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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Weekdays: Monday-Friday at 12:05pm

Weekends: Saturday (*Sunday Vigil*) at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am and 5:00pm

Misa en Español todos los Domingos a las 2:30pm y tambien, el tercer Lunes del Mes a las 7:00pm

CONFESSION

Each Monday (*during Lent*) from 7:00-8:30pm and each Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

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Dorothy Bosi, George Hayek
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WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle, is the reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, burns this week in loving memory of:

Louis Verrilli



And the hosts and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, were given in loving memory of:

Ligia Bocchino

*May they now be resting in the peace
of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2/24	5:00pm	Kathleen Slattery Whenan Joseph Wallace
Sunday February 25th	8:00am	Francis & Stella Covell Michael Rogers
Second Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Rusty Strand Abigail Kadar
	11:30am	Joseph Wallace Garrett Conlan
	5:00pm	Geraldine Civatta <i>Intentions of Lois Gesner</i> <i>Intentions of Cheryll Cinder</i>
Monday 2/26	12:05pm	<i>Intentions of George & Agnes Hayek</i> Francis Alonso
Tuesday 2/27	12:05pm	Father Robert Wolfe, O.Carm.
Wednesday 2/28	12:05pm	Father George Kuzhippallil
Thursday 3/1	12:05pm	Michael Dansereau
Friday 3/2	12:05pm	Charles Stipo
Saturday 3/3	5:00pm	Dora DiCarlo Louis Verrilli
Sunday March 4th	8:00am	Barbara Morsell Danny Wilkens
Third Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Rusty Strand Joe Wallace
	11:30am	David Major Evelyn Porfido
	5:00pm	<i>Intentions of Stephanie Freer</i>

"OREMUS PRO INVICEM"



Please remember in your prayers
the following members of
our parish family:

Ron Ayers, Fred Bender, Mary Benziger,
Veronica Fernandez Burgos, Father Michael
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Michael Ryan, Patty Savacool, Christel Siro,
Gloria Steets, Margherita Vass, Cathy Veluta,
Carol Youngman and Rita & Tom Zimich.

*May the Lord touch their lives
with His healing presence!*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 25, 2018

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, February 26

4:00pm Faith Formation (*School*)

7:00pm Faith Formation (*School*)

7:00pm Confessions (*Church*)

Wednesday, February 28

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Parish Center*)

6:00pm R.C.I.A. (*Parish Center*)

Thursday, March 1

1:00pm Legion of Mary Meeting (*Parish Center*)

7:00pm Choir Practice (*Church*)

Friday, March 2

12:30pm Adoration and Benediction (*Church*)

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (*Church*)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (*Church*)

Sunday, March 4

10:30am Confirmation Class (*School*)

WEEKEND READINGS



March 4, 2018

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Saint John 2:13-25

THRIFT SHOP

Saint Joseph Church's Thrift Shop is having bag sales on all men's, ladies' and children's clothing. The sales will run from February 22nd until March 16th. The shop hours each week are Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and Saturdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The shop also sells many other items at regular low shop prices. **Come for a wonderful shopping experience.**

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary cordially invites you to attend our Annual gathering where we renew our Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. It will be held on **Sunday, March 4th at 3:00pm** at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Sparta where Bishop Serratelli will be presiding. The ceremony consists of a rosary, an individual and group consecration before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a feast in McKenna Hall. **"All Are Welcome."**

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HOMEBOUND

If you or any that you may know is homebound and would like a visit by Father ST or a Eucharistic Minister for holy communion, please call the Parish Center Office to schedule a visit at your/their home.

PARISH WEEKEND DONATIONS

February 18, 2018

Collection \$5,939

Online Giving \$336

Total: \$6,275

Ash Wednesday \$2,717

Thank you for your generosity

Remember our weekly goal is \$10,000

Weekend Mass attendance: 610



During this Great Season of Lent, maybe this is a time to give more to your church so that we can give alms to the poor and those in need in your name so that we can meet our goal of \$10,000 each week.

*Thank you to the families/individuals that have come forward to support our new ministry of day care here in Newton. We only need 5 more to join us in this much needed ministry to those in need. **Thank you for your generosity!***

MOTHER TERESA FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks for all those who use the printed cards at the entrance of the church. Your generosity truly is making a difference in so many people's lives.

In addition to food, we are always in need of paper towels and toilet paper. So the next time you are shopping, think of us with an extra roll or two.

As always, if you are not able to go shopping and would like to support our ministry, you may make a monetary donation and put it in the boxes marked "Caring Group" at each entrance of the church and we will do the shopping for you!

**Thank you for your continued
and generous support!**

WHY IS THERE DARKNESS IN MY LIFE AND WHAT DO I DO WITH IT?

There are often times in our lives that we feel like the light has been turned out and all we can see is darkness. It was the Carmelite Friar and priest Saint John of the Cross (1542-1591) who gave us the term the “dark night of the soul.” In a poem called “Stanzas of the Soul” Saint John describes the two kinds of spiritual purification (which is the manner in which we purify our hearts so that one day we may be worthy to be in God’s presence); one is the purification of the senses and the other is of the soul. Finally, he speaks about spiritual illumination, which is our union with God through love.

When dealing with such “high theological” ideas and concepts, we have to remember to keep things simple so that we are not lost in what I call “pious piffle” (by which I refer to such things that make us think of God in our heads, or in words that sound nice, but in reality, have no meaning or depth).

We have to remember that there are two consequences for our sins; first is the eternal (or permanent) which we call hell. By the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus, He took away this permanent (or the eternal) consequence for our sins. However, there are still temporary consequences (or effects) of sin, which we can easily see by how we do not love God or others, the way we should. “We love the wrong things or we love the right things wrongly.” This goes to prove that our hearts, our lives and our love need to be purified (either in this life or in the next). All of this is to make us love God the way He deserves to be loved. So, our spiritual life here on earth is to purify our love just as Purgatory purifies our love in the next life. That is why the reality of Purgatory makes so much sense to me. It is that time, after we die, where more purification is needed before we are able to meet God face to face (the beatific vision). I believe that God wants and desires for us to be purified in this life and not have to endure Purgatory in the next, but He still gives us one last option to be with Him.

There are three ways in which we can deal with the sinfulness in our lives: Historically, the first way has been called the “**Purgative Way**.” This is the way in which we try to deal with the

“big” sins of our lives. In doing so, we have great successes and sometime even more failures.

The second way has been called the “**Illuminative Way**.” This is the way in which we encounter what Saint John of the Cross referred to as: the dark night of the soul and the dark night of the senses.

Finally, the last way in which we deal with our sinfulness as described in the first two stages, is called the “**Unitive Way**.” This is the way in which, after dealing with all that keeps us from God, we are finally united with Him and love Him the way He deserves to be loved.

The best example I have ever heard is the analogy of a boat that is on the shore. You are able to push the boat into the water and when the tide comes in, it makes it easier to move the boat; this is the **Purgative Way**. Sometimes it is really easy (the moment of grace) and other times it is more difficult (when we sin).

Continuing the analogy of the boat, when the tide comes in, the boat is easier to move without great strength; this is the **Illuminative Way**. This is when we feel that we are actually doing something positive, that we are making headway in our lives. During this time in our lives, God reveals to us that He is real and that He can be trusted. What this leads us to is the dark night of the senses. This is when we experience the “dryness” of prayer and sometimes even the hopelessness of our lives.

Next the tide comes in and the boat is easy to move without great measure (this is the Illuminative Way). God proves to us He exists and that He loves us. The dark night is when we experience the dryness of our prayers, going to Mass without feeling anything. This is when the tide goes out. And the boat is in the mud; you can see the water, but you are not there yet. If we are faithful, leaning into the Lord and His grace; continuing to do good works. We trust that God will be faithful.

...to be continued

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday evening
during Lent at 7:00pm
from February 16th - March 23rd

Also **every Friday** during Lent
after the 12:05pm Mass



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession)

Each Monday evening during Lent from 7:00-8:30pm
and every Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm

*(Please note: There will be no confessions
on Monday evening March 25th)*

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Days of Abstinence: **No meat** may be eaten on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday for all those who are 14 years or older. *(This does not end at age 60).*

Days of Fast: A limit of one full meatless meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday *(for all who are 74-60 years old).*

Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are always a great way to be more involved during Lent.

Easter Duty Obligation: Every Catholic must receive Holy Communion and go to confession between the First Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday.

Acts of Devotion: are encouraged on a voluntary basis. These may include spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness. Of course, the greatest prayer and to receive the greatest fruits of the Lenten season is by participating in daily and Sunday Masses.

Eucharistic Fast: You should fast one hour from foods and liquids. *(Water and medicine are exceptions to this fast).*

COLUMBIETTE BAND-AID DRIVE



Due to budgetary constraints, Robert Wood Johnson Children's Cancer Center and most children's cancer centers can only purchase adult bandages and must rely solely on donations for children's adhesives. A Band-Aid is usually viewed primarily as a method for covering a wound, but for a child with cancer, it also says...

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If you bring just one box of Band-Aids when you attend Mass, we can create over 1,000 moments of distraction and fun! Please consider the smile you may put on the face of one of these brave children and consider contributing a box today.

Donations can be placed in the Band-Aid drive box in the back of the church. The box will be there until March 4th. Our goal is to collect 300 boxes. Any questions, please contact [Miriam Montagne](#) at 201-230-1373.

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FIRST THURSDAY

Join us for the First Thursday Retreat on March 1st at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton. Father John Connell from Nazareth Village will give a Lenten talk, "My Heart is His" at 9:30am, offer confession, adoration and Mass. A light lunch and fellowship will follow Mass. Kindly donate \$15 or make a free will offering to help defray costs. God bless you and your Lenten journey!

FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS

On Friday, March 2nd, at 8:00pm, the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of "The Way of the Cross" at Saint Kateri, 427 Stanhope Road, Sparta. Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a "play" in the common sense, but is in fact a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion, and how it relates to their life today. The group is comprised of 14 teens and 8 adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. We suggest you arrive 10 minutes early.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

**Calling ALL Columbiettes, Knights, Squires,
Squirettes and their Families**

You are cordially invited to join the Columbiettes and march with them in the **15th Annual Sussex County Saint Patrick's Day Parade**. The parade will be in Newton along Spring Street to Memory Park on Saturday, March 17th. Meet at the old train station on lower Spring Street at 11:00am. Dress in your finest green. You are guaranteed a fun time. We do have some "fun" green things to wear, and if you need to borrow them, we will be in the parking lot of Saint Joseph Church's Community Center from 10:15am until 10:30am. We also have wrapped candy to hand to the children along the parade route. **Please join us!**



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