

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 18, 2018**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Regina Canletta
Frannie Ferretti
Intentions of Peter Sutula - Birthday

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

12:00 P.M. Deceased Members of the Arturo Family
Ted Srodon
Tom Karwacki
Zofia Majdanska

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

8:00 A.M. Dan & Charlotte Bolen

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

8:00 A.M. Doris Lierman Bradford

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

8:00 A.M. Barbara Kosek

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

8:00 A.M. Regina Sullivan
7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Margaret & Charles Pasquariella
Fred Akel
Silverio Conte
Rosemary Pannone
Tom Norton
Tom Karwacki
Alice Musheno

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Intentions of Janina Sutula - Birthday

10:00 A.M. Silverio Conte
Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Roy & Shirley Parian
Rocco Tarulli
Intentions of Elsie Rodriguez

12:00 P.M. Casey Vanbrookhaven
Margie Staats
John Kopec

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 Acquaie	Noah Lorencovitz	Sandra Pacifico	
Sister Marie Louise	Florence Grim	Amida Jaloudi	
Barbara Kincaid	Carmela Bitondo	Mike Durkin	

DECEASED: Joseph "Ace" Tachine

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday - \$4,321.00

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear Friends in Christ:

You and I must repent our sins and turn to the Lord! It is as easy as that as we begin Lent. Yet, if we have been observing Lent for many years, we know that repenting of our sins and turning to God is an ongoing task and not always an easy one! We need not fear God. God has promised His love for us and promised with an everlasting covenant in Jesus Christ that He will save us.

Lent is about us doing our part of the Covenant. Far too often we speak of the Old and the New Testament and forget the Old Covenant and the New Covenant-in His blood. You and I have made a pact with God. He is always faithful, and we are not.

The readings today begin in Genesis, with the covenant made with Noah. We know that in the Old Testament, the Old Covenant, there were many covenants. God continues to make covenants with us today if we listen to His voice. The covenant made with Noah is made with all of us. The covenant made with Moses is also made with all of us. We need to hear these covenants and the stories about covenants over and over and we need to meditate on them.

When we sin, it is clear that we are not seeking a good conscience. After we sin, if we continue to seek the Lord, we can sense this desire for a clear conscience which once again desires the Lord and His holy will. If we listen to our conscience, we begin to understand that our conscience can be weak or it can be clear and firm. In this time of Lent, we are praying to have a good conscience, a conscience that is clear and firm, a conscience that wants to be clear now and firm in seeking the Lord.

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St. Alexander, Confessor

Feast Day: February 26

Alexander was a champion of orthodox Catholic teaching. He succeeded St. Achillas as bishop of Alexandria in 313. The majority of his ministry was dedicated to fighting against the Arian heresy. This heresy is one of the most dangerous ever preached. Arius, a priest of Alexandria, claimed Jesus was not truly God and that there was a time when the Son, the second

person of the Trinity, did not exist. As you know, the Trinity is both one of the great truths and great mysteries of our faith.

At first, Alexander was patient and not very harsh with Arius, but when Arianism started accumulating a larger following, Alexander finally excommunicated him. The sentence of excommunication was confirmed in the year 320. Alexander's epistle on the Arian heresy has survived and remains an important part of church literature.

It is assumed that St. Alexander drew up the acts of the first General Council of Nicaea in 325, where Arianism was formally condemned. The Council of Nicaea was held in ancient times, but much that was decided there remains with us to this day. We pray the Nicene Creed regularly at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It summarizes our beliefs and reminds us of the four great pillars of our faith: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. The Creed takes its name from that Council. Alexander, after this great triumph for our faith, returned to Alexandria. He died in 326, on the 26th of February.

St. Alexander was a true disciple of Christ. His sincere spirit of humility inclined him to submit to God's authority, for it was in God that he found peace, security, and joy. It is not unusual to hear people discussing and even questioning God's authority. If you have found happiness in trusting that God knows what is best for you even when life seems especially difficult, then you have something very important in common with this Saint.

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.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH THE BISHOP

February 27 - Pope John XXIII, Sparta 7-9 PM

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711.

AN EVENING WITH SISTERS

Save the Date for "An Evening with Sisters" - Friday, February 23rd from 7 - 8:30 PM at Morris Catholic High School (200 Morris Avenue, Denville). This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! To RSVP and for more details, please email Sister Bernadette McCauley on or before February 20th: sbernadette@sceast.org

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

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

Week 8 Winners

Date	Prize	Ticket #	Winner
2/11/18	\$ 50.	518	Verna Mitchel
2/12/18	\$ 25.	256	Tania Bell
2/13/18	\$ 25.	061	Mary Baccaro
2/14/18	\$ 25.	659	Mary Keady
2/15/18	\$125.	196	Grace Casapulla
2/16/18	\$ 25.	751	Theodore Luciani
2/17/18	\$ 25.	621	Kathy McMurray

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.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

February & March

2/18	K OF C sponsored SPELLING BEE 2 PM - Church Hall
2/22	K OF C COUNCIL MEETING 8 PM - Church Hall
3/2-3/3	OVERNIGHT ADORATION 7 PM-10:30 AM - Chapel
3/3	MASS AND NOVENA – Patriotic Rosary for our Nation - 11 AM - Chapel
3/10	FISH & CHICKEN FRY sponsored by Knights of Columbus – Church Hall
3/17	PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE at 12 noon – front of church
3/17	ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE after 5:30 Mass – Church Hall

Children's Choir is back!

For any youth from St. Francis ages 6-14:
Practices will start March 11 and run on Sundays 9:15am-9:45am through Easter.
Children's Choir will sing at the 10:00am mass on Easter Sunday with the adult choir.
If you're interested in signing up, please contact Dania at Dania.Music@yahoo.com or speak to her at mass on the weekend.

WANAQUE BOROUGH 100TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Saturday, February 24, 2018
Wanaque First Aid Squad Building

Come out and celebrate Wanaque Borough's 100th 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 10th 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. 24th/25th and March 3rd/4th.

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!

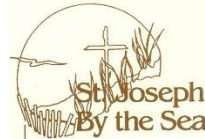
CALLING THE ARTISTS! SAVE THE DATE!

St. Catherine of Bologna Patron of the Arts Association is sponsoring the 19th 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

Quellen Spiritual Center in Mendham, NJ is offering a Spiritual Direction Training Program beginning September 2018 for those interested in becoming Spiritual Directors. Information and application forms can be found at our website www.quellenspiritualcenter.org You can also call Sister Teresa at the Center 973-543-6528 x 217 for more information.

St. Joseph By the Sea, located on Route 35, South Mantoloking, is in need of a part-time cook. Please contact Sr. Brunilda Ramos at St. Joseph By the Sea for further details. 732-892-8494.



400 Route 35 North
South Mantoloking, NJ 08738

March Retreats

March 19, 2018-HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER - In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Liturgy as we celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Please call to register by March 16th. Refreshments and Blessed Bread after the program. Arrival: 10:30 a.m. / Mass: 11:00 a.m. / Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF and Sr. Dolores Bianchi, MPF) Donation

March 21, 2018-WHY ARE YOU CRYING? - On the way to Calvary, Jesus said little and the Gospels offer only a few details. Come for a day to use your imagination as we walk the way of the cross in the form of Christ speaking from his heart. Lunch and Mass included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m./Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD) Cost: \$50

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Hatima Omolon & Pat Demarest

LECTORS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran

12 NOON Armando Haro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon

10:00 A.M. Diane Drew & Judy Moran

12 NOON Tony Mazza & Matt Kampff

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius

Diana & Eric Szczecinski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid

10:00 A.M. Christopher Marren & Sebastian Wojtowicz

12 NOON Aaron Manalili & James Nichols

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Chicken & Fish Fry

Saturday, March 10th, 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 are available at the Rectory