

AUGUST 4, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY – The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:30 William P. Bosworth Jr. (22nd Anniv.) req. by Judy & Bill Bosworth

TUESDAY – The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 Dorothy Brown req. by Carol & John Michael Gamache req. by Peggi Nicolini

WEDNESDAY – Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan

8:30 Laurel Fritz req. by the Benes Family

THURSDAY – Saint Dominic

8:30 Carol Ann Kienitz req. by Felix & Teri McIntyre

FRIDAY – Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:30 Wanda Maher req. by Genevieve Appel

SATURDAY – Saint Lawrence

8:30 Louisa DiBello req. by Lisa Mulvaney
 Craig Sprich req. by Ed Sprich

5:30 Rosina Zaccaria req. by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fiore
 Peter Osusky req. by Ellen & Paul Junas

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7:45 Deceased members of the Rona, Banciu & Dirle family and all souls in Purgatory req. by the Dirle Family
 Special Intention of Andre, Marie & Hector req. by the Dirle Family

9:00 People of the Parish

10:30 Monsignor Paul Knauer req. by Denise Aldana
 Mary Grillo req. by Arline Sharpe

12:00 George Sax req. by his wife, Regina
 Marie Salvati req. by Joan Flanagan & Family

PARISH FINANCES

July 28, 2019	\$ 9,864
WeShare – May	\$ 10,394
WeShare – June	\$ 9,488
Next week's second collection is for the Missionary Cooperative Plan.	

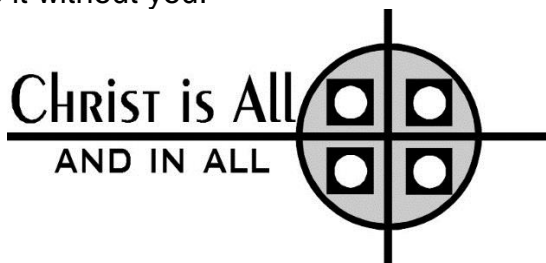
CARNIVAL A SUCCESS

Our Carnival this year was a huge success. Our biggest fundraiser for the year brought in a total of **\$41,865.**



Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talents – we couldn't have

done it without you!



REFLECTION
ECCLESIASTES – A PUZZLING BOOK

Ecclesiastes is one of the most puzzling books in the Bible. From the very beginning, the author, Qoheleth, uncovers something we don't like to think about: the seeming futility of life. Material pleasures don't satisfy. Justice is rare. Death makes our accomplishments seem pointless. We feel trapped in an endless cycle, and "nothing is new under the sun."

But far from sounding like a disgruntled old man, Qoheleth is a brave teller of uncomfortable truths. He is aware that people may not like what he has to say, but he doesn't want anyone to ignore reality.

Qoheleth is doing more than painting a gloomy picture. His book describes a world that is closed off to God. He is showing us what life would look like without a Father in heaven who promises to hold us in the palm of his hand. But then he ends his book by telling us that we do have such a Father. "Remember your Creator," he says, "before the evil days come." Keep the memory of God alive so that you will be able to weather the bad times – because they will surely come. Never forget who God is and all that he has done. Never forget what he has done for *you*.

This is sound advice, but now there is more to the story. Jesus' resurrection has changed everything! He has opened the gates of heaven, and we can now experience God, not just in our memory, but alive and active in our hearts. We can experience God, not just in our memory, but alive and active in our hearts. We can experience the presence of Christ, along with his comfort, his healing power, and his wisdom in our day-to-day lives. So where Qoheleth would have said, "Remember God!" you can say, "Yes, and Experience Jesus!"

Brothers and sisters, life is not futile. It may be wild and dangerous at times, but Jesus has conquered death and dispelled gloom. His promises are not vain, and his power is real. Reach out to him today, and let him show you that all is *not* vanity any longer.

From: *The Word Among Us*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 8/5/2019 – 8/10/19

Mon. – 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues. 9:00 am Bible Study	Library
Thurs. 6:45 pm BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
7:00 pm Women’s Cornerstone	St. Joseph
Fri. 7:00 pm Filipino Mass	Church & Youth Room
8:00 pm AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. 9:00 am Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
6:30 pm Young Adult	Cassidy Hall
8:00 pm AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

"Vanity of vanities." Sometimes we may work for wealth, wisdom and knowledge only to discover that it has been left for someone who did not toil for it. The offering of our work, fatigue and pain, if not for God, can also be a kind of vanity.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Paul urges us to seek what is good and from God, encouraging us to put our minds on the spiritual. He reminds us that, as Christians, we have died with Christ and are hidden with Christ until his glory is once again revealed. We are all one in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

On being requested to settle a question of inheritance, Jesus heeds us to beware of all covetousness because our life does not consist on the wealth of possessions. Through the lesson of a parable Jesus reinforces this teaching, explaining that those who store up the treasures of wealth and possessions are not the richest in God's eyes.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Bishop Serratelli has granted us permission to lower the age of receiving Confirmation starting in the 2019-2020 school year to grade 8. Receiving Confirmation earlier will enable high school students to better participate in our parish community by serving as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Youth ministry to name a few. As next school year will be the transition year, provisions will be made to have grades 9 and 10 also confirmed here at Our Lady of the Lake. We trust this change will greatly benefit the young people of our parish.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

† Is interested in becoming a Catholic?

† Was baptized but has not received the

Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We come together weekly in a small group to learn more about our faith. We focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. We meet each Thursday evening, 7 to 8:30 pm starting September 12th in the Parish Center, 2nd Floor. Please join us next Saturday in Cassidy Hall after 5:30 evening Mass for some refreshments and to learn more. You can also contact Deacon Jim McGovern at (973) 864-7669, or jamesmcgovern34@gmail.com. Please come! And bring a friend!

BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month following the Noon Mass, or Baptisms may take place during the celebration of any Sunday Mass so that all the community can welcome her newest members. A preparation class for new parents is held the **second Monday every other month at 7:00 p.m.** The next class will be held on Monday, August 12th. Please call the parish office and make arrangements to schedule your Baptism.



FILIPINO MASS

The Filipino Mass which usually takes place on the First Friday of each month will be held instead on Friday, August 9th at 7:00 pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome. Come join us.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND 2019-2020 CONFIRMATION, INCLUDING POPE JOHN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Registration forms for the Sunday morning Religious Education classes were sent home with the children currently enrolled. Anyone who needs to register children not currently enrolled may download the form from our website, www.ourladyofthelake.org and either mail it or bring it to our parish office. Since May 31st we have included the \$25 late fee.

***Pope John High School Students
must also be registered for
Confirmation here
if they wish to be confirmed at
Our Lady of the Lake.***

YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP HOURS

Youth group summer hours: Mondays 7:15 to 8:30 pm.
8th grade to high school are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP

Students entering 8th grade through high school are welcome to attend Monday night Youth Group – 7:15 to 8:30 pm.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Don Bosco Knights of Columbus Food Booth

Stop by and visit the Don Bosco Knights of Columbus at the Food Booth at the 2019 Sussex County Farm and Horse Show, August 2nd through August 11th. Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Entering Canaan Retreat

An "Entering Canaan" retreat for those who are suffering as a result of losing a sibling to abortion will take place August 16-18, in Stirling, New Jersey. The retreat will be hosted by Lumina and The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. There is no cost for this retreat and assistance is given in relation to transportation for those who may need it. For further information and confidential reservations please call: Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina/Hope & Healing after abortion. 1-877-586-4621, or email at Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

Men's Silent and Reflective Retreat

Inviting the men of Our Lady of the Lake, to our annual Men's Retreat at Loyola House in Morristown, NJ which will be September 6th-8th. This is a guided retreat by a Jesuit retreat director with talks, Masses, outside Stations of the Cross, and free time to enjoy the grounds. Please do not be afraid of the silence – it is welcoming! To sign up or get further info, call or email Deacon Glen (Saint Kateri Parish) glenpmurphy@gmail.com or cell# (973) 449-6095.

Family Promise

19 Church St., Newton, NJ 07860
Are you behind on rental payments?...Struggling to get caught up? Are your financial struggles due to a short-term crisis such as: temporary layoff, Medical Emergency or Temporary Disability, Loss of a family member, divorce or separation, unexpected expense, domestic violence, natural disaster or fire? Call Family Promise of Sussex County today to see if you qualify for short-term rental arrears! (973) 579-1180.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Annual Tricky Tray

Friday, August 30th
Doors open at 6:00 pm
203 Newton-Swartwood Rd., Swartwood, NJ
For more information call (973) 383-3566.
NO ONE UNDER 18 ADMITTED.

MUSIC MINISTRY "OPEN LOFT"

Summer is approaching and our Music Ministry is initiating an "OPEN LOFT." Everyone who would like to experience being a part of the "music space" in our church is welcomed to the choir loft during 5:30 Mass on Saturday and/or 10:30 Mass on Sunday. You can actively sing or



just listen! GIVE IT A SHOT !!!!

If you have any questions, contact Krysa, our Music Director: kkowalewski@ourladyofthelake.org.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Adopt-A-Family needs your Help. Continuing our mission of families helping families, the Adopt-a-Family team will be collecting gift cards after the Masses on the weekend of **August 10-11**. The gift cards will be given to local families in need of help purchasing back-to-school items. Team members will be in the vestibule and at the side doors. We will be accepting gift cards and cash donations. Donations may also be brought to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Zeller at 402-910-4324 or tracyzeller@live.com. Thank you!

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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"Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.' He replied to him, 'Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?' Then he said to the crowd, 'Take care to guard against all greed, for though a man may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.'"

Without being fully aware, it is easy to fall into the trap of greed or avarice. Like the tiny squirrel, we gather and collect, thinking we are in need, cannot do without, and even forget what we have accumulated. The gospel teaching is a gentle reminder.

Consider all possessions as gift. I was not born with them and when the Lord calls me, they will be left behind. Our consumer society measures and praises what one possesses.

A good lesson for us is to look at the gift of health, of family, of service, as the riches I have. It is not what I have that counts, but what I do with the gifts I have been given. To see my children and grandchildren, their joy and accomplishments as treasures. Where my heart is, there is my treasure.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – AUGUST 12-16.

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

\$50 per child

For children entering PreK-4 through those entering grade 4.

Register before July 30th.

The theme this year is

"ROAR" - Life is Wild - God is Good"

See our website (www.ourladyofthelake.org) for more information and for the Registration Form. Make check payable to Our Lady of the Lake Church, (Memo-VBS2019).

For questions or if you would like to volunteer to help out, contact Angela Bell at 862-707-8000 or email at huntermenna22@hotmail.com.

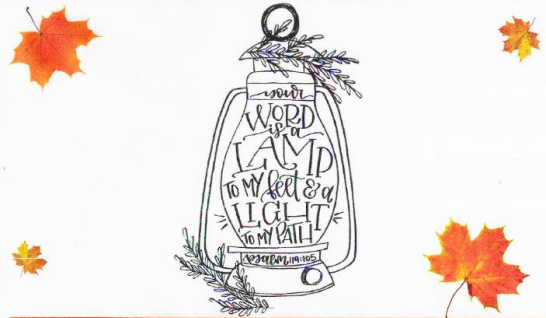
MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN

On the weekend of August 10 & 11th Bishop Selvister Ponnuthan from the Diocese of Punalu, India will visit our parish to speak about the mission work in his



diocese. Bishop Arthur Serratelli and the Diocesan Mission Office have approved the list of Missionary organizations that will participate in our August 2019 Missionary Cooperation Plan collection. The second collection on that weekend will be for the Mission Appeal. Please be as generous as you are able.

Women's Cornerstone VII



September 27th & 28th

"Walk in The Light"

What is Cornerstone?

Cornerstone is a 26-hour retreat that will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Church on September 27th and 28th.

During the retreat, our team will speak about various aspects of our Catholic faith and share personal stories on these topics.

After each talk, there will be opportunity for discussion and questions. YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU WISH. You are not required to speak. This IS your RETREAT – have fun, laugh out loud, and get to know each other better.

Teams are predominantly lay people – your neighbors and fellow parishioners. While Cornerstone is run by the Laity, we have a priest and deacon involved for spiritual guidance.

What is the Goal of Cornerstone?

The goal of Cornerstone is for each participant to develop a stronger connection to God so that we may live the life that God wants us to live.

Who should attend the Women's Cornerstone?

- Women 21 years of age or older who would like to take some time for reflection and prayer.
- Are interested in working on their connection to God,
- Would like to revitalize their spiritual lives,
- Seek a sense of belonging to a vibrant parish community,
- Want to thank God for the blessings bestowed upon them,
- Hope to find...

See our website for Brochure with registration information:

www.ourladyofthelake.org