

AUGUST 18, 2019
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY – Saint John Eudes

8:30 Eddie Flanagan req. by Jon Bober

TUESDAY – Saint Bernard

8:30 Eddie Flanagan req. by Teri & Felix McIntyre

WEDNESDAY – Saint Pius X, Pope

8:30 David Byrne req. by the Knight Family

THURSDAY – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Devon Carbery req. by the Abbate Family

FRIDAY – Saint Rose of Lima

8:30 Judy Dowling DeBergh req. by Bridget & Tom Manning

SATURDAY – Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 Harry Sharpe req. by his wife, Arline

5:30 Gerard Tighe, Sr. req. by the Redshaw & Azzolina Families
 Dr. Joseph T. & Valerie Bernardo req. by Judy & Bill Bosworth

AUGUST 25, 2019

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 Richard Wisniewski req. by the LaBanca Family
 Christopher Hernandez req. by Linda O'Connell

9:00 Anthony Rodrigues

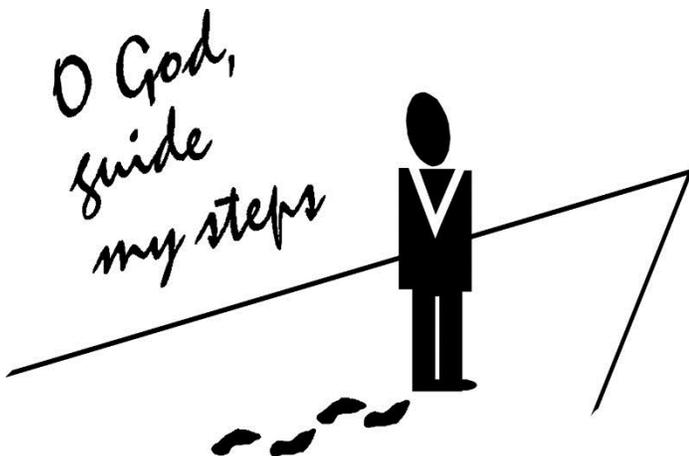
10:30 William C. Schmitt req. by Ernest & Gerry McCooey

Jesus Lobaton req. by the Lynch Family

12:00 People of the Parish
 Special Intention of Simon Jude Levien req. by Anna Levien

PARISH FINANCES

August 4, 2019	\$ 8,110
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 4,600



REFLECTION

Jesus: The Prince of Peace

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? (Luke 12:51)

Well, yes, as a matter of fact. Didn't Isaiah announce the coming of the "Prince of Peace?" Didn't the angels sing. "Peace on earth" on the night Jesus was born? Of course he came to establish peace on earth!

That may be true, but at the same time, the aged Simeon prophesied that Jesus would be a "sign that will be contradicted." In fact, Jesus' entire public life seemed to be marked by division and controversy. Pharisees and Sadducees argued over him. The Jewish Sanhedrin couldn't come to agreement. Even one of his close followers turned traitor on him.

So is Jesus a source of peace? Or is he a source of division? He's both.

Jesus knows that not everyone will embrace his message and the peace that comes with it. He also knows that divisions will arise because of this. On a grand scale, we have seen this in religious conflicts around the globe. And on a more intimate scale, we see this in many families. On the one hand are those who have accepted Jesus and the blessings of his salvation. On the other hand are those who have yet to embrace the salvation that Jesus came to bring. At times, the differences can be so strong as to cause conflict and separation.

Divisions may be inevitable, but they don't have to be permanent. That's where you come in. How will you respond when those divisions manifest themselves at home? With compassion, prayer, and understanding? Or with defensiveness, arguments, and condemnation?

Jesus is the Prince of Peace because he came to bring peace to our divided hearts. And as our own divided hearts are healed, we learn how to love as he loves and how to forgive as he forgives. Only Jesus' love and forgiveness can bring unity.

You can make a difference. By staying close to Jesus, who is your peace, you can be a force for reconciliation. Never underestimate the impact you can have!

From: *The Word Among Us*

Tues.	9:00 am Bible Study	Library
Wed.	7:00 pm Young Adults Meet	
Thurs.	6:45 pm BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 pm Women's Cornerstone	St. Joseph
Fri.	8:00 pm AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 am Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 pm AA	McKenna Hall
Sat & Sun-	Christians of the Holy Land	Cassidy Hall

LITURGY

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

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 never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

RCIA is for adults 18 years old and over.* 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, 7:00 to 8:30 pm starting September 12th in the Parish Center, 2nd Floor.

Please join us on September 12th at 7:00 pm for our Welcome Social! Our RCIA team will be ready to answer any questions you may have. We will gather in the St. Lucy Room in the Parish Center, 2nd floor. Bring a friend! *We also offer separate age-appropriate instruction for children and youth age 7 to 17.

If you have any questions or to register, please call or text Deacon Jim McGovern at (973) 864-7669, or jamesmcgovern34@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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

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Students entering 8th grade through high school are welcome to attend Monday night Youth. The next Youth Group will be on August 19, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

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.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Paul Todd & Son in Concert "For Mom" Tour 2019

Back by popular demand, August 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle, 5635 Berkshire Valley Rd., Oak Ridge, NJ 07438. Tickets \$25 adults – Children under 18 are free. All proceeds from this concert will directly support St. Thomas the Apostle parish and its programs. Call (973) 208-0090 for more info.

Surrender and Accept Jesus' Invitation to the Banquet Tuesday, September 24 & Wednesday, September 25.

Cost of Retreat \$85.00 per person includes breakfast of coffee and pastry and Lunch both Tues. & Wed. Location: St. Paul's Abbey, 289 US 206, Newton. Tim Browne, famed Irish speaker, will speak about how to navigate the road of recovery from any obsessions, unwanted habits, and compulsions that may be keeping you from getting closer to Jesus. This retreat is designed for those who long for a deeper relationship with Jesus. Join us and be confident of God's healing mercy on your body, mind, and soul. Space is limited, please pre-register early to secure your spot. Contact Mary Anne Condit at 973-219-3352 or email at maryannecondit@gmail.com or Rosemarie Veliz 973-903-9456 or email rveliz187@gmail.com or Louise Crann 973-903-5029. Overnight accommodations are available for \$50 per night at St. Paul's Abbey.

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. 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"



During the summer our Music Ministry has "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 Krys, our Music

Director: kkowalewski@ourladyofthelake.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry Dinner & Auction October 10, 2019

Tickets are \$60 per person

The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry is holding its largest fundraiser event on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Lake Mohawk Country Club, Sparta, NJ. This event raises much needed funds to provide food for those in need in Sparta and Sussex County. Doors open 6:00 pm, Dinner served at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be available at the parish in the near future.

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

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"Jeremiah ought to be put to death: he is demoralizing the soldiers that are left in the city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of the people, but in their ruin....let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke for God. The role of the prophet is to disturb the comfortable and calm the disturbed. Unlike our current political promises, he was calling people back to the Lord. It is not easy to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, as our culture of selfishness, greed, and consumerism, are the cause of detours and distraction, of sadness and division.

As a missionary disciple, I am counter cultural, seeking to walk with others in pursuit of the values of the gospel. In this way I work for the well being of all. Where are your eyes and efforts directed?

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF CLASSIC NINE & DINE!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND



Christians of the Holy Land will be here in Cassidy Hall after Masses on the weekend of

August 24th -25th

and will have hand-crafted religious articles made from olive wood on display and for sale. Purchase of these items helps support the

Christians in the Holy Land. These beautifully made articles make great gifts – a good time to start your Christmas shopping.