

**MARCH 3, 2019**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY – Saint Casimir**

8:30 John & Louise Fraunberger  
 Special Intention – Our President, President Trump req. by Muriel Macksoud

**TUESDAY –Shrove Tuesday**

8:30 Richard Redshaw req. by his family with love

**WEDNESDAY – Ash Wednesday**

8:30 Middle School and parishioners  
 7:00 Pat Geib req. by Tanya Tybur  
 Skylar McCardle

**THURSDAY – Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

8:30 Special Intention of Nora Simone and family req. by Rita & John Scanlon

**FRIDAY – Saint John of God**

8:30 Virginia Campbell req. by Betsy Sutherland

**SATURDAY – Saint Frances of Rome**

8:30 James Hodgson req. by Mary Ann Castiglia  
 5:30 Grace Smith req. by the Mulkerin Family  
 Steven Brody req. by Robert Taylor

**MARCH 10, 2019**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:45 Jeffrey Veltri req. by Joseph & Barbara Maneri  
 Sandra Ackerman req. By the Mackie Family  
 9:00 Elizabeth Bailey req. by Sandra & Lee Cohen  
 Veronica DeVries req. by Donna & Kevin Sharpe  
 10:30 Robert McGoldrick req. by the Maranhao Family  
 Helen Cassidy req. by the Novak Family  
 12:00 People of the Parish  
 Joseph Parisi req. by Phyllis Marrone

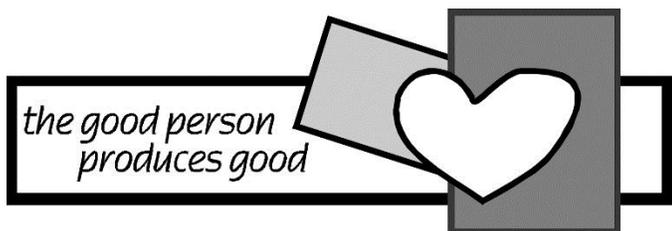
**PARISH FINANCES**

**February 24, 2019** **\$ 8,962**

**Haiti Collection** **\$4,850**

**Ash Wednesday collection is for Central and Eastern European Churches.**

**Next Week’s second collection is for our Diocesan Assessment.**



**REFLECTION**

**God Sees the Big Picture**

People love to judge other people and give advice, even when they don't have much to offer. It can be kind of cute to see children spouting off about topics they know nothing about, but it gets a little scarier when they grow up. Depending on how serious the topic is, it can become downright dangerous, like "the blind leading the blind."

As Jesus points out in today's Gospel, we can be particularly prone to offering unnecessary, as well as ill-conceived, advice in the spiritual or moral realm. It can seem so clear to us what needs to happen in someone's life that it's hard to hold back. But when it comes to our own lives, we are more cautious because we see the big picture, and we know there is no quick and easy fix.

Only God sees the true big picture. And because he does, he treats us with unending patience, grace, and mercy. What comforting truth this is! You can rest peacefully, secure in the faith that your heavenly Father has you in the palm of his hand.

But here too is where a major challenge lies: God sees everyone's big picture. He has every person in the palm of his hand – even the people you understand the least. This means that you can leave everyone else to his care. You don't have to worry about changing them!

Of course, you should love the people around you and be involved in their lives. But try to do it by treating them with the same merciful, loving approach that God has. Seek to understand and empathize, not condemn and overadvise.

Think of one person whom you are tempted to judge or give advice to. Now try to isolate one conversation you have had in the last day or two when you gave in to the temptation to try to fix him or her. How could you have offered grace and love instead? Finally, watch for the next conversation, and lead with love rather than correction.

From – "The Word Among Us"

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 3/3/19 – 03/10/19

Mon.	1:30 pm Diocesan Meeting	Cassidy Hall
	6:30 pm Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues.	9:00 am Bible Study	Library
	7:00 pm Bible Study	Cassidy Hall
	7:30 pm CCD Parent Meeting	McKenna Hall
	7:30 pm Men's Cornerstone	Library
Wed.	7:00 pm RCIA	St. Lucy
	7:00 PM Bible Study	St. Joseph
Thurs.	6:45 pm BINGO (nonsmoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	8:00 pm AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 am Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	9:30 – 12:00 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat	McKenna Hall
	8:00 pm AA	McKenna Hall
Sun.	1:00 pm Meeting on Alaska Trip	Cassidy Hall

## LITURGY

### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

#### Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

#### Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

#### Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

## MUSIC MINISTRY



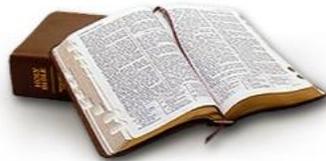
Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir loft.

Contemporary Choir practice takes place every Saturday at 4:30 pm in the St. Cecilia room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursday 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



### SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 am 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.

### BIBLE STUDY

Increase your understanding of Holy Scripture by attending Bible study at our parish center. Special emphasis will be placed on Sunday Scripture readings and how they connect to daily living. Meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Saint Joseph room. All are welcome.

### STUDY OF THE SAINTS

Where are you in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ? How often and how intimately do you converse with God? For a relationship so vital, could your prayer life use a little tune up?



St. Teresa of Avila tells us: "Prayer is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends".

Please join us on **Thursday evenings, beginning March 14, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in Cassidy Hall**, for our next "Study of the Saints" discussion group opportunity

Develop a better understanding and plan for your own personal growth in prayer.

- Learn how to better prepare yourself before prayer.
- Realize more personally, with whom you speak and for what you ask.
- Understand the importance of prayer, through the prayer Jesus Himself taught us.
- Take part in candid discussions and practical sharing with fellow parishioners.

Participants will need to purchase ahead of time, then read along with us as we discuss, "The Way of Perfection (The Study Edition)" prepared by Kieran Kavanaugh, OCD, obtainable through ICS Publications (or Amazon). **EVERYONE is welcome!**

## LENT 2019



*Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Ashes will be distributed at Mass at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm and at the Prayer Service at 4:00 pm.*

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of strict Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

### **Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)**

All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

### **Weekdays of Lent:**

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

### **Easter Duty Obligation:**

After they have received their First Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

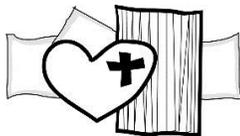
The Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at 7:00 PM during Lent.

### **RECONCILIATION**

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

### **CONFESSIONS**

All parishes in our Diocese will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation each **Monday of Lent** from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The dates are, March 11, 18, 25, April 1 and April 8. There will be no confessions on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm.**



### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT DATES**

Please pray for the candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 pm.

Families whose loved ones are making the Sacrament of Confirmation, please mark your calendar for important dates:

Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm – rehearsal with students and their sponsor at the Church. If the sponsor is unable to be there, please have a parent in their place.

Friday, March 29 – Sacrament of Confirmation

Students must arrive at 6:30 pm in McKenna Hall. Sponsors should be seated by 7:15 pm in the church. 7:30 pm – Sacrament of Confirmation begins.

Should you have any questions please contact AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org.

## YOUTH GROUP

### **Youth Group Lenten Challenge Party**

Calling on sophomores, juniors and seniors in High School. Come to the Lenten Challenge Party on Monday, March 4, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for an evening of food, fellowship and faith! Bring a friend! See if you are up for the Lenten Challenge!

Lenten Challenge for High School

High school students who are sophomores, juniors and seniors are welcome to attend the Youth Group Weekly Lenten Challenge Monday's at 6:30 to 8 pm. Food, Faith, Fellowship. Find out about the Lenten Challenge at the Monday, March 4 Party!

### **NORDIC KNIGHTS OCEANIC CRUISE**



Join Father David and Our Lady of the Lake parishioners on a cruise on the Nordic Knights of Oceanic Cruises from July 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 - visiting Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark, and London. Contact Dan Scully at [Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com](mailto:Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com) or 973-534-6462.

### **ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT 2019 MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**6:30 pm**



Always a great event, and a highlight of the year, St. Patrick's Night 2019 promises to be even more enjoyable.

✦ **Ticket sales close on March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**\$35.00 per person.**

### **NEXT WEEKEND BEGINS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ON MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>!**

Spring forward

Don't forget to set  
clocks ahead

one hour

at 2 a.m.  
Sunday.





**CRS Rice Bowl** is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for us as a parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. Learn more at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

Join our faith community – and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. **Pickup your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the tables at each church exit.** During the 40 days of Lent, encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

**MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT – APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*Come Follow Me*



Cornerstone is a simple idea, but its impact has been profound. Thousands have attended Cornerstone weekend retreats through their Parish Communities. Come see for yourself! Pick up a brochure/registration form in church. Participate as much or as little as you choose. Questions? Please contact Bill Bosworth (973)729-4629 or Tom Gallagher (973) 600-6095.

**Letter from Bishop Serratelli**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*On Ash Wednesday, parishes are taking up a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I ask your support of this important mission that helps rebuild the Catholic Church that was constrained for decades under Communist rule.*

*For example, the Ukrainian people lived under communism from 1922 to 1991 where both religious and cultural practices were restricted. In that time, Ukrainians faced multiple wars that left suffering people in their wake. In Eastern Ukraine especially, as atheism grew stronger, family values deteriorated. Today, the Church continues to work to rebuild the faith of those people yearning for spiritual enrichment.*

*The collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe funds projects to restore the faith in these countries. The funds collected are used to support seminaries, youth ministry, social service programs, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation and Catholic communications projects.*

*Please join me in supporting this worthy collection.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*+Arthur J. Serratelli,*

*Bishop of Paterson*

**CAN YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS?**



We have Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday beginning after the 8:30 Mass until 7:15 pm. At 6:45 there is the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy followed by the Evening Prayer and Benediction. Come join us in adoring Christ in the Eucharist. This is a good way to feel closer to Christ. Everyone is welcome!



**NAME IN VAIN FORGIVENESS CAMPAIGN**

A SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY

**A LENTEN OPPORTUNITY – SO SIMPLE – SO DOABLE – SO BENEFICIAL!**

For the fourth year in a row, we are asking all parishioners to participate in our parish-wide, "Name In Vain Forgiveness Campaign." It is a very easy yet effective way to exercise your love of God and love of neighbor during Lent. Here's how it works - 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 a card containing the prayer and simple instructions, as well as a "Name In Vain" wristband or "Name In Vain" wooden nickel, to help you remember during Lent. All you need to do is wear the wristband or keep the prayer card or the wooden nickel in a place where you will see it every day as a reminder. Then, as you go about your normal day, any time you hear anyone taking the name of the Lord in vain, immediately pray this one-sentence prayer for him or her, in the silence of your heart. It's that simple!

Please join us and take the cards, wristbands and wooden nickels as reminders. Take more for your family and friends. They will be available near the exits of the church the weekend of March 3<sup>rd</sup> through Ash Wednesday while supplies last.

**On the Road with Father David!**

**Alaska Cruise and Denali National Park Tour  
July 6-July 17, 2020**



Join Father David on an 11-night, 12-day trip of a lifetime to Alaska's Inside Passage and Denali National Park. We will visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay (Very nice in July!), Hubbard Glacier (Also very nice in

July!), Seward, Denali National Park, and Anchorage. We will cruise the Inland Passage where we will see magnificent glaciers and go whale-watching. The area is noted for humpback whales, beluga whales, whale sharks (orcas), porpoises, and dolphins. We will explore Denali National Park and see Mt. McKinley, which, at a 20,000 ft. elevation, is second only in elevation to Mt. Everest, at 29,000 ft. We will ride on the official Alaska Railroad, visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, and even visit an Iditarod Dog Musher!

**There will be an informational meeting in Cassidy Hall on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm for more details. For more information, call Judy and Bill Bosworth, 973-729-4629.**