

AUGUST 25, 2019

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY

8:30 Mary Jane Kelly req. by Robert Bodo & Family
Doroteo & Lucia Manubat req. by Mildred Bas

TUESDAY – Saint Monica

8:30 Sabina Swita req. by Jadwiga & Aleksander Swita

WEDNESDAY – Saint Augustine

8:30 John Mueller req. by Cathleen & Sean Cosgrove

THURSDAY – The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 Carrie Ann Sprich req. by Eileen Simmons
Harold McGovern req. by the McGovern Family

FRIDAY

8:30 Matthew Tieleman req. by Cathleen & Sean Cosgrove

SATURDAY

8:30 Erwin Geronimo req. by Anna & Simon
Cornelius P. McCarthy req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton

5:30 Bruce Tharp req. by Janice Quinn
Chris O'Halloran req. by Bill & Gail Rudloff

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 People of the Parish
Mary Joan Reddington req. by Peggi Nicolini

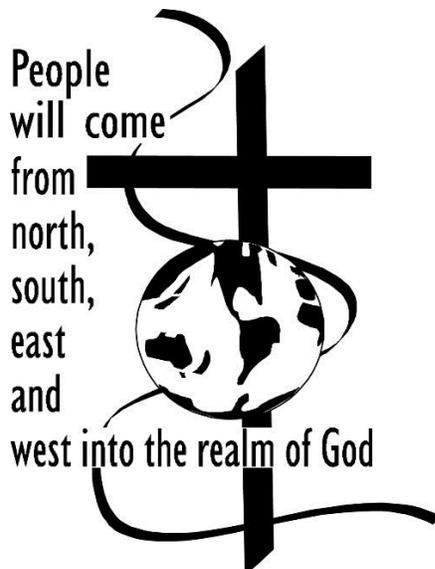
9:00 John Kirk req. by the Skillen Family
Dr. Herbert Goller req. by the Schmitt Family

10:30 Dr. John Kirk req. by his wife, Joanne
Raymond Anthony Cruz req. by Virginia Cruz

12:00 Deceased members of the Costello & Spellman
Families req. by Joan Costello
Joseph Emonds req. by Ray & Patty Shupak

PARISH FINANCES

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| The Assumption | \$ 1,549 |
| August 4, 2019 | \$ 9,160 |



REFLECTION

ALL ARE INVITED

Going to a Catholic church in another country can be a real eye-opener. The language or accent might be different. The liturgy might have a different flair. And the people in the pews might not look like your fellow parishioners. That's part of the beauty of the Church!

In today's Gospel, when someone asks Jesus whether only a few will be saved, Jesus is quick to broaden his perspective. The heavenly banquet table is very large, he says! Yes, the gate is narrow, and it takes effort to enter. But that doesn't mean heaven will be empty. History tells us that many, many people have been more than willing to enter through that narrow gate. The result? All the great saints and heroes of the faith will be reclining at the table with a multitude of people: men, women, and children from every race and nation, from every cultural and economic background. The Lord is not stingy when it comes to drawing people to himself. In fact, the more the merrier!

The key is entry through the narrow gate. That's the action of faith that unites us. Whether you're from the north, south, east, or west, a prince or a peasant, it doesn't matter. If you've entered through that narrow door--if you've turned to the Lord in faith and Baptism—you belong in God's kingdom. You have a place reserved for you at the banquet table of the Lord.

Now, just as you are a part of the people of God, so are the people in your community, everyone who serves side-by-side with you at your parish. But so are people who speak a different language or whose culture or economic status is very unlike your own. So are people in prison cells and in homeless shelters. So is the annoying neighbor down the street whose faith is known to God alone. In God's eyes, everyone is equally deserving of his love. Because God wants everyone in his kingdom. So let's make space next to ourselves at the Lord's banquet table.

From: *The Word Among Us*

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| Sun | Christians of the Holy Land | Cassidy Hall |
| Mon. | RBS Teacher Service | 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. | 8:00 pm AA | Cassidy Hall |
| Sat. | 9:00 am Legion of Mary | St. Benedict |
| | 8:00 pm AA | McKenna Hall |

LITURGY

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

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

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.

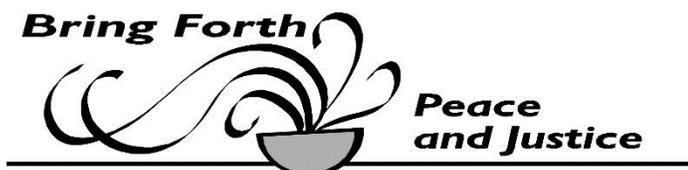
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14



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

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

Contemplative Prayer Retreat – September 23-26

Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ 08212 www.capemaymarianists.org (609) 884-3829. This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar and experienced with this type of retreat are all welcome. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Eucharist.

Cost: \$155/pp (includes meals, room and program)

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.

First Thursdays at Sacred Heart center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on September 5, 2019. The topic will be *The New Evangelization – What, Why, How?* No need to pre-register. Suggested donation is \$15. For further information, visit our web site: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org, e-mail us shretreatcenter@gmail.com or call (973) 383-2620.

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.

SPECIAL THANKS!



Special thank you to Ray, Gil and Craig for the tree removal. Helping Hands are always welcome and we appreciate all the parishioners who generously give of their time, talent, and treasure!

We are always in need of help for odd jobs/repairs and touchup care here and there. Call/email the parish office if you have an hour or two to spare!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF CLASSIC NINE & DINE!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Lake Mohawk Golf Club

471 West Shore Trail, Sparta

\$100 per golfer – due by August 30th

Dedicated to numerous charities

Make check payable to Marquette Council 588

Pick up a brochure in the vestibule of the church and mail the registration together with your check to Knights of Columbus Marquette Council 588, PO Box 588, Sparta, NJ 07871. Questions? Please contact a committee member:

Don Reichert – 973-729-3599

Gary Kolakowski – 973-271-8828

JR Giacchi – 973-479-7039

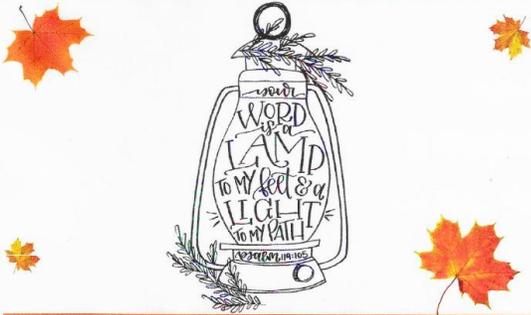
Jim Storms – 973-703-3658

Bill Rudloff – 973-945-6049

Ray Convey – 973-886-7173

Tony Quartarolo – 973-209-4044

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

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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"Jesus passed through many towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few people be saved?' He answered them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough... He will say, I do not know where you are from...'"

Because of the generosity of our God in coming, redeeming and saving us, we tend to become lazy and indifferent, forgetting that Jesus entrusts a task to us. St. Paul tells us 'He wants all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth.' But His wish is also that we STRIVE, make a concerted effort, to gain the gift of salvation.

Through our life of prayer we stay in communication with our God. Through our service to one another with the works of mercy we grow in our love of our neighbor. Through our active participation in the life of the church and community, we make the gospel known.

Among the challenges of our day is legislation denying the right to life, mercy killing, closing the door to immigrants and refugees. The horrible laws are passed by Catholic legislators who seem to miss the point of the gospel.

Try to
come in
through the
narrow door

