

AUGUST 11, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- MONDAY – Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**
 8:30 Margaret & William J. McGovern req. by the McGovern Family
- TUESDAY – Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs**
 8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Carolyn Kerr
- WEDNESDAY – Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**
 8:30 Joseph Rizzo req. by Robert & Pamela Masci
- THURSDAY – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 8:30 Thomas Kelley req. by George & Cappy Daggett
 Edward James Keerans req. by his sister, Barbara
 7:00 Virginia Bodo & Deceased members of the Bodo, Tran & Kelly Families req. by Robert Bodo & Family
- FRIDAY – Saint Stephen of Hungary**
 8:30 Nicholas Brescia req. by his children
- SATURDAY**
 8:30 Robert Reilly req. by the Reilly family
 5:30 Rozalia Birecki req. by Barbara & John Drzymkowski
 William F. Fitzgibbons req. by Judge & Mrs. N. Peter Conforti

AUGUST 18, 2019
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:45 Members of the Purgatorial Society
 9:00 George E. Neder req. by his wife, Carolyn Neder
 Cheryl DeMers req. by Meredith “Merry” Kylish
 10:30 Marcella Gallo req. by the Lubrano Family
 People of the Parish
 12:00 Robert Warner req. by the La Banca Family
 Special Intention of George & LuAnn Sensale

REFLECTION

ACTIVE WAITING

Are you ready?

The servants in today’s Gospel are. Lamps lit, loins girt, waiting for their master’s knock at the door. They know he will come sooner or later, so they don’t sit around. They make preparations, stay awake, and keep doing what they know they need to do to prepare.

What a good analogy for our life of faith! Faith isn’t just believing something abstract. It’s about acting on what you believe. It’s about taking the necessary steps that flow from your belief. It’s a theme that’s repeated in all of today’s readings: being ready, looking forward with vigilance, waiting with faith. Faith is anything but passive.

The Israelites in the first reading listened to God’s direction and prepared the Passover as they waited for their deliverance. Abraham, in the second reading, left his homeland and struck out for the Promised Land, though he didn’t even know where it was! They held onto their hope that God would be true to his promises.

You can do that too. You know that you have a loving Father, so you can trust that your active waiting will not be in vain. You probably already have a sense about what you could do – so do it!

As you’re practicing this active waiting, remember that you’re not alone. You’re being supported by all the saints and holy people who have eagerly waited for God as well. You have the Holy Spirit living in you to remind you that God is not trying to catch you off guard, he’s eager to celebrate with you and bless you.

If you need encouragement, look at the surprising way the master blesses his servants in the Gospel: he puts on an apron and serves them. He even goes so far as to put his faithful servant in charge of all his property. Like this master, God our Father wants to share his blessings with all his servants. He is pleased to give them – and us – the kingdom.

From: *The Word Among Us*

<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>	
August 4, 2019	\$ 9,688
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 2,849



Mon. – Fri. – VBS – ALL WEEK

7:00 pm	Baptism Class	St. Francis
Tues. 9:00 am	Bible Study	Library
Wed. 6:00 pm	Rev. Brown Uniform Sale	McKenna Hall
Thurs. 6:45 pm	BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri. 7:00 pm	Women's Cornerstone	St. Joseph
7:00 pm	Filipino Mass	Church & Youth Room
8:00 pm	AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. 9:00 am	Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
8:00 pm	AA	McKenna Hall

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

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

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

YOUTH GROUP

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

There will be no youth group meeting this coming Monday, August 12. The next Youth Group will be on August 19, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

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

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!

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.

SUMMER BBQ FUN!

The Youth Group BBQ was a fun evening celebrating the lazy days of summer. Cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie hotdogs were served. Special thanks to Knights of Columbus member David Dick and his wife Nancy for grilling and setting up the fire pit for the s'mores, while the youth group played SPUD and created chalk art. The teens learned about what the Knights of Columbus do in our faith community and saw first-hand the call to serve others.

FUN-RAISER – Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, September 7, 6:30 pm. Our Lady of the Lake will hold a FUN-Raiser, the d is for dinner and dancing called DANCING UNDER THE STARS. The parish community is welcome to attend the Saturday 5:30 Mass, followed by an evening of dinner, dance instruction and dancing – 6:30 to 10:00 pm! The event is for 8th grade to adult. \$10 fee. BYOB. Water and soda will be provided. Dinner menu: penne pasta, chicken, salad, pizza, cookies. Rain or Shine. (If it rains, McKenna Hall, if it doesn't, the event will take place in the parking lot by the church rectory. This is a fun, family event. RSVP at allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org, or pay at the Parish office. Funds raised will go toward a new patio by the picnic grove. Committee members are John and Dianna Kollar, Joanne Kirk, Kathy Korkidis and Frank Belardo. Interested in volunteering on the FUN-raising, contact Allison.

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 in the St. Francis room in the parish center. Please call the parish office and make arrangements to schedule your Baptism.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Annual Tricky Tray

Friday, August 30th

Doors open at 6:00 pm

203 Newton-Swartzwood Rd., Swartzwood, NJ

For more information call (973) 383-3566.

NO ONE UNDER 18 ADMITTED.

The National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima,

674 Mt. View Rd. E., Asbury, NJ 08802.

August 13th Tuesday Celebrate Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, and the 100th anniversary of the building of the Capelinha requested by Our Lady. 10:30 am Confessions; 12:00 – Rosary Procession; 12:30 Guest Speaker: Rev. Matthew Mauriello, 1:15 holy Mass, Celebrant: Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, for more info go to

<http://www.bluearmy.com>.

St. Joseph Church Thrift Shop

The Michael J. Burke Thrift Shop (St. Joseph Church), located at 17 Halsted St., Newton, will be having ½ price sales on their incredible supply of household items from August 15 to September 7. The shop has also restocked all their clothing with fall and winter items. There is also a huge supply of cds, dvds, and books. The Christmas Shop is also open and daily adds new items. Shop hours are Thurs & Fri from 10 am to 4 pm. The shop will be closed on Saturdays for the month of August. Come pay us a visit.

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 Krysl, our Music Director: kkowalewski@ourladyofthelake.org.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY – DONATE GIFT CARDS TODAY!

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

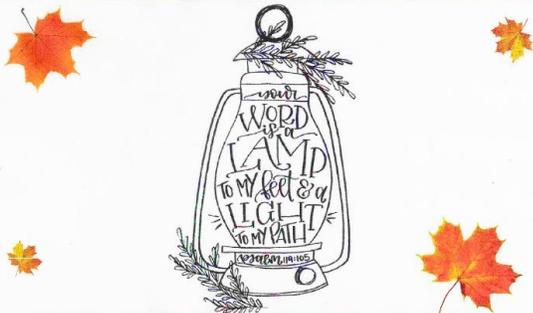
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“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen... for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.” “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.”

Remember the flamboyant congressman and minister known for his mantra ‘Keep the faith baby’? It is faith in God, belief in His word which gives meaning to life. I ask myself what do I hope for and what is the evidence not seen.

My life in the church is one of faith, which must continue to grow daily. Even when I have disappointments, I keep my eyes fixed on Jesus. I look to the Lord and the fulfillment of His promises. His kingdom has already begun in my living the faith found in the church, in my life of prayer and the sacraments. The Father has given me the kingdom already. I ask that I may see the kingdom now in the church and pray, ‘Thy kingdom come.’

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?

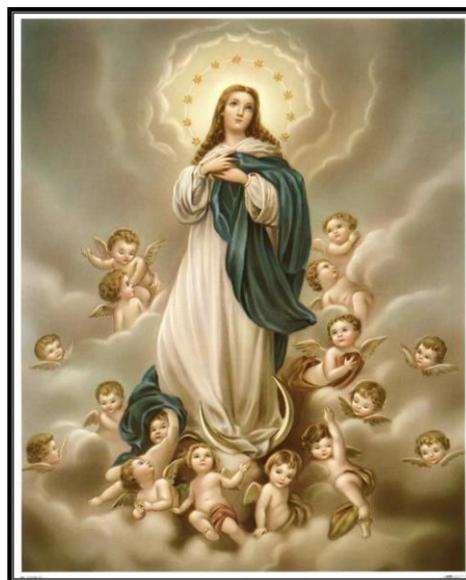
The goal of Cornerstone is for each participant to develop a stronger connection to God so that we may live the life that God wants us to live.

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



THE ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, August 15, 2019 is a
Holy Day Of Obligation.

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