

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2018**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton
Margaret & Charles Pasquariello
Fred Akel
Tom Karwacki
Silverio Conte
Rosemary Pannone
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 NOON Casey Vanbrookhaven
Margie Staats
John Kopec

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

8:00 A.M. Barbara Kosek

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

8:00 A.M. Ed Engels

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

8:00 A.M. Antonio Cirelli

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL
7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

5:30 P.M. Charles Port
Silverio Conte
Tom Norton
Tom Karwacki
Eugenia & John Gryszko
John Renick

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Patricia Colacurto

10:00 A.M. John McPartland
Regina Kunz

12:00 NOON Arthur Boyd
Ted Srodon
Dan Petrow, Jr.

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	
Joan & Sal Ruffino			

DECEASED: Clara Vidale Francis O'Donnell Carmen Nauen

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$5,053.00

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear friends in Christ,

On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The transfiguration of Jesus in our Gospel was not just about Jesus. I would like to see it as a vision of the glorious future to which we are all called.

"...we shall be like him..."(1 Jan 3:2) So the glory of the transfigured Jesus is awaiting each of us, thanks to our baptism. So then, for one who believes, there is no room for negative thinking. We may be tempted to think negatively because of events that occur to us, but let us not forget our dignity no matter what happens or no matter what others think of us or say to us. The disciples who experienced Jesus' transfiguration had to come down the mountain and return to normality, but they remembered the transfiguration. Like them we live in normality but we believe and know that God has destined great things for us. We say that the transfiguration prepared the disciples for the scandal of the cross.

During the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John gazed on the face of Jesus, they contemplated his face. When we pray, we contemplate the face of Jesus, not in light but we contemplate his words to us.

Celebrating Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent reminds us of what comes after the cross because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead. In our worst moments of pain may we not think negatively but remember the encouragement we receive in Sacred Scripture and that God has destined the glory of the transfiguration for each of us in the next life.

**Saint David of Wales
Feast Day: March 1**

David is the patron saint of Wales and probably the most famous of British saints. We have little reliable information about him. We do know that he was born to a noble family, became a priest, engaged in missionary work, and founded many monasteries, including his principal abbey in southwestern Wales. Many stories and legends sprang up about David and his Welsh monks. Their austerity was extreme. They worked in silence without the help of animals to till the soil. Their food was limited to bread, vegetables and water.

In about the year 550, David attended a synod where his eloquence impressed his fellow monks to such a degree that he was elected primate of the region. His monastery is now called St. David's. He ruled his diocese until he had reached a very old age. His last words to his monks and subjects were: "Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."

Saint David is pictured standing on a mound with a dove on his shoulder. The legend is that once while he was preaching a dove descended to his shoulder and the earth rose to lift him high above the people so that he could be heard. Over 50 churches in South Wales were dedicated to him in pre-Reformation days. Most of us, if we were required to work at hard manual labor and live on a diet of bread, vegetables and water, would not be very joyful, but St. David lived in and nurtured a constant awareness of God's nearness. encouraged his monks to do the same. He died on March 1, 589. St. David was [canonized](#) by [Pope Callistus II](#) in the year 1120.

"Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence." - St. David

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 9 Winners

Date	Prize	Ticket #	Winner
2/18/18	\$ 50.	111	Caroline Brand
2/19/18	\$ 25.	006	James Petrarca
2/20/18	\$ 25.	569	Robbie Farias
2/21/18	\$ 25.	051	Evelyn Spina
2/22/18	\$ 25.	284	Giuseppe Soriano
2/23/18	\$ 25.	107	Carlos Sierra
2/24/18	\$ 25.	185	Chris Reid

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.

Assumption College for Sisters' Gala Raises Scholarship Funds for Catholic Sisters, making the education of a new generation of Catholic Sisters possible. Assumption College for Sister, Denville, will hold The Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 22, 2018 at the Hanover Marriott.

The Gala raises scholarship fund for the education of Catholic Sisters from the developing world who do not have such an opportunity in their homelands. Your support will make a difference in the lives of many through the education of these Sisters. **Teach a Sister...Touch the World!** For more information: 973-957-0188 Ext. 101 or email gala@acs350.org or visit www.acs350.org

PARISH HAPPENINGS

February & March

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

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.

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.

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

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!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As we are journeying through Lent, once again, we are planning to spend time with Jesus through an overnight adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

This will start on the First Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm through Saturday, March 3rd just before the 11:00 am Mass. The Mass will be the First Saturday Mass honoring our Blessed Mother followed by the patriotic Rosary, praying individually for each of the states in our nation.

We thank all those who have participated in the past and hope that experience would move them to join with us again. We hope that others would also be interested in spending some time with Jesus to strengthen their own spiritual lives, and well as to foster the growth of the parish as a whole.

To become a part of the overnight adoration, call Jane at the rectory, give her the time that you will be at adoration, and she will give you the code to open the side door lock. The door will lock behind you so that all that doors of the Church will be locked. The Blessed Sacrament will be housed in a locked, glass door tabernacle. If you have to leave and no one is in the chapel, the Lord will be safe.

For those who are interested, there is also adoration for 1 hour on the 3rd Saturday of every month before the 5:30 pm Mass.

As we are looking to walk with Jesus through these 40 days, we hope you might consider spending an hour with Him as a way of deepening your own spiritual relationship with Him. Hope to see you there!!

Reconciliation on the Mondays in Lent “Don’t be afraid of Confession!”

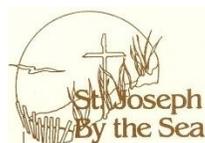
“Everyone say to himself: ‘When was the last time I went to confession?’ And if it has been a long time, don’t lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is better than the priests – Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous and go to confession...Don’t be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things – even shame – but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy. The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing.” (Pope Francis, Wednesday Audience, February 19, 2014.

Catholics in the Diocese of Paterson, especially those who have been away from the Church, are invited to experience God’s healing love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Catholic churches in Morris, Sussex, and Passaic Counties will be open for Confession every Monday, February 19th through Monday, March 19th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We will continue to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday afternoons from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Catholics needing a refresher on the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to visit: www.welcomehometohealing.org. The site contains a step-by-step guide to celebrating the Sacrament along with a F.A.Q. section.



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](tel: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, MARCH 4, 2018

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

5:30 P.M. Ted Luciani

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto

10:00 A.M. Lynn Magnini

12 NOON Hatima Omolon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Peg Carolan

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan

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

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Matt Kampff

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 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 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 can be purchased at the Rectory