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COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am
Weekdays 7:30 am
Saturday 8:00 am
Holy Days As Announced

Penance Saturdays 1:00 pm

Novena to the Miraculous Medal
Saturdays following 8:00 am Mass

*To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under heaven*

“...a time to remember...”

THE EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL CANDLES will burn this week in loving memory of:
William John (BJ) Giannone III requested by the Viscuglia Family

AND
B. J. Giannone and the Intentions of the Giannone Family requested by the OLL Cornerstone Sisters

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in loving memory for Margaret Benninger requested by Julie Spinelli

“...a time to serve...”

Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

Greetings!

Now that Fr. John has safely arrived in Rome, I want to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. I am Fr. Andy Prachar, pastor of the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights. For the next three months I am the temporary administrator of your parish. I have had a relationship with your parish in that, before I became pastor of the Church of the Little Flower, Fr. John invited me to be here on Christmas Eve to preside at the children's Mass. You won't see me here on the weekends. I will be at Little Flower. I will be here to be the caretaker of the parish while Fr. John is on sabbatical. I will be on site on Monday afternoons and evenings. I will be meeting with the staff of the parish on a monthly basis. You are in the qualified hands of Fr. Grace and the staff here at your parish. Let's pray for Fr. John during this time of renewal for him. Having experienced a sabbatical myself, it is a time of intellectual and spiritual growth. This time away will ultimately help Fr. John to grow in his ministry as your pastor. Let's pray for each other.

On the day of the big game, remember those in need. Support The Circle of Compassion's

SOUPER BOWL



CANS OF SOUP

and

NEW SOCKS

will be collected in the bins at the church entrances

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Please contact Gerry Gallagher with questions: 232-4687.

Thank you!



Saturday, March 3rd
Gathering: 8:45am
Prayer: 9:00am - 10:00am

Experience prayer, reflection, quiet and sharing. Join us as we begin **A Journey Into Lent.**



FAITH FORMATION

The Weekly Faith Formation classes are busy preparing for Lent with a variety of classroom activities, such as making "A Plan for Lenten Growth". The Eighth grade classes will soon begin rehearsals for their portrayal of The Living Stations on Good Friday, April 6th. The next gathering of the Family Faith Formation program is Sunday, February 12th. Deacon Patrick Cline, a Permanent Deacon with the Diocese of Metuchen will speak to us. His topic is "The Sacrament of the Sick" and all are welcome to attend.

Everyone is welcomed! Please contact our Parish Office to register with us.

*Celebration in Honor of
The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*



*Anniversary of the
Adoration Chapel
Evening Prayer & Benediction*

*Friday Evening
February 10, 2012
7:30pm*

Rev. Andrew Prachar

*Pastor, Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights
Temporary Administrator, Our Lady of Lourdes*

Reception to follow in Pollard Hall

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html Used with permission.

On the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Mark's Gospel brings us the story of Jesus driving out unclean spirits from a man in the synagogue. The people are impressed because he taught with authority in ways the scribes did not and they marveled that even the unclean spirits obey him. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest. Thursday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The story of David we have been following for the past two weeks will end with his death as we conclude the readings from the Book of Samuel. As the narrative moves to the Book of Kings, David's son Solomon, has succeeded him on the throne and for the next week, the tale of notable leaders of Israel's history continues to unfold. In Mark's Gospel this week, Jesus continues to heal and teach. A man in the Gerasenes is healed of unclean spirits and wants to stay with Jesus, but Jesus tells the man, "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you." The young daughter of a synagogue official is sick and on the way to heal her, as Jesus stood in a crowd, he felt the power go out of him as a woman with a hemorrhage touched his cloak. "Your faith has saved you," he reassures her. To the father he says, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" and heals the daughter. He teaches in the synagogue in his hometown "and they took offense at him." He was not able to perform miracles there, because of their lack of faith. Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, telling them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick. Though the demons know who Jesus is, Herod thinks he is John the Baptist, whom Herod had beheaded. Jesus encourages his busy disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." But as they tried to get away "and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."



"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties"
 1 Corinthians 7:32

How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never truly receive anything.

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,412	\$ 272,948
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,408	
Mail-Ins & Electronic Giving	\$ 1,400	\$ 225,555
Overage/Shortfall	\$ -1,604	\$ 47,393

Mass Attendance: 574
Envelopes Used: 163

This Friday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise, patron of illnesses of the throat.

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said.

Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat.

The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. Blessing of throats will take place after the 7:30am Mass on Friday morning.





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

When we have placed ourselves entirely in the hands of God, we need fear no evil . If adversity comes, he knows how to turn it to our advantage by means which will in time be made clear to us.

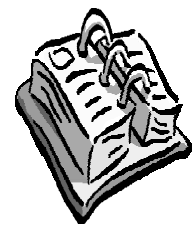
St. Vincent de Paul

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!!!

One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!

- Sunday 4 am, 8 am, 12 noon, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm
- Monday 4 am, 8am
- Tuesday 2 am, 4 am, 4 pm, 10 pm, 12 midnight
- Wednesday 11 am, 5 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 12 midnight
- Thursday 8 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 12 midnight
- Friday 1 am, 11 am, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 12 midnight
- Saturday 1 am, 4 am, 8 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm

...the more difficult the sacrificial hour, the greater the blessing...an early AM adorer or a 2-3AM adorer. Contact Irene Ciccarino at 732-574-0064.



**Mark Your Calendars
OLL Blood Drive
Sunday, February 26, 2012**

Give the Gift of Life!



The Gift of Words Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, March 8rd at 1:30pm in the Spirituality Room. The book for discussion is The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht. The author has been praised as one of the best young writers of 2011. This novel is set in the Balkans and focuses on a young doctor, her grandfather, a tiger, and a deathless man - an intriguing combination. All are welcome to join us.



Saturday Evening,

January 28th, Vigil, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM John Skinner Sr.

Sunday,

January 29th, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Paul & Helen Korba

11:30 AM Allen Puorro

Monday,

January 30th

7:30 AM William Biunno

Tuesday,

January 31st, St. John Bosco

7:30 AM Patrick Slavin

Wednesday,

February 1st

7:30 AM Peter Kuhn

Thursday,

February 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 AM Thomas Fischer

Friday,

February 3rd, St. Blaise

7:30 AM John Dorio

Saturday,

February 4th

8:00 AM Robert J. Anderson

Saturday Evening,

February 4th, Vigil, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Matthew Gallagher

Sunday,

February 5th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM John Vitale

11:30 AM Edward Manziano

St. Rocco's Food Pantry



Pantry Needs

Next weekend, members of the Circle of Compassion will distribute food bags.

Please return them the following weekend with the suggested food items. If you wish you can give a monetary donation which will be used to purchase additional food. Your help in "Feeding the Poor" in these hard economic times is greatly appreciated.

Memorials Available

We are in the process of purchasing several new items for the enhancement of our liturgical celebrations.

If you are interested in memorializing a loved one, donations in the amount of \$150.00 for each stole (priest or deacon) to match our Festive Melchior Gold set are being accepted. We are looking to obtain 4 (four) priest and 2 (two) deacon stoles. For our Lenten celebrations, we do not have any matching purple stoles. Again, we are looking to obtain the same, 4 (four) priest and 2 (two) deacon stoles. These beautiful stoles in purple damiano fabric can be memorialized for \$150.00 each as well.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested. We thank you for your continued generosity.

Censer and Boat

The Censer and Boat as well as the stand for these have definitely seen better days. Because of the quality of the metal from which they are made, they cannot be refinished. If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of a new one, please contact the parish offices.



The Our Lady of Lourdes Men’s Group: An Invitation to Participate

On January 21, 2012, a group of men from the Parish met after the 8:00am Mass and formed the Men’s Group for the Parish with the following Mission Statement:

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and under the protection of our patroness Our Lady of Lourdes, the Men’s Group pledges to help and support one another, our families, our parish, and our community by strengthening our faith through the study of Sacred Scriptures and the Church’s teachings, through prayer and devotion and through our service to others.

The Men’s Group will meet on the third Saturday of every month from September to June beginning with the 8:00am Mass and continuing on to a breakfast meeting. In keeping with its Mission, the Men’s Group will sponsor scripture study and discussion, prayer and social and community programs, including the Men’s Retreat scheduled for February 17-18, 2012. All men of the Parish are invited to participate and contribute their time, talents, and points of view to this new undertaking. The Men’s Group is a flexible organization, and each man’s level of involvement can be as much or as little as he wants. This is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of an organization that can make a difference in the Parish, and in the Church and Community as a whole. Please consider participating in the Men’s Group, and look for future announcements in upcoming bulletins or contact Deacon Mike for further information.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mike at 908-868-0727 or at deaconmike@ollmountainside.org.

Come, Follow Me! – A Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:00am and ends around 4:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests con-celebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled for this day!

Ticket price is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens and priests & religious free including breakfast and lunch. For registration please visit our website at www.rcan.org/menscommission or contact Deacon Mike at 908-868-0727

Bereavement Support Group Meeting on Thursdays

The Bereavement Ministry of Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights will offer a winter bereavement support group that begins on February 9th from 1pm - 2:30pm and will run for eight Thursdays ending on March 29th. The group will meet in Room 2-H of the Pastoral Center, 110 Roosevelt Avenue, Berkeley Heights. We invite members and non-members of Little Flower to attend. All are welcome. Registration is necessary. For more information contact Rose Marie Campano at rmcampano@comcast.net or the Rectory Office at 908-464-1585.