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5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Share your bread  
Shelter the oppressed  
and the homeless  
Clothe the naked

Then shall your  
light break forth  
like the dawn  
and your wound  
shall be healed  
quickly



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**Weekly Eucharists**

**Saturday 5 pm**

**Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm**

**Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am**

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.**

**Holy Days**

**8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm**

**Parish Office Hours**

**Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm**

*Other times & days,  
call to see if office  
is open.*

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## What's Happening This Week?

**Today**  
Rel. Ed.

**This Week**

**Next Sunday**  
Rel. Ed.  
Clothing Collection

**To Come**  
St. Patrick's Day Party, March 18

**Every Sunday**  
Pound A Week

### Stewardship of Treasure

Last week: \$ 4807

January online contributions: \$1680



### Welcome, Firefighters

We welcome members of the area Fire Departments and members of the Knights of Colubus. We are pleased to worship with them this Saturday night.

### Formation Program for Spiritual Directors

Quellen Center is accepting applications from individuals who may be called to the ministry of becoming a Spiritual Director. A three year program mature adults seeking to deepen their own spiritual life, learning how to sharpen skills in offering direction, and becoming a trained spiritual director. Quellen Spiritual Center Mendham, NJ.

Info <<http://www.quellenspiritualcenter.org>> o call Sister Teresa at 973-543-6528 x 217.

### Question for the Week

*For Adults:*

In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

*For Children:*

How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

*As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God.*



Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.

### Program for Divorced and Separated

Little Flower Parish in Berkeley Heights is offering a 12 week support group before, during, and after the divorce process. Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9 pm, Feb/ 15 to May 10. <[www.lfbhnj.org](http://www.lfbhnj.org)>, [divorceministry.lf@gmail.com](mailto:divorceministry.lf@gmail.com) or call at 908-464-1585.

**Q Does being a “good Catholic” mean following all the rules exactly?**

**A** The ancient Jews had a lot of rules. Jewish Law dictated what you could eat, how to stay ritually clean, and how to spend Saturdays. Yet, when asked what the most important commandment was, Jesus’ answer brought his listeners back to the basics: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37). Jesus didn’t give rules so much as he laid down principles. At the Last Supper,

Jesus gave his disciples a New Commandment: “Love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). This New Commandment gives us the whole Law in its simplest form: Catholicism, at its heart, is about love—Christ-like love for God and others. Being a good Catholic isn’t about following all the rules perfectly for perfection’s sake, but about falling in love with God. Once that happens, following the Commandments and the Beatitudes takes care of itself. They cease to be rules and become a lifestyle.

# *Parish on a Journey*

***Proud of our Past,***

***Planning for our Future***

***Continuing our Jubilee***

**Gala — October 29**

**Celtic Night — November 3**

**Lent Retreat — Week of March 21**

**St. Pat's Super Party — March 18**

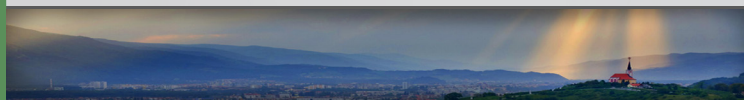
**Bunny Brunch *(for Kids)* — April 3**

**Starry Night Party — June 10**

**Family Picnic — September 16**

***Plan Ahead***

***And think about helping!***



**Take Five for Faith**

*Daily renewal for busy Catholics*



These daily scripture reflections are on the website under "Faith Formation." A few 'hard' copies are in the vestibule as well. Download an app for daily reflections at: <http://www.takefiveforfaith.com/mobile-app>

*Assumption Parish  
Seniors would like  
to extend an invitation to  
members of your parish to  
join their group.  
Monthly meetings are held  
on the fourth Tuesday  
of each month  
in the Community Room  
at Assumption Church  
after the 12:05 p.m. Mass.*

## **Prayer as the Days Be- come Longer**

God of abundant life and mercy, in the beginning, you created light as the first gift of your creation. You led your people out of the darkness of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. You sent your Son to lead us into your kingdom of wonderful light. Enable us now to share your light in a world afflicted by the darkness of sin and the shadow of death. Give us courage and persistent faith, so that we can generously share your light with all people. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**What's on our  
Website this  
Week?**



- Hockey Fundraiser to benefit Family Promise, to help the homeless, under Events
- Read how to help Hedda in News
- the Church's involvement in the Refugee Crisis under News
- Search out ways to get involved or take part in a parish ministry in GET INVOLVED.
- Catch up on old parish news in the BULLETIN archives.
- Read Diocesan News under ABOUT US.

***Today's Readings***

*Isaiah 58.7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matt 5.13-16*

***"Blessed Are They..."***

- The Jewish people had just returned from exile in Babylon. They were poor. The prophet in today's reading reminds them of the religious practice that pleases God most of all, and he encourages them to share the little they have with one another.
- In this reading, Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed a Christian named Apollos, an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul had left. Some criticized Paul because his oratory didn't compare with that of Apollos. In today's passage,
- This Gospel uses two metaphors with both positive and negative import. Salt enhances but is thrown away and trampled if it becomes tasteless. Light shines but is ineffective if it is hidden. Disciples must season the world with God's word and faithfully shine forth God's Presence. The choice is ours: to season or be discarded.

