

**FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY – President’s Day**

8:30 Richard Redshaw req. by Pat & Russ Dauer  
Det. Steven McDonald req. by Christine & Doug Tartaglia

**TUESDAY - Saint Peter Damian**

8:30 Eleanor Beihl req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl  
Lewis Bruno req. by Lance & Grace, Jarrett, Kyle, Gage & Tristen Sharp

**WEDNESDAY - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

8:30 Joseph Pietrucha req. by Betsy Sutherland  
Clara Faist req. by the Fabiano Family

**THURSDAY - Saint Polycarp**

8:30 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Pat & Russ Dauer  
Palma Raventine req. by the Fabiano Family

**FRIDAY**

8:30 William Connors req. by Family

**SATURDAY**

8:30 Joanne Lhota req. by Pat & Russ Dauer  
Steve Iannacone  
5:30 Richard Redshaw req. by the Callahan Family  
Thomas Hoey req. by David & Marie Smith

**FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:45 Jerzy Bradtke req. by Kathy Simonelli  
9:00 Michael Morelli req. by the Pinsonault Family  
Paul Marna req. by the Coughlin Family  
10:30 Helen Morris Gregory & Colleen Helen McBride req. by the Family  
12:00 People of the Parish  
Jack Duffy (7 Yr. Anniv.) req. by the Duffy Family  
5:00 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Jim & Linda Hyland

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>February 12, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 6,065</b>
<b>Diocesan Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 1,570</b>



**REFLECTION**

**The Key to Our Mission**

Listening is hard. Try it: just listen. It is hard because we are often thinking ahead, poised for debate or trying to dominate the conversation. Be still. Silence is the beginning of listening, of opening ourselves to another’s heart. It is a risk the call to discipleship requires.

God speaks on mountains, at least that is the conviction of the tradition that gives us today’s Gospel. Like Moses and Elijah before him, Jesus goes up a mountain: a clue that something revelatory is imminent. A cloud covers the mountain: another clue that God is



present. Brace yourself. Something new is about to happen. Mountaintop experiences are preparations for mission.

In the cloud of divine presence, God speaks in words that echo the voice at Jesus’ baptism: “This is my Beloved.” But this time, there’s more. Not mincing words, the voice declares, “Listen to him.” Here is the key to our mission.

Listening is our point of contact with God. We “listen to God: in the Scriptures, in creation, and in the human heart. God speaks through the proclamation of the Word, through human history, through our changing natural world, through the hours of sleepless nights. This is how the voice from the cloud comes to us. This is how we hear and obey.

Yes, listening is hard, but it is the only way for Christ to enter our hearts. As disciples, we listen to his voice until we understand what we are to do in imitation of him.

Fr. Richard Gula, PSS

## THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 2/20/17 TO 2/26/17

Mon.	8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
	7:30 PM Parent Support Group	St. Benedict
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Fri.	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	10:30 AM Altar Server Training	Church
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sun.	1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall

## LITURGY

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

#### Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the “pagans” do this. He urges them to “turn the other cheek” and to “walk the extra mile.”

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

### 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.**

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

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

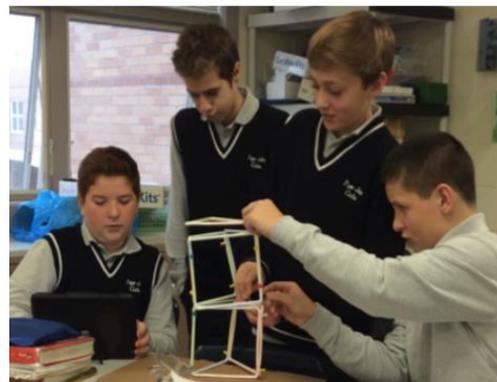
### Attention Boys and Girls in the 4th Grade and above:

Training for new altar servers will be held on Saturday morning from 10:30 AM to Noon on February 25<sup>th</sup>; **and on Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on February 27<sup>th</sup>**. Registration forms may be found in the parish office.

## CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF SUSSEX COUNTY NEWS



### A Note from the Principal: Susan M. Santore Pope John Middle XXIII School



We've been “shaking” things up at Pope John XXIII Middle School! The seventh grade students planned and designed earthquake proof structures as part of their Science curriculum. Students took the following factors into consideration to test the durability of their structures: distribution of weight, varying shape, height, and foundation materials. A “shake-board” (a tabletop earthquake generator) was used to test their final products!

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### DOGMA TEAM/YOUTH GROUP

Dogma Team meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room. No Youth Group on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 Hefelee at (973) 713-1376 or Jeff Tucker at (973) 726-9011 for details to sign up and for book ordering.

### LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION March 21, 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Church

#### Come to the Water...

*If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4: 10*

As we thirst for God, do we realize that God thirsts for us as well? Come to the water and experience the abundance of God's love and compassionate healing. Renew and refresh your spirit, as this Lenten season reveals the God of our longing.

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR DOOR COLLECTION

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa will be visiting our parish on Saturday and Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.



## NAME IN VAIN FORGIVENESS CAMPAIGN

### A SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY

What will you be doing this Lent? Next weekend, all parishioners, young and old, will be given an opportunity to participate in a parish-wide, "Name In Vain Forgiveness Campaign." It is a very simple yet effective way to exercise your love of God and love of neighbor during Lent. Just like last year, any time you hear someone taking the name of our Lord in vain, you **silently yet sincerely** pray a simple, one sentence prayer on behalf of that person, to ask for God's mercy. Namely, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

We will provide you with the prayer, the simple instructions and even a fashionable "Name In Vain" wristband for you to wear during Lent, to help you remember. All you need to do is wear the wristband and pray for anyone you happen to hear, who is breaking the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment.

Please join us and take one for yourself or take more, for your family and friends. They will be available near the exits of the church.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



#### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Excerpt from Bishop Serratelli's Lenten Letter: *"Dear Friends in Christ, Our faith calls us to build a culture of encounter. We hear this call clearly throughout the Gospel and we see it reflected in Pope Francis' daily*

*example. As we prepare for Lent, we are invited to reflect on how we – as people of faith – might contribute to this culture of encounter. To serve as a guide for your community's reflection, I invite you to use CRS Rice Bowl this Lent.*

*CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parish and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our brothers and sisters in need around the world."*

Please pick up a rice bowl as you leave church today and return it after Easter Sunday. Your support means so much to many underprivileged people.

### WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE Morris Catholic St. Patrick's 5K Run

Morris Catholic High School is holding its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Crusader Challenge 5K Run on Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 AM at its Denville, NJ campus. Doors open at 7:30 AM. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. \$25 registration fee up to March 8<sup>th</sup>; \$30 registration fee after March 8 and day of the race. For more information contact [MC5KRace@gmail.com](mailto:MC5KRace@gmail.com) or visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K>. **Sussex County Right to Life**

Sussex County Right to Life will be meeting on Thurs. Feb 23 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. Please call or email Dian for location and directions. (973) 579-6001 or [adriandian96@gmail.com](mailto:adriandian96@gmail.com).

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### CLOTHING DRIVE & TIN PAN DINNER DRIVE



dreamstime.com

We will have a Clothing Drive and we will be collecting Tin Pan Dinners on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Father English Center in Paterson. Tin Pans will be distributed on the Weekend of February 25-26 with recipes for stew, chili and ziti; and the FROZEN dinners will be collected on March 4<sup>th</sup> behind the rectory from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Questions, please call Pat Convey at (973) 222-6532.



### 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.



**The Parish Office will be closed in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe weekend.**

### 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.



**Sign Up in the vestibule for the Women's and Men's Cornerstone retreats  
Cornerstone April 2017**

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



**Women's Cornerstone** will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> through Saturday evening, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Women's Retreat contacts:

Eileen Vandenberg (201) 310-6091 or Tawnie Scymanski at

[OLLWOMENCORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OLLWOMENCORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM)

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

#### Men's Retreat contacts:

Victor Puglio ((973) 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.



I am the Vine  
You are the Branches