

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
APRIL 1, 2018**



SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

8:00 P.M. PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

7:30 A.M. PARISHIONERS

10:00 A.M. PARISHIONERS

12:00 P.M. PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

8:00 A.M. Eleanor Van Hassent

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018

8:00 A.M. Rose Stenger
Joseph Trentacosta – 20th Anniversary

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

8:00 A.M. Ed Broglio

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

8:00 A.M. Marion Pulis

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

5:30 P.M. James Quinn
Silverio Conte
Tom Norton
Tom Karwacki
Christopher Patrick Smith, Jr.
Christopher Patrick Smith, III

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Intentions of Ricardo Tindoc
Ada & Irving Rumsey

10:00 A.M. Flora Assidio
Regina Sullivan
Francesco Leonardis
Hank Flynn

12:00 P.M. Rudy Siano – 3rd Anniversary
Arthur Boyd
Rose Gerace
Virginia Nochta
Intentions of Janet

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Evelyn Means Barry Bach
Tom Guzowski Ava Rae Nebbia Joan & Sal Ruffino
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Larry Perry George Link
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio
Baby Ryder Sasso Frank Morici Mike Tidaback
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland Karen Cisco
Cenelia Soto Sandra Pacifico Robert Moreno
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Mike Durkin
Sister Marie Louise Florence Grim Estella Soto
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo
Christine Morrison

DECEASED: Deceased Parishioners

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Richard & Antoinette Assidio requested by their daughter Kathy.

PASCHAL CANDLE

The 2018 Paschal Candle was donated by Jayne Cori in memory of her parents William A. and Agnes Cori.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – March 18, 2018 - \$5,500.00

Sunday March 25, 2018 - \$6,951.50

Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Friends in Christ:



Today is Easter Sunday, and on this feast day we joyfully celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the greatest and

the most solemn feast in the Church, for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest of all miracles – it proves that Jesus Christ is truly God. It is the feast of joy and triumph. It is the feast of Jesus' victory over sin and death. It is the feast of Jesus freeing us from the bondage of sin and death. It is the feast of Jesus transforming us and making us a new creation – He gives us a new heart and a new life in the Holy Spirit. 'Easter' literally means 'the feast of fresh flowers,' and we celebrate it as a feast of new life with intense pride and great jubilation.

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the basis of our Christian faith; i.e. all the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of it. Therefore, those who challenge Christianity challenge the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. They try to bring different false allegations against its truth and reality.

Surely, we do not have a direct proof of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. But it is also true that the fact of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ cannot be anyway disproved either, and therefore it stands firm as ever. It is also important to be aware that the Resurrection is not simply the resuscitation of the body of Jesus which died on the Cross. No one SAW the Resurrection because there was nothing to SEE. The crucifixion is a historical event; the Resurrection is a faith event. The Risen Jesus enters a completely new way of living. The post-resurrection texts all indicate that. He is not recognized at first by even his intimate friends; he is everywhere in his new Body.

Now, Easter is not only concerned with recalling the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus or its impact on the first disciples but also with the meaning of this event for our own lives and for our faith. The celebration of Easter calls for a radical conversion, a radical purging on our part – as Jesus' own disciples changed

Easter Sunday highlights not only our faith in the Resurrection, but we are also called to joyfully proclaim and witness our faith in the Risen Lord among us. Proclamation and witness are the two central themes running through today's Scripture Readings. "You are witnesses to my resurrection," we hear Jesus' challenge ring in our ears. For the true disciple of Jesus every

day is an Easter Day lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.

Today, we solemnly celebrate Easter and joyfully acclaim - "THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED - LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD."

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

Feast Day: March 23

Together with Rose of Lima, Turibius is the first known saint of the New World, serving the Lord in Peru, South America, for 26 years.

Born in Spain and educated for the law, he became so brilliant a scholar that he was made professor of law at the University of Salamanca and eventually became chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada. He succeeded too well. But he was not sharp enough a lawyer to prevent a surprising sequence of events.

When the archdiocese of Lima in Peru required a new leader, Turibius was chosen to fill the post: He was the one person with the strength of character and holiness of spirit to heal the scandals that had infected that area.

He cited all the canons that forbade giving laymen ecclesiastical dignities, but he was overruled. Turibius was ordained priest and bishop and sent to Peru, where he found colonialism at its worst. The Spanish conquerors were guilty of every sort of oppression of the native population. Abuses among the clergy were flagrant, and he devoted his energies and suffering to this area first.

He began the long and arduous visitation of an immense archdiocese, studying the language, staying two or three days in each place, often with neither bed nor food. Turibius confessed every morning to his chaplain, and celebrated Mass with intense fervor. Among those to whom he gave the Sacrament of Confirmation was the future Saint Rose of Lima, and possibly the future Saint Martin de Porres. After 1590, he had the help of another great missionary, Francis Solanus, now also a saint.

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.

DON BOSCO PREP HOLDS SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Don Bosco Prep will host its spring Open House for prospective students on Thursday, April 26, 2018, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All seventh and eighth grade students and parents are invited to attend. Come and get a tour of the campus and hear about our exciting programs, classes, clubs, activities, sports teams, and financial aid opportunities. To register, visit www.donboscoprep.org.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

April

- 4/6 OVERNIGHT ADORATION – Friday -7pm to Saturday - 10:30am - Divine Mercy Novena at 10:45 am. Mass at 11am – Chapel
- 4/7 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY- 2pm- Church
- 4/29 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST After all Masses – Church Hall (Communicants Free)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME – AGAIN!

Tuesday, July 17 to **Saturday**, July 21, 2018 – St. Francis 57th Annual Parish Carnival.

A special request to anyone who would like to help out in the air conditioned kitchen preparing our delicious carnival food, please call the rectory – 973-835-0480. (Man or woman) We need your help. Thank you.

Parish pilgrimage- save the date.



"On May 19th, there will be a parish pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The cost is \$35 per person. Please save the date."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

April 6th is the first Friday of the month and is also the Friday before Divine Mercy Sunday. Mass will be said in the morning honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus as He requested. There will also be overnight Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel on Friday from 7 PM to 10:30 AM. How special it would be to spend an hour with Jesus thanking Him for His unfailing love of us and for all the graces that He has offered on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th, to those who make a good confession and attend Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday.

If you would like to spend an hour with Our Lord, please contact Jane in the Rectory to learn the keyless entry code. Adoration will be followed at 11 AM with the first Saturday Mass and the Patriotic Rosary for our country, honoring our Lady's request for a first Saturday Mass & Rosary. Hope to see you there. Thank you

LOCAL WOMAN NEEDS HELP

2 days per week – 3 hours per day with housekeeping and driving. If you have the time and would like to help someone in need, please call the rectory – 973-835-0480. Thank you!

St. Joseph's Table Thank You

Our St. Joseph's Table was a huge success this year and it couldn't have been accomplished without the help of so many people. I first want to thank Fr. Greg for allowing this special event to take place.

I want to thank St. Francis Ladies Guild for all their help. Without their cooperation it would have been difficult to put it together.

Special thanks to Dale who always comes through whenever he is needed and is efficient in everything he does.

There would be no Table if it wasn't for those who cooked, baked, and donated food items. Thank you so much for coming through for this worthy cause.

Thank you to those who donated money and food gift cards. Thanks to Barbara Giliberti, who provided the massive basket of specialty breads donated every year, Sandy Polglaze, for donating the beautiful flowers to decorate the Table and the St. Joseph statue. Thank you to Melissa and Jane, in the Rectory office, for all their support and to all those who just came to help out.

I can't give enough thanks to those who gave of their time and donations and aren't even parishioners of St. Francis. Thanks to Lisa Nazzaretto for making and donating baskets for our raffle and to Vernon Miller who is always there helping with the Table.

If I missed anyone, I apologize, because without 'all' of you this would not have been as great as it turned out.

We are so grateful that we can help those who will benefit from this special event and we look forward to a bigger and better Table next year, with your help, of course.

God bless all your efforts,
Giovanna



ARRIVAL OF SPRING

*Spring is coming soon
To wash away the snow.
Sunshine peeks its head out,
So flowers they will grow.
Seeds are placed underneath the earth
And covered up outside;
They are warmed up by the sunshine
And sprout up towards the sky.
Their Maker up in Heaven
Allows for them to grow.
Such glorious colors blooming,
As on a display show:
So if you are getting tired
Of all the wind and snow,
Just remember Spring will be here soon –
A truth that God doth throw.*
Donna Knapp Walrath

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!!!



Happy Easter

*"Yours, O Lord, are grandeur
and power, majesty, splendor,
and glory. For all in Heaven
and on earth is Yours; Yours,
O Lord, is the sovereignty; You
are exalted as head over all."*

1 Chronicles 29:11

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

5:30 P.M. Giovanna Vollaro

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

7:30 A.M. Jay Markot

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer

12 NOON Armando Haro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio & Peggy Carolan

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan

10:00 A.M. Tom & Olympia Luciani

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & John Arendas

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius & Peter Sutula

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid

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

12 NOON Tim Kenny & James Nichols

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 8, 2018

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH



2:00 – 2:30 PM Confession

2:30 – 3:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary

**3:00 – 3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction**