

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 14, 2018**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton`  
Rosemary Pannone  
Tom Karwacki  
Ann McEntee Molnar  
Marion & Frank Sirianni

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Walter Donnelly

10:00 A.M. Maryann Wuchek  
Kevin Walker  
Benjamin Glorioso  
Teresa Cutro

12:00 NOON Gloria Iuso

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. Alice DiMeglio

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. Catherine & Salvatore Saltamach

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. Intentions of Sandy Weigand & Family  
Intentions of Giovanna Vollaro

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton  
Mary & Joseph Purcella  
Ann Buffalino  
Tom Karwacki  
Kevin Walker  
Lou & Irene Giliberti

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Ida & Hugh Brown  
Susan & Frank Moro

10:00 A.M. Agnes Cori – Birthday Remembrance  
Joseph Roberto, Sr. & Jr.  
Benjamin Glorioso

12:00 NOON Robert Bogosian  
Robert Philhower  
Intentions of Patricia & Matthew Axelrod

**Pray daily for the servicemen and women serving our country.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Helen Lubertazza Evelyn Means  
Tom Guzowski Audrey Grace Higgins Ava Rae Nebbia  
Gary Ragusa Florence Grim Alex Haines Larry Perry  
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio  
Baby Ryder Sasso Carmela Fusco Frank Morici  
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray  
Gabe Bellantoni Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland  
Rosemary Liebman Cenelia Soto Frank Sanclementi  
Sharon Acquaia Noah Lorencovitz Sandra Pacifico  
Sister Marie Louise Amida Jaloudi Grace Garbarino  
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo George Link

**DECEASED:** Silverio Conte Regina Kunz  
James Quinn Arthur Boyd

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday – \$5,503.00

Thank you for your continued support.



**Dear friends in Christ,**

**Baptism of the Lord,**

With the liturgical celebration of the Baptism of the Lord the beautiful Christmas season draws to a close. Only the day after the Lord's baptism do we return to Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar.

At his Baptism, Jesus' public ministry begins, with the hidden life at Nazareth for the most part left behind. On this feast the emphasis is on Jesus entering the Jordan River, receiving baptism from John the Baptist and the proclamation of who Jesus of Nazareth is. The work of John the Baptist, baptizing in water only, comes to an end, and the



baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire now comes to the fore in the person of Jesus Christ. While King and Messiah, Jesus is at the same time and always is, servant of all. Endowed with the Holy Spirit, the saving mission of Jesus is realized through meekness and peace. The Lord does not bring oppression, but a reign of justice on earth, a reign that is symbolized in opening the eyes of the blind and bringing freedom to prisoners. God's covenant and promises of old to our ancestors in the faith are now embodied in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all people. In a word, Christ is the light of the nations.

The Gospels tell us that at the Baptism of Jesus, the skies opened, a way of indicating that God is "coming down," in a tangible way. The new and final era in salvation history begins with Jesus, and a new people are and will be until the end of time, born in Christ.

God declares to us whenever we hear Sacred Scripture, the Bible, especially the Gospels, who is the Savior whom God has sent. We pray that we might be more and more be filled with a deep appreciation of the inexhaustible love of God lavished upon us in Jesus Christ.

As we read and hear the Gospels in the coming days, weeks and months, as we ponder Scripture in the solitude of the monastic cell, prayer corner at home or in church, we should be contemplating the presence and person of Jesus of Nazareth, proclaimed as God's "beloved Son," in whom God the Father is "well pleased," as the Gospel today describes it. God's pleasure also includes our being redeemed in the blood of Christ and being led to eternal life.

The grace we received at baptism as children or when we were older, is constantly going to work in our spiritual lives, enlivened by the sacraments we receive throughout our lives,

especially the Eucharist and Penance or Confession. Our own baptism, which we should be thinking about on this day of recounting the Lord's baptism, should make hope in God a reality, who asks us to share the best part of ourselves with the world family of Jesus' followers, but also with those not of our faith or of no faith.

We end the Christmas season by commemorating the Baptism of Jesus and our own rebirth at baptism.

May the Lord help us in this year already underway, to conform our thoughts, desires, words and actions to the ways of God. May we grow to full maturity as the Lord's disciples, in good times and bad, in joy and in sorrow, as life unfolds each day.

### “Behold, the Lamb of God”

The Gospel of John describes Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament Passover Lamb. In the Old Testament a lamb's blood saved the Hebrews from disaster before they left Egypt and now the blood of Jesus, the New Passover Lamb, saves us from our sins.

In John's Gospel, Jesus dies on the cross while the Passover lambs are being slaughtered in the temple by the Jewish priests. John's Gospel wants us to understand that Jesus has replaced the Jewish rites and liturgies of the Old Testament.

The Gospel of John wants us to understand that God has done a new thing for us in Jesus. There is a totally new way of relating to God in Jesus. Now the way to the Father is through Jesus. All the ceremonies and sacrifices of the Old Testament have come to an end. Now Jesus is our way to the Father. Just as the lamb's blood spared the Hebrews before they left Egypt so now it is the blood of Jesus that saves us from our sins. Therefore, John the Baptist proclaimed, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

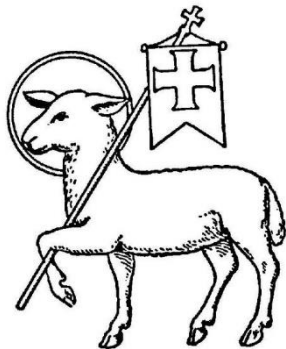
We are reminded of this at every Mass before receiving Holy Communion when the priest holds up the Sacred Host and proclaims,

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to this Supper.

Jesus, Lamb of God, we thank you for dying for us and shedding your blood to take away our sins. May we live as your faithful followers. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

### KIDNEY NEEDED

There is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCD 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes resume on January 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:45 PM in the School.

### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

Thank you to all who participated in our Calendar Raffle! Congratulations to the following winners:

#### Week 3 Winners

Date	Prize	Ticket #	Winner
1/7/18	\$ 50.	560	Terry Olivo
1/8/18	\$ 25.	138	Annie Rivera
1/9/18	\$ 25.	047	Betty Norton
1/10/18	\$ 25.	499	Adriana Velcko
1/11/18	\$ 25.	560	Terry Olivo
1/12/18	\$ 25.	434	Cody Wilson
1/13/18	\$ 25.	713	Margaret D'Auria

**ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE  
Saturday, January 27, 2018  
9am – 2pm  
Look for sign-up flyers in the Narthex  
or call 201-251-3703**

### FAITH RENEWAL HOLY HOUR

Mark your calendars! Join us on Jan.20th for our monthly Faith Renewal Holy Hour filled with adoration, contemporary music, meditation and prayer at 4:30PM followed by our Faith Renewal Mass at 5:30PM. Let us all come together and enter the mystery of our Lord's presence in the Eucharist and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Our Faith Renewal mass is for those who prefer an upbeat, more lively worship experience, this Mass with Contemporary Music offers live music with guitars, keyboard and vocalists. Our Faith Renewal Mass will be held every third Saturday of the month. For young adults, teens, families with children, or Catholics of all ages who are young at heart, this Mass is a vibrant worship experience. We would like to invite you to become involved with our Faith Renewal Team and help us come up with new and wonderful, creative fellowship events. We are looking for talented musicians, either vocally or an instrument, who would like to share their talents. For more information or for ways to get involved in this ministry, please email us at [stfrancisfaithrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisfaithrenewal@gmail.com) or follow us on facebook @St.FrancisFaithRenewal. Help us grow our new ministry!

## 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

*In Giving, We Receive*

If you have not yet responded to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2017 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2018. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org).

### *Women's Cornerstone March 2&3, 2018*

*St. Mary's Church, Pompton Lakes*

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#### NEWS FROM ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

'No Party to go to?'

Want to watch the Game in your own Home?

Let Us Help.

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**Wings and a Prayer** for the Super Bowl.

See the flyer in the Narthex for details.

## Saint Raymond of Peñafort

### Feast Day: January 7

Raymond was born into a noble Spanish family in 1175. He was related to the king of Aragon. By the time he was 20 years old, he was teaching philosophy; he also earned doctorate degrees in both canon and civil law while still in his 30's. At age 41 he entered the Dominican Order.

Pope Gregory IX called Raymond to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor. One of the things the Pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of popes and councils that had been made in the last 80 years and make them into an organized collection of books. Raymond compiled five books called the *Decretals*. They were considered one of the best organized collections of Church law until the 1917 codification of canon law.

At the age of 60, Raymond was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, the capital of Aragon. He didn't like being placed in a position of overseeing others, and it affected his health. He resigned the position within two years. He didn't get much rest from being in authority over others, because at age 63, his fellow Dominicans elected him to succeed St. Dominic as head – master general of the whole Order. Raymond worked hard, visited his Dominicans on foot, reorganized their constitutions and wisely had them agree to a provision that a master general be allowed to resign at age 65. When the new constitutions were accepted, Raymond resigned; he had just turned 65. During the remaining 35 years of his priestly ministry, he continued to oppose heresy and work for the conversion of the Moors in Spain. He convinced Saint Thomas Aquinas to write his work *Against the Gentiles*. Raymond lived to be 100 years old.

St. Raymond was a lawyer and a canonist, but made it clear that laws should not be applied without thoughtful interpretation and charity. He understood that if people got too caught up with the letter of the law, the spirit and purpose of the law might be neglected; he did not want the intended value the law to be overlooked. St. Raymond's great love of the law had more to do with his greater love of the just ways that God intends us to live by than man's own idea of justice. He taught us that respect for the law is a means of serving the common good. He was canonized by Pope Clement VIII on April 29, 1601. He is the patron saint of canon lawyers and also a patron saint of civil lawyers.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG ADULTS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

who received the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, January 11, 2018

*Jordan Anderson*

*Michael Boyle*

*Lainey Burns*

*Christina Fenske*

*Andrew Hafner*

*Rylee Ingram*

*Leeya Laucius*

*Elizabeth Lockli*

*Julia Luciani*

*Katrina Minnett*

*Alana Nyhuis*

*Izabella Peralta*

*Samantha Reilly*

*Chloe Sudell*

*Albert Weglarz*

### LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

#### LECTORS

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

5:30 P.M. Ted Luciani

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell

10:00 A.M. Sue Kemmer

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini & Karen Cisco

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan

10:00 A.M. Melissa Rivera & Judy Moran

12 NOON Barbara Garruto & John Arendas

#### ALTAR SERVERS

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON Tim Kenny & Aaron Manalili



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