

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 15, 2018**



SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

5:30 P.M. Kathy Weckler
Silverio Conte
Tom Norton
Tom Karwacki

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Joseph Gazella, Sr.
Anna Post
Edward Rumsey

10:00 A.M. Susan O'Keefe
Regina Kunz
Ed Garbarino

12:00 P.M. Frank Destito
Jean Rotella
Eloy Martin
Frank Caropreso

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

8:00 A.M. Peggy & Leonard Van Oudenaren

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018

8:00 A.M. Regina Kunz

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

8:00 A.M. Stephen Duca

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

8:00 A.M. Alicia Bautista

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

5:30 P.M. Mary & Joseph Purcella
Tom Norton
Silverio Conte
Frank O'Donnell
Rose DeStefano
Rose & Charles DiMiceli

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Frances & Anthony Vavorosky
Antonio, Louise, Mary Casazza
Paul Barsa
Alicia Bautista

10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Roy & Shirley Parian
Rocco Tarulli
Mario Colecchia

12:00 P.M. Ted Srodon
Tom Karwacki
Frank Caropreso
Kelly Pinand
Kathleen Cook

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Barry Bach Frank Morici
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 Mike Tidaback Christine Morrison
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray

Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland Karen Cisco
Cenelia Soto Sandra Pacifico Robert Moreno
Sharon Acquaia Noah Lorencovitz Mike Durkin
Sister Marie Louise Florence Grim Estella Soto
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo

DECEASED: Deceased Parishioners

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday April 8, 2018 - \$5,738.00
Thank you for your continued support.



Dear Friends in Christ:

It is also to be noted that while the first gift of Easter is joy, the second one is peace. As ambassadors we are to represent Jesus and become

dispensers of his peace.

The Gospel goes on to tell of the next great step the two disciples took. They return to Jerusalem and they told the apostles what happened to them on their way to Emmaus. Their encounter with the Risen Jesus had made them see the events in Jerusalem from a new perspective - God's. Instead of looking at Jesus' death as the end of their aspirations, they now view it as the beginning of a new life in the Risen Christ.

While they were still speaking about this, He stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Lk 24:36

My dear friends, Jesus always wants to meet us where we are, not where we would like to be or where we think we ought to be. He comes to us in ordinary life situations, but he never forces himself on us.

Jesus wants to communicate with us and he speaks to us and is truly present in the Scriptures. More specifically, Jesus is present among us in all our sacramental celebrations but especially in the Eucharist.

Jesus as Word and Eucharist is our food for our pilgrimage to our true home. In the "breaking of bread" he unites the Christian community into his Body and also keeps his promise to be with us till the end of time.

Jesus intended to live on in the world through his disciples and therefore he transforms us as his messengers in the world of today. We are called a '*pilgrim people*,' always on the march to our heavenly home. Our journey of faith is a journey of learning and entering deeper into the mystery of the Risen Christ. We need, however, to realize that we are never alone in our life's journey. He is with us all the time and in all situations. And this is the Good News of today. Amen

Saint Zita of Lucca

Feast Day: April 27

Zita was born at the village of Monte Sagrati in 1218, at the same time that St Francis was beginning his work for Christ. Her parents were poor, devout Christians. When she was twelve years old, Zita went to Lucca, a town near her home to become a servant girl of the Fatinelli family. They were textile merchants. She remained as their employee until she died forty-eight years later.

Her daily work became a part of her religious life. She often said, "A servant girl is not pious if she is not industrious". She led a very prayerful life. She rose nightly for prayer; and attended Mass daily. She gave her own good food to the poor and lived on scraps or fasted. Even in winter, she wore only the poorest clothes and never put on shoes.

For some years she had to put up many insults from her fellow servants. They resented and criticized her way of life repeatedly. She performed her work faithfully, but even her employers were very hard on her for a time and treated her as a lowly person; and sometimes as though she were not even a human being. In the true spirit of the suffering Christ, she accepted her crosses without complaint and never lost her temper or peace of mind.

During a time of local famine, Zita gave away beans to the poor and hungry from her master's food supply. When he decided one day that the time had come to sell the beans for a great profit, St Zita became afraid he would realize what she had done, and prayed to God for help. When the master checked his supply of beans, he found nothing missing. Many believe this was a true miracle. Zita became the friend and advisor of the whole household, including the servants. Her master and mistress made her chief house-keeper and the children's nurse.

Once St Zita stayed longer than she intended to at church. It was baking day, and she was very far behind in her work. When she entered the kitchen to begin working, however, she found the bread was already placed in neat rows, ready to be baked. All she had to do was put the loaves in the ovens. This too is believed to be a miracle.

During the later years of her life, when she was relieved of much of her domestic work, Zita, who had long been a third Order Franciscan, was able to visit and help the poor, the sick, and the prisoners as often as she liked. She died on April 27, 1278 at the age of sixty. It is said that at the time she died, a brilliant star shone above her attic room. Pope Innocent XII proclaimed Zita a Saint in 1696. She is the patron saint of domestic workers.

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 & May

- 4/21 FAITH RENEWAL HOLY HOUR
4:30 – 5:30 PM
- 4/28 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 11:30AM
- 4/29 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
After all Masses – Church Hall
(Communicants Free)
- 5/12 CLOTHING DRIVE 9AM – 2PM

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.

FAITH RENEWAL HOLY HOUR

Please join us on April 21st 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 is 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.



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 call the rectory to save a seat on the bus: 973-835-0480.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"I BELIEVE" - "WE BELIEVE"

We begin our profession of faith by saying: "I believe" or "We believe". Before expounding the Church's faith, as confessed in the Creed, celebrated in the liturgy and lived in observance of God's commandments and in prayer, we must first ask what "to believe" means. Faith is man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man, at the same time bringing man a superabundant light as he searches for the ultimate meaning of his life. Thus we shall consider first that search, then the divine Revelation by which God comes to meet man, and finally the response of faith.

MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

THE DESIRE FOR GOD

The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.

In many ways, throughout history down to the present day, men have given expression to their quest for God in their religious beliefs and behavior: in their prayers, sacrifices, rituals, meditations, and so forth. These forms of religious expression, despite the ambiguities they often bring with them, are so universal that one may well call man a religious being:

From one ancestor [God] made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "in him we live and move and have our being."

But this "intimate and vital bond of man to God" can be forgotten, overlooked, or even explicitly rejected by man. Such attitudes can have different causes: revolt against evil in the world; religious ignorance or indifference; the cares and riches of this world; the scandal of bad example on the part of believers; currents of thought hostile to religion; finally, that attitude of sinful man which makes him hide from God out of fear and flee his call.

"Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." Although man can forget God or reject him, He never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart", as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God.

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised: great is your power and your wisdom is without measure. And man, so small a part of your creation, wants to praise you: this man, though clothed with mortality and bearing the evidence of sin and the

proof that you withstand the proud. Despite everything, man, though but a small a part of your creation, wants to praise you. You yourself encourage him to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

MOTHER'S MARKET

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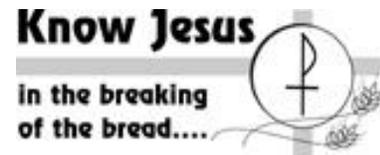
"Mother's Market" sponsored by St. Catherine of Bologna School on Saturday, April 21st from 9am – 2pm in the Parish Center. Come and shop or purchase a table to sell your gently used children's clothes, toys, accessories, or furniture. Free admission. All are welcome

Cost is \$25 per table to sell your items.

Cash or check payable to St. Catherine of Bologna School.

All proceeds help fund the Pre-School to Pre-K Program.

For more information, please contact
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LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

Hatima Omolon & Pat Demarest

LECTORS

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan

10:00 A.M. Tom & Olympia Luciani

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Barbara Garruto

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid

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

12 NOON Aaron Manalili & James Nichols

Sunday Morning Breakfast



Sponsored by St. Francis Knights of Columbus

Time: 8:00 am to 1:30 pm

Date: April 29, 2018

Place: St. Francis of Assisi

Church Hall — Haskell, NJ

BREAKFAST INCLUDES

Pancakes - Scrambled Eggs

Bacon - Sausage

Juice - Coffee or Tea

\$8.00 per adult

\$4.00 per child (10 & under)

First Communicants FREE

For Tickets Contact: Pete Kramer 973-839-5731 or Available at the Door