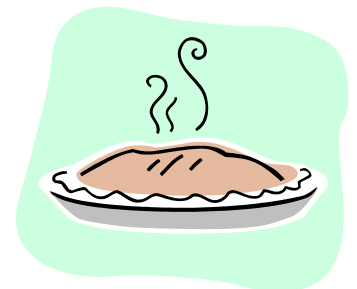
ADOPT-A-FAMILY

For the past 19 years the Adopt-A-Family Ministry, in conjunction with our very generous parishioners, has been able to reach out at Christmas to the very poor of our Diocese who, with your kindness, would not have any gifts under their tree. We could use your help again this year. We have small and large families available. If you have never done this before and may be interested, come back and speak to one of our members. Names of families are given out on the weekend of **Nov. 19-20** in Cassidy Hall.

Wrapped gifts will be accepted in McKenna Hall on **Saturday, December 10th**.

THANKSGIVING PIES FOR MANNA HOUSE

Again this year we will be collecting pies to donate to the Thanksgiving Dinner at Manna House. Please drop off a baked pie (not frozen please) for Manna House on Tuesday, November 22nd in Cassidy Hall. Manna House will be serving dinner as well as 100 Meals on Wheels. Thank you!



ADVENT BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 27TH.



Please sign up in the Advent Candle Lighting Sheets if you and your family would like to light the Advent candles at Sunday Mass during Advent.

There will be confessions on Monday evenings during Advent at 7:30 PM.

The Communal Penance Service will be on Monday, December 19 at 7:30 PM.



Father David, Father Marcin and the Parish Staff wish you a safe, Happy Thanksgiving! Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

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Parish Staff

Rev. David McDonnell	Pastor
Rev. Marcin Bradtke	Associate Pastor
Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio	Deacon
Mr. James McGovern	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 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



COME TOGETHER ONE AND ALL

On Saturday, December 3rd. Our Lady of the Lake, with the aid of our Confirmation and local high school students, will bring "Christ in Christmas" to life. This event in the spirit of the true meaning of Christmas, brings together young children ages 5 through 10 to build Teddy Bears for the children in



homeless shelters in the Sussex County area. This year the bears will be donated to our 160 families currently resident at homeless shelters in Sussex County. We invite you to join us in McKenna Hall from 2-3:30 PM, as a parish family for Christmas cheer and spirit.

So, please save the date, watch the bulletin, check our parish home page of the OLL website at www.ourladyofthelake.org

Let us know you are coming – register at <https://2016christinchristmas.eventbrite.com>