

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY

8:30 Earl & Genevieve Bosworth req. by Judy & Bill Bosworth

TUESDAY – Saints Cyril and Methodius

8:30 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Rita & John Scanlon

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Special Intention of Ann Maron and Family req. by Rita & John Scanlon

THURSDAY

8:30 Philomena Ryan req. by Linda O'Connell

FRIDAY –Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 Patricia Pecoraro req. by Carmela Markham

SATURDAY

8:30 Rita Dakake req. by Felix & Teri McIntyre

5:30 Richard Redshaw req. by Joanna & Gil Mattos
Grace & Edwin Taylor req. by Re Lorello

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Norman Clark (1st Anniv.) req. by his daughter, Kathryn

9:00 Eva Grasbon req. by Marge Schlomann

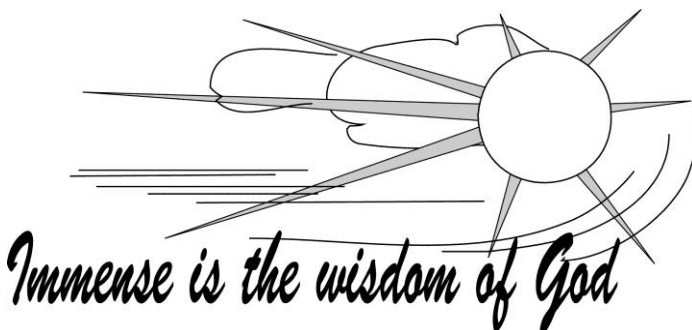
10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Matilde Herrera req. by Elizabeth Kadkoy

5:00 Ed Gallagher req. by Geoff & Judy Zoeller

PARISH FINANCES

February 5, 2017	\$ 10,618
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 2,871
ParishPay	\$ 8,147
Amazon.com (November)	\$ 61.17



REFLECTION

If the Eye Offends

In a contest to find the scariest passage in the Bible, this one might win: “If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna.” What are we meant to do with such a barbaric-sounding advice? Surely Jesus doesn’t want us to take this literally?

He does not, despite a handful of scrupulous zealots throughout the centuries who have tragically removed body parts in order to keep themselves from sinning. What Jesus does mean is that we cannot allow ourselves to be spiritually derailed by worshiping at the feet of a golden calf. In my own case, the idol who stood its ground longest – who still rears its gleaming head and winks at me sometimes – was literary ambition. And though I tried hard to reconcile my unrelenting desire for the Pulitzer with my longing to be God’s alone, compromise didn’t work. It was only when I “tore it out and threw it away” – in other words, gave up writing altogether for a painfully long stretch – that I finally got my spiritual life on track.

Recovering alcoholics cannot afford a single drink. Compulsive gamblers can’t go back to the track, even to admire the horses. And those of us who are enslaved to fantasy – even a noble-sounding, artistic fantasy, like winning the Pulitzer – cannot allow that fantasy to become our god.

By Paula Huston,
Camaldolese Benedictine oblate

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 2/13/17 TO 2/18/17

Mon.	6:00 PM Altar Server Training	Church
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	9:15 AM Special Altar Server Training	Church
	6:30 PM Endowment	St. Benedict
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
Wed.	7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone	Youth Room
	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Fri.	5:00 PM Drama Club	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Trivia Night	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	10:30 AM Altar Server Training	Church
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Attention Boys and Girls in the 4th Grade and above:

Training for new altar servers begins soon! Training will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:30 AM to Noon on February 18th, 25th; and on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on February 13th, 20th, and 27th. Registration forms will be given out in the coming weeks to Rev. Brown, Pope John Middle School and CCD students in grades 4 thru 7. Please fill them out, and return them with a parent's signature to your teachers or to the Parish office.

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.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

DOGMA TEAM/YOUTH GROUP

Dogma Team meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room.

BIBLE STUDY

We take “A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, Mary”, Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall. All are invited to join us for this Seven Session DVD series, with follow-up discussion and refreshments.

HOME DISCUSSION GROUPS

Lent starts March 1. It is a time when the Church is on retreat and a time for all of us to look deep within through prayer, reflection, and journeying with others. Consider joining or starting a small Lenten home discussion group to make this Lent a fruitful experience. Contact the Parish Office if interested.

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

A spiritual journey through St. Teresa of Avila's Classic: **Interior Castle** - A new Study of the Saints discussion group is forming in our parish to learn about and experience true spiritual growth in prayer with the great Saints of the Church. We are starting with Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila. Meetings will be held on Monday evenings starting on February 27th, 7:00 to 8:30 PM and will be in the Parish Library. We will proceed at a pace determined by the group. It is highly recommended that participants use the book titled, St. Teresa of Avila, The Interior Castle, Study Edition. Published by ICS. Please contact Nancy Hefele at (973) 713-1376 or Jeff Tucker at (973) 726-90911 for details to sign up and for book ordering.

REVEREND BROWN SCHOOL



These Reverend Brown School students were “caught in the act of kindness” at Reverend Brown School! Teachers are on the lookout for students who go out of their way to show kindness to others. The children at Reverend Brown are going above and beyond every day without asking for anything in return. This is our way of honoring them and recognizing their efforts.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” – Aesop

The acts of kindness shown by our students each day make Reverend Brown a wonderful place. One may never know to what extent his kindness will impact the life of another.

WE’VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Saint Kateri Blood and Platelet Drive

Thank you for your past support of St. Kateri’s Blood and Platelet Drives. Our upcoming drive is on Saturday, February 18th.

Treasures of the Church – Relic of Exposition

February 19th at 3:00 PM. St. Francis de Sales Parish, 614 Route 517, Vernon, welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2000 years.

Free presentation open to all.

See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information.

MULTICULTURAL U.S. CITIZEN CAMPAIGN

The city of Paterson together with Passaic County Community College; the NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice; Make the Road NJ; and the Garden State Legal Services, are partnering in a Citizenship Outreach Campaign to be held at Passaic County College on the following dates and times: **Friday, February 17, from 6 to 10 PM and Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**

The citizenship campaign will provide **free services** by legal experts on immigration and volunteers, who will help fill out forms. A free study guide manual regarding the naturalization process and the N-400 Form, will be provided. Applicants are required to bring the following documents for the citizenship application process: passport, Green Card, two photos and Social Security Card.

Any non-for-profit organizations and volunteers are welcome to participate and assist in this initiative.

COME HAVE SOME FUN AT TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us in Cassidy Hall for this first time event on **February 17 at 7:00 PM**. All parishioners are welcome. A special invitation goes out to those who donated their favorite recipes to help make the Legacy Cookbook fundraiser a success. Won’t you please make that favorite dish and bring it with you so everyone gets a taste of the great things to be found in our Legacy cookbook? Some light dinner fare will also be available, but it’s bringing your favorite recipe that will make it special. Beverages are BYOB.

Several rounds of trivia questions in different categories will help round out the evening; lots of good laughs to go along with good food. Cassidy Hall has limited seating, so please be sure to RSVP with the parish office no later than February 3rd. If you’re one of our cookbook contributors, please let us know what you’re bringing. See you then.

ST. PATRICK’S DINNER DANCE 2017



MARCH 18 IN MCKENNA HALL – 6:30 PM

Please mark your calendars for our annual St. Patrick’s gathering. In keeping with parish family tradition, our own top of the line Irish step dancers and traditional musicians will be there. As always, a fine corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served to you at your table, and the DJ will also be there to play your favorite dance tunes.

Tickets are available at the parish office. You may purchase tickets either for a table of 10 or individually for open seating. Happily, the ticket price remains \$35. This is a BYOB event, so - 21 and over only, please. Ticket sales will close on March 5, 2016. Please purchase your tickets early; thanks to your support and enthusiasm they sell out quickly.

We’ve got all the makings of another lovely evening for our parish family. Please join us and make it even better.



*Birth Haven
Shelter and Hope
for Young Mothers*

Dear Friends:

Thank you for so generously supporting Birth Haven's mission to provide shelter and support to homeless pregnant women. Birth Haven is a non-profit 501c3 organization, and this donation is tax-deductible as allowable by law.

Your generous in-kind donation of clothing, and gifts on December 22, 2016, for our mothers and babies, ensures we can continue to welcome homeless, pregnant women and girls into a warm, loving home. Your donation to Birth Haven is an investment in the future. On behalf of all our mothers and our Birth Haven babies, thank you!

If you have any questions at all about our program or your contribution, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely

Tina Figurelli
Executive Director

SPRING HAITI COLLECTION

Once again we will have the opportunity to send supplies to our sister parish in Haiti. In the updates provided over the last few months, we have talked about the increase in student population as the number of class rooms increased, again thanks to your financial generosity. We will be collecting school supplies over the next few weeks. Donations of notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, construction paper, chalk and erasers as well as any kind of child geared stickers are needed. There will be a box in Cassidy Hall for your donations. We will be accepting these items through Friday, March 3rd. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Questions, please call Pat Convey at (973) 222-6532.

ALL LEGACY COOKBOOKS ON SALE

Our Lady of the Lake Legacy Cookbooks have been published and are available for purchase at the parish office. They are \$25 each and make great gifts for Easter or Mother's Day. They may also be purchased at the Sparta Book Store. Please support this important fundraiser. Thank you.



CORNERSTONE IS FOR LOVERS April 2017

**RENEW AT CORNERSTONE!
SAVE THE DATES! REGISTER NOW!**



Women's Cornerstone will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 31st through Saturday evening, April 1st.
Women's Retreat contacts:
Eileen Vandenberg (201) 310-6091 or
Tawnie Scymanski at

OLLWOMENCORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM



I am the Vine
You are the Branches

The **Men's Cornerstone** will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, April 21st through Saturday evening, April 22nd.

Men's Retreat contacts:

Victor Puglio (9973) 670-6999 or James Stanski at (917) 250-4981

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? See contacts above or call the Parish Office (973) 729-6107.

*Before you
bring your gifts
be reconciled
with your
neighbor.*

