

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2018**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton  
Ann Langley  
Rosemary Pannone  
Tom Karwacki  
Gabe Bellantoni

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Teresa & Victor Croley  
Ted Sagan  
Rocco Florio

10:00 A.M. Intentions of Ella Rodriguez  
Tom Karwacki  
Regina Kunz  
Alfonso Favorito  
Benjamin Glorioso

12:00 NOON Jennie Montgoris  
Ella Noel  
Fred Akel  
John Salvini, Cristino Cui, & Carmen Cui  
Valentine Dymowski – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Nunzio DiLaura

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Dorothy Argenio

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

7:00 A.M. Michael "Jack" McGowan  
Edith Buchanan

9:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

4:00 P.M. SERVICE

7:30 P.M. Genevieve Dobrinski

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Elena Sutula

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Alice DiMeglio

7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Kathleen Cook  
Joan Mitchell  
Silverio Conte  
Margaret Modica Davis  
William A. Cori – Birthday Remembrance

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Regina Canletti  
Frances Ferretti

10:00 A.M. Francesco Federico  
Ida Brown  
Fred Akel

12:00 NOON Deceased Members of the Arturo Family  
Ted Srodon  
Tom Karwacki  
Zofia Majdanska

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mary Carton	Jacob Hicks	Evelyn Means	Ed Garbarino
Tom Guzowski	Audrey Grace Higgins	Ava Rae Nebbia	
Gary Ragusa	Alex Haines	Larry Perry	George Link
Baby Michael Soojian	Jan Hongo	Susan Nichols-Boggio	
Baby Ryder Sasso	Carmela Fusco	Frank Morici	
Frances De Maria	Dorothea King	Jerome Foray	
Manuel Esguerra	Eileen McPartland	Grace Garbarino	
Rosemary Liebman	Cenelia Soto	Frank Sanclementi	
Sharon Acquaire	Noah Lorencovitz	Sandra Pacifico	

Sister Marie Louise    Florence Grim    Amida Jaloudi  
Barbara Kincaid    Carmela Bitondo    Mike Durkin

**DECEASED:**    Gabe Bellantoni    Christine Corso

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday – \$4,930.00

Thank you for your continued support.

**Dear friends in Christ,**



It is not easy for us to understand being excluded completely from society, as were lepers in much of the Old Testament and even in the time of

Jesus.

The first reading, from the Book of Leviticus, tells us about how lepers are to be treated. We understand this attempt at quarantine as an effort to protect the community as a whole. Such efforts are not rejection of a person but an honest attempt to deal with the disease the person might spread and which could affect the whole people.

The person afflicted with leprosy seeks healing in order to be allowed back into normal society. Most of us don't want to be completely shunned by others! We want to belong to society even if we don't need to be the center of attention. So too the person with leprosy. He or she would want to become part of the community once again, but it would be impossible for most of them. For a few, whatever disease afflicted them might disappear and they could be readmitted.

In the Gospel, a leper comes to Jesus and is cured. Jesus tells the leper not to tell others. That is impossible. The Gospel tells us that then Jesus begins to remain outside, in deserted places. That is to say, Jesus begins to live as most lepers lived: apart from others and in deserted places. It is almost as if Jesus trades place with the leper after he cures him.

Two challenges present themselves to us today. Am I willing to pray for the life of others and to ask God to cure them? Most of us Christians, followers of Jesus, are able to pray for others. But am I willing to offer my own life for the sake of another person? It is not just the healing of the other person, but am I willing to take on the form of a slave, as was Jesus?

Am I willing not to seek my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved? This is the teaching of the First Letter to the Corinthians in the second reading today.

To follow Jesus and to ask the healing presence of Jesus is not about doing good without a cost! Instead, I must be willing to give up my life for others, as did our Lord Jesus. There is no life in Christ without being willing to give up my life. There is always a cost to following Jesus. Yet we know that if we give all, He also will give us all in His Kingdom. Praise God forever!

**St. Peter Damian**  
**Feast Day February 21**

Peter was born in Ravenna, Italy in 1007. He was an orphan and was treated badly by one of his brothers. Fortunately, his other brother, was archpriest of Ravenna. This kind brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Even as a young man, Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines at Fonte

Avellana. They lived two monks to each hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He learned that he had to take better care of himself if he was going to be able to continue his good works. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible. Although living in the seclusion of the cloister, Peter watched out for the fortunes of the Church, and like his friend Hildebrand, (the future Pope Gregory VII), he worked hard to keep the Church good and holy during very corrupt times.

Eventually, Peter became Abbot of his community and founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him to be a peacemaker or troubleshooter; to resolve disputes between two abbeys or assist in situations where a cleric or government official was involved in some disagreement with Rome.

Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia although Peter preferred to live in a hermitage and lead a simple life. As Bishop, he worked hard to correct the improper behaviors he observed; he encouraged the priests in his community to observe celibacy and even urged the diocesan priests to maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wanted to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and seeking comfortable living.

Peter asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Pope Alexander II consented. He was happy to become just a monk once again, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. Shortly after returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. Dante, the Italian poet famous for his work, *The Divine Comedy* referred to Peter as a great predecessor of Saint Francis of Assisi.

In 1828, St. Peter Damian was declared a Doctor of the Church.

*The best penance is to have patience with the sorrows God permits. A very good penance is to dedicate oneself to fulfill the duties of everyday with exactitude and to study and work with all our strength.*  
- St. Peter Damian

**KIDNEY NEEDED**

Fran Ferraro 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.



**"St. Joseph's Table Save the Date"**

Please mark your calendars for our 3rd. annual St. Joseph's Table.

The date is Saturday, March 17, after the 5:30 Mass.

This is a special event for St. Francis Church, so please clear your calendars.

More information to follow.

Thank you for your support.

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!**

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

**Week 7 Winners**

Date	Prize	Ticket #	Winner
2/4/18	\$ 50.	373	Maguire Family
2/5/18	\$ 25.	102	Gillian Allen
2/6/18	\$ 25.	061	Mary Baccaro
2/7/18	\$ 25.	015	Marilyn Dondero
2/8/18	\$ 25.	689	Robert Mueller
2/9/18	\$ 25.	098	Leah Moore
2/10/18	\$ 25.	646	Nancy Sedgley



**PARISH HAPPENINGS**

**February & March**

2/14	ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
2/17	FAITH RENEWAL HOLY HOUR 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
	FAITH RENEWAL MASS 5:30 PM
2/18	K OF C sponsored SPELLING BEE 2 PM - Church Hall
2/22	K OF C COUNCIL MEETING 8 PM - Church Hall
3/10	FISH & CHICKEN FRY sponsored by Knights of Columbus
	ST. JOSEPH TABLE
3/17	6:30 PM – Church Hall

**LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

St. Francis will be doing their first LIVE Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7:30PM and we NEED your help!! We need volunteers to make it happen. We are looking for people ages 14 and up. All are welcome! We need about 12 volunteers to play the parts of Mary, Jesus, Pilate, Veronica, etc. and we also need people to help with narration, lighting and music. If you want to be a part of this special event please email Maribel at [stfrancisfaithrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisfaithrenewal@gmail.com).

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
February 14, 2018**

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses:

7 AM, ~ 9 AM, ~ 4 PM Service ~ and 7:30 PM

**Fast and Abstinence During Lent**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year and have not yet reached their 60<sup>th</sup> year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year. (USCCB)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross devotion will be held every Friday in Lent at 7:30 PM in the Church. Come walk the road to Calvary with the Lord.

**FAITH RENEWAL AND HOLY HOUR**

Mark your calendars! Join us on Feb. 17th 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!

**CALLING THE ARTISTS!  
SAVE THE DATE!**

St. Catherine of Bologna Patron of the Arts Association is sponsoring the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Photography Art & Poetry Exhibition and Sale - Featuring Musical Performances on March 9 – 11, 2018. This event will be held at the St. Catherine of Bologna Parish Center, 112 Erskine Road, Ringwood, NJ  
Live music, wine and cheese, poetry reading and more!  
Admission is free – Donations are graciously accepted.  
Art & Photography available for purchase. Major credit cards accepted  
For more info, please contact Linda Zani Thomas at 201-314-8045. See the website for a full schedule of all performances  
StCathArts.org

**WANAQUE BOROUGH 100<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY BASH**

Saturday, February 24, 2018  
Wanaque First Aid Squad Building

Come out and celebrate Wanaque Borough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. The Birthday Bash is open to the borough from 12- 6pm.

The schedule for the day is:

12 – 5pm Various memorabilia, photos, etc. from the town and organizations; DJ Joe Diaz; Video Slideshow (runs all day).

1 – 2pm Balloon Making artist

1 – 4pm Hot Dogs/Soda Pop 1918 prices

1 – 5pm Color a Birthday T Shirt (\$10 per shirt)

2 – 2:45pm Magic Show

3 – 4pm Face Painting

3:30 – 4pm Character Photo Op (Mickey Mouse)

4 – 5:15pm Canvas Painting with Artastic (\$10 per canvas)

5pm - Happy Birthday Celebration (100 candles) cake/coffee

6pm - End Bash

**2018 FISH & CHICKEN FRY DINNER**

**Donations Needed:**

This year our Fish & Chicken Fry Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> following the 5:30pm Mass. Tickets are \$15.00 and are now available at the rectory. Tickets will be sold in the Narthex on the weekends of Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>.

As in the past we need donations of soda: Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, (diet or regular), bottled water, chips and pretzels, and regular & decaffeinated coffee. If you can donate, please bring the items to the rectory. Thank you!

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

**LECTORS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Lois Bonaceto

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan

10:00 A.M. Annie Rivera & Melissa Rivera

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & John Arendas

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

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

12 NOON Jon-Karlo & Joseph Villacis

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# Chicken & Fish Fry

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

St. Francis Church Hall

**Take Out: 5:30 – 6:15pm**

**Eat In: 6:15 – 7:30pm**

**\$15.00 per person**

Dinner includes:

Fish **or** Chicken, Fries, Coleslaw,  
Soda, Coffee, Tea & Dessert

Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory