

**JANUARY 21, 2018  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:30 Joseph Boorujy req. by Karen Macios

**TUESDAY – Saint Marianne Cope and Saint Vincent**

8:30 Madolyn Dempsey req. by Kim Infante

**WEDNESDAY – Saint Francis de Sales**

8:30 Agnes Shelton req. by Clare & Mike Gallagher

**THURSDAY – Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**

8:30 Agnes Shelton req. by Jim & Mary Mc Govern

**FRIDAY – Saint Timothy and Saint Titus**

8:30 People of the Parish

**SATURDAY – Saint Angela Merici**

8:30 Bernard Beihl Sr. req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl  
Clare Clark req. by her daughter, Kathryn

5:30 Dorothy Roberts req. by the NJ Families  
Herbert Eisenhardt req. by Mae & Charlie Catalano

**JANUARY 28, 2018  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:45 Laurie DiCianni req. by the Maccaro Family

9:00 Lee Sember req. by Ray & Pat Convey  
Zvart Sudjian req. by Sandra & Edward Gatsch

10:30 George & Beatrice McKay req. by the La Banca Family

12:00 People of the Parish  
Rita Macellaio req. by the Motto Family

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>January 14, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 9,982</b>
<b>Diocesan Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 2,027</b>

**LIFE IS A GIFT**

As buses make their way to Washington DC for the March for Life, we have an opportunity to reflect on the gift of life and ask God's forgiveness for the times we may have taken it for granted. One of the fundamental truths we believe as Catholics, is that each one of us has been made in the image and likeness of God. You remember the story from Genesis. God created the world in all its wonder – the seas and rivers, earth and sky, the birds and animals. And he saw that it was good. Then God created his masterpiece – a human being, and he looked upon it and saw that it was very good.

But what does it mean to be made in the image and likeness of God? It means to be holy and loving, and to give ourselves for the sake of others. It means to treat our bodily life and that of others with the greatest respect, and to reach out to every human being with unconditional love. This will have different implications depending on one's situation in life. For parents, for example, made in God's image means accepting, nurturing and educating children in truth and love, never treating them as property one is free to abort or abandon if inconvenient or burdensome.

Each of us is unique and different, unrepeatable and irreplaceable. Never in the history of humankind has there been another you, nor will there ever be. From the moment of conception, the awesome complexity of a new human life unfolds. Parents provide 46 chromosomes, but God supplies the human soul to create the person he knew and loved from all eternity.

Even before birth, human life is miraculous. Psalm 139 known for its intense beauty and deep feeling puts it this way:

For it was you who created my being,  
Knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
For the wonders of all your creation.

As thousands of people converge on Washington DC to march for life, we join with them in celebrating the gift of life. God calls each of us to safeguard our own lives and the lives of those who needs assistance, attention and prayer. He tell us that he come that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

Sincerely,

Father David



## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH - 1/22/18 to 1/28/18

Mon. 7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy
8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues. 9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
Wed. 7:00 PM Cornerstone	St. Lucy
Thur. 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri. 8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. 9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Lucy
8:00 PM AA	Mc Kenna Hall
Sun. 1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall
4:00 PM Religious Freedom Presentation	McKenna Hall

## LITURGY

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28

## SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 morning Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together, it will be an hour well spent

## CATHOLIC ACADEMY

The Catholic Academy will host Welcome Wednesdays, inviting prospective families to tour all three Academy schools. Each Wednesday, starting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, Reverend George A. Brown Elementary School, Pope John XXIII Middle School, and Pope John XXIII High School, will host tours starting at 8:30 AM. If interested in taking a tour, please call (973) 729-6126..

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.



Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

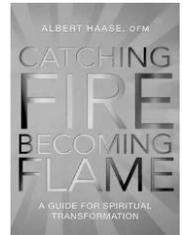
Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. *New and existing members are invited.*

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### DO YOU NEED A SPIRITUAL "TUNE-UP"?

*Catching Fire Becoming Flame, A Guide For Spiritual Transformation* is a

six-session video presentation given by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM & it will be offered here in Cassidy Hall starting Feb. 6 at 7:00 PM. Follow-up discussion & fellowship should make for an enriching Lenten experience. All are welcome.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We will be having a Parish Mission during Lent, on February 26, 27 & 28. More information will follow at a later date.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS – JANUARY 28

9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 4:00PM to 5:30 PM

10<sup>th</sup> Grade from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

**DOGMA TEAM** – meets on - Mondays, from 6:30-8:00 PM.

The DOGMA Team has postponed Laurie DiCianni's Remembrance dinner until after the DOGMA Confirmation retreats have concluded. Please pray for all the candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## DIVINE OFFICE

On Monday, January 29, Fr. David will give a talk on the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. While priests and deacons are required to pray this prayer each day, the Christian laity are encouraged to take up this practice too.

If you would like to know more about the Liturgy of the Hours and are interested in praying this Prayer of the Church, come join us on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in Cassidy Hall. Fr. David will also give this presentation in the morning after Mass.



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The Marquette Council 588 Knights of Columbus will be hosting a MARDI GRAS PARTY on February 10<sup>th</sup> in McKenna Hall at 7PM-11PM. There will be food, music and a GREAT TIME! The cost per ticket will be \$20.00. For tickets

and further information please contact John Kollar at [862-432-2391](tel:862-432-2391) or Don Reichert at [973-729-3599](tel:973-729-3599)

### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE 2018 PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**MARCH 17 IN MCKENNA HALL**

"Our Lady of the Lake is happy to announce that this year, our annual St. Patrick's Night will be held on the actual feast day: **March 17th, 2018**. Please save the date. More info will follow shortly.

### THANK YOU FROM SAMARITAN INN

*To the Children and Families at Our Lady of the Lake Church,*

*On behalf of the parents and children who are residents of our shelter, Samaritan Inn sends a tremendous thank you for your donation of 17 boxes containing almost 200 bears that the children made to share with children who are in need of comfort and a safe and secure home.*

*We are so thankful that you have continued to join in making and donating these bears each year. We hope that you had fun making the bears and sharing in the preparations for Christmas with your family and friends.*

*Special thanks, also, to the volunteers who helped organize and plan this happy event and to the mentors who made bears in the past and have returned to help again this year.*

*It is such a wonderful thing that Katherine and Michael Korkidis have initiated and continue to coordinate this special day so that you can participate in the spirit of giving and sharing that is the true message of Christmas. We understand that other parishes are hoping to start a similar program for their children.*

*Thank you again for your care and concern for others.*

*Very truly yours,*

*Dawn Metzger, LSW, MPA  
Director*

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Training will begin soon for new altar servers! We invite boys and girls in the 4th grade or above to join this important ministry!

To accommodate parents' busy schedules, training sessions will be on Friday evenings and Saturday noontime. Attendees will come to either Friday evening or Saturday noon sessions, not both.

The schedule for training is as follows:  
Friday evening training, 5 - 6:30 PM: February 16th, 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Saturday noontime training, 12 – 1:30 PM: February 17th, 24th and March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Registration forms will be distributed to Reverend Brown and CCD students, and also will be available on the Parish website at [www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org). Click on "Liturgy", then "Altar Servers" to find the link to the registration form which can be printed out in PDF format.

### PARISH VOLUNTEER NIGHT POSTPONED



Our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night has been postponed and is being planned for May. Invitations will go out when it is closer to the date.

### Prayer for the Gift of Life

*O God, who adorn creation with splendor and beauty  
And fashion human lives in your image and likeness,  
Awaken in every heart  
Reverence for the work of your hands,  
And renew among your people  
A readiness to nurture and sustain  
Your precious gift of human life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*-The Roman Missal*

## WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

April 20th and 21st 2018

*Cornerstone is a 26-hour journey that brings women of the parish together for a brief and wonderful time, to revitalize and deepen their spiritual lives through a combination of quiet reflection, discussion and prayer.*

*The idea of Cornerstone is simple, but its impact has been profound.*

*It deeply affects the participants while creating a feeling of community in the parish.*

*It is a way of meeting and interacting with others in a welcoming, non judgmental environment.*

*There's no big mystery to Cornerstone weekend.*

*It is simply ordinary people sharing stories and experiences of trying to live the Gospel amidst the challenges of the modern world.*

*It's a simple but moving experience.*

*The retreat is hosted at our parish center by women who have enjoyed the fruits of past Cornerstone retreats.*

*Give yourself the gift of Cornerstone.*

SAVE THE DATE

## FINANCE

### AMAZON.COM TO HELP OUR PARISH

If you're shopping online please keep in mind that if you make purchases through Amazon.com, you can help our parish by using the link on our website ([www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org)). The church gets a little money back for every dollar that people spend on Amazon using our link. To find the link, click on the "Getting Involved" button and you will see the Amazon.com link at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

### WELCOME TO THE WeShare FAMILY!

**ParishPay** has transitioned to **WeShare**. Here are several things to keep in mind as you familiarize yourself with WeShare.

*We take security seriously.* Donors' recurring donations will continue as scheduled. But donors must authenticate their account and email to receive WeShare emails or to make any changes to their account. The first time a donor enters the system – they will have to go through a one-time validation requiring:

- Their ParishPay user name
- The last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card used with ParishPay

And ONE of the following two options:

- Their email address
- A collection name and the specific amount donated within the last 6 months.

Please feel free to contact the customer service team for assistance at [WeShare@4lpi.com](mailto:WeShare@4lpi.com) or call 1 (800) 950-9952 and select *Option 1*.

### POPE JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS



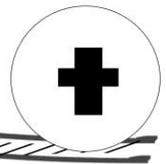
Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Reverend Brown School, McKenna Hall. 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM.  
Tickets \$10/Adult, \$5/Student, Children 4 and under free on

an adult's lap. For tickets please contact [Katie.elvin@yahoo.com](mailto:Katie.elvin@yahoo.com)

Come support your friends and family in this amazing rendition of Jesus' teachings through parable sin modern day New York City! Doors open half an hour before Showtime.

*This production of Godspell will be made in loving memory of Laurie DiCianni, who served the youth of Our Lady of the Lake Parish with selfless devotion. She will be dearly missed and it will be an honor to perform in her memory. A portion of the proceeds will be donated in her name. Please join us in this celebration of her life.*

*Jesus called...  
and they followed.*



### CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION A NEW MINISTRY AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE



Join us on Mondays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the Parish Library.

**(There will not a meeting on Monday, January 22.)** We will gather to pray and work in thanksgiving for the goodness of creation. We join our voices, as St. Francis of Assisi did in his Canticum of the Sun, and as Pope Francis echoed in his encyclical on the environment. "Praised be you, O

Lord, for the beauty and goodness of the created world!" We thank God for the gift of creation and show our appreciation through our care. If you are interested in working with us to Care for God's Creation let us know at [LaudatoSi.OLL@gmail.com](mailto:LaudatoSi.OLL@gmail.com).