

***OUR LADY OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT***

28 LIVINGSTON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY 07068



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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY	5:00PM
SUNDAY	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON
WEEKDAY MASS	8:45AM, Monday-Saturday
HOLYDAY MASSES	6:45 AM, 8:45 AM; 12:05 and 7:00 PM
CIVIL HOLIDAY MASS	8:45 AM
CONFESSIONS	Following the 8:45 AM Mass; Other times by appointment
PARISH OFFICE HOURS	Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Motivational speakers make a fortune on our misfortune. We have this annoyingly lazy but sly habit of “letting the other guy or gal do it.” Far easier to be uninvolved. So, on a given issue, we often prefer to stay comfortable on our designated couch. It just feels so natural to take the easy way out, just like the way water does. After all, our bodies are about 60% water anyway. Yet, our better angels prevail when we get spurred on to change by people who are energetic purveyors of an alternative idea. We marvel at how they know just the right way to solve many of the problems we may have. Often enough that is no more than providing a novel way to do an old familiar thing.

As we ponder the spectacular event of the transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus, when the veil blocking our view of His divinity draws back temporarily, it is also good to think about the attractive qualities of His human nature that we saw more often on display in the gospels. Otherwise we might stay dazzled and frozen looking at His shining face and garments.

One of those qualities was His magnetic motivational skills. Just imagine yourself a fisherman in those bygone days, made weary by a night on the water with nothing to show for it in your nets. How would you and I respond to Jesus when He smilingly says to us: “Come after Me, and I’ll make you fishers of men.” (Mt. 4:19)

Or, take that time when He announces that He “has come to light a fire on the earth and how I wish it was already ablaze!” (Luke 12:49) You and I would want to know more and what we could do to help get His project launched.

To be truly transparent about Jesus’ sayings, you and I might have been stripped of our enthusiasm when we heard Him say: “If you really want to be My disciple, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily and follow Me.” That would challenge His magnetism and our commitment. Still, we would have His “works”, those many miracles St. John preferred to call “signs”, like changing water into wine; blindness into sight; lame legs into dancing ones. Those would likely keep us walking with Him as it did the original Twelve.

This weekend, in the “Transfiguration” account, we face a spectacle beyond our imagination. You could call it Jesus’ most powerful persuasion that He was more than what we see. I think St. Peter spoke for all of us when he said “Lord, it is good for us to be here!”, equivalent of “Let’s stay here!”

Now are we, some twenty plus centuries later, to ask Jesus for more credentials than these? As a matter of fact, we and all other Christians since were given still more by way of what happened “on the morning of the first day of the week.” Because of the Resurrection, our faith is solidly based. That faith persuades us to believe in Him. Here in early Lent comes our motivation for following through on our 2020 Lenten resolutions for another four weeks.

Much as St. Peter wanted to stay wrapped in bliss on that mountain top, along with James and John, he and they soon learned the same lesson we need to remember: as long as we’re alive on this earth, the complete joys of heaven are postponed. So we have to snap out of our daydreams and face the reality of this temporary life. However, we still get a taste of heaven. In the Holy Eucharist celebrated with each other, we do find ourselves sitting down at a table with Jesus for precious moments not to be missed. That motivates us on how to behave when we leave the table, as we must for now.

Of course, there are lesser motivational stories abounding, that have a way of transfiguring us. Here is one of them.

Once upon a time a wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler noticed the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth more than enough to give him security for a lifetime.

But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. “I’ve been thinking,” he told her. “I know how valuable this stone is, but I give it back to you in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Please give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me that stone in the first place.”

weekly MASS



Intention

Saturday, March 7

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

5:00 pm

Special Remembrance Mass

Angela & Nick Tedesco

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

Barbara McCarthy

Sadie O'Boyle

Edward Batta

Monday, March 9

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

12:05 pm

Rita Intile

James & Rose Capozzi

Tuesday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

12:05 pm

Alice Gadzinski

Adele Pietras

Wednesday, March 11

Lenten Wednesday

8:45 am

People of the Parish

Thursday, March 12

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

12:05 pm

James D. Sullivan

Sarah & Joseph Spano

Friday, March 13

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

Patricia Handley

Saturday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

5:00 pm

Eustace Anselmi

Anthony & Mary Rotondi

Sunday, March 15

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

People of the Parish

Angela Noce

Margaret Krulik

Prayer Request



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL.

Julia Soroko, Msgr. Peter J. McHugh, Michael Mingari, Erin Kate Reagan, Anna Marie Versacio, Chris & Stephanie DeMark, Alberta Parisi, Skip Hess, Miguel DeCastro, Linda Fullerton, Lucas Villarosa, Susie, Alain, Elie, June, Roger, Patrick, Louis Saporito, Jr, Andrew Boyle, David, Anne Murray, Ann Miola, Annemarie Magnoppi, Special Intention, Jeff, Christine Patton, James Caldwell, Terance Glynn, Peter C., Clara H., Lessie G., Barbara L., Cindy Michalowski, Ceclia, Robert, Sammy, Barbara R., Eileen, Dorothy, J.V., Fr. Jerry Orbos, Ernesto DeGuzman, Kosta Tsanakos, Catherine Bertero, Sr. Therese Ganly, Rosalee Tortoriello, Edmund Gerard Sherry, Brielle, Bernice Baker, Inez Leone, Theresa R, Rebecca Cox, Joanne J., Joanne M, Harold Engelke, Jacob Berard, Marie, Michael McHenry, Guy, Betty E, Bobbi Dugas, Michael, Dana, Melanio Villarosa Jr., Mel Gulfin, Tina Caluag, Cathy Bianco, Lynn Murray, Bill Murray, Aiden, Ceil, Richard, John, Richard Terranova, Denis, Fred, Antoinette Rogers, Zenaida Bautista, Gerry Nolan, Dale, Joyce.



WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Capt. Joseph Thomer, USAF; Airman Michael Traynor; USAF, CPL Joseph M. Venutolo (LaRiccia), US Marine Corps; Matt Tolliver, US Coast Guard; Lt. John Werner, US Army; Capt. Bill Morgan, LCPL; CPL. Michael Festa, US Marine Corps; LCPL Daniel Veltre, US Marine Corps; Ensign Dylan Pennell, US Navy; Stephen, US Navy; Capt. Aaron Farley, USAF; Lt. Calan Farley, USAF; and for all those involved in conflicts throughout the world and their families.



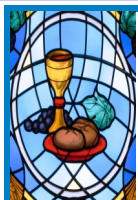
St. John's Soup Kitchen



Thank you to the parishioners who

came forward and volunteered to be part of our ministry to St. John's Soup Kitchen We are now at full strength and better able to serve the needs of those who are hungry and come to St. John's in Newark for a hot meal.

This week the Sanctuary Candle is for José Braga



If you wish to bring forward the Offertory Gifts of Bread and Wine at Sunday Mass, please come to Church 15 minutes early and notify one of the priests.



Sanctuary Memorials

Parishioners can offer a donation of \$15 for the Sanctuary Candle – the candle



near the tabernacle - to burn in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event, such as a 50th wedding anniversary or simply in the name of a family in the parish. You can also memorialize the bread and wine for a week in the same way as the Sanctuary Candle. The donation for the bread and wine for one week is \$25.00. Please come to the rectory office and speak to Debbie or Patty for more information. These remembrances will be listed in the bulletin, directly below the list of those remembered at parish Masses. **Many dates still available for 2020.**

God's Plan for Giving – *“The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you .”(Deuteronomy 16:10)*

Collection for February 29 - March 1 \$ 9,179.00
Collection for same weekend 2019 \$ 8,472.00
N.B. *The amount that we receive from Parish Giving, our electronic giving company, will be listed once at the end of each month rather than each week. Each weekly collection in a given month would be increased by one-fourth of the monthly electronic collection amount.*

Electronic Giving



There are flyers at the doors of the church regarding the use of electronic giving for our parishioners to support OLBS. This is an easy and deliberate way for parish families to decide their weekly offering. Then they no longer will have to use envelopes each week. *We ask that our parish families consider electronic giving. Please contact Patty Braga at the rectory – patty@olbs.org – if you have any questions.*

Shining the Light of Christ 2020 Appeal

We thank those who have already handed in pledge envelopes for the 2020 appeal *Shining the Light of Christ*. We hope that many more families of the parish will make a pledge or a one-time gift to this important fund-raising effort that supports the many ways in which the Archdiocese of Newark seeks to continue the mission of serving God's holy people. *If someone has enough so that they don't need help, they are fortunate enough to offer help to those who truly need it. Envelopes can be placed in the Sunday collection or placed in the wooden receptacle in the vestibule or brought to the rectory.*

SAVE THE DATE
FAITH QUEST 2020
The annual Lenten Adult Education Forum
Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 11
Wednesday March 18
Wednesday March 25
Wednesday April 1

Location: St. Thomas More, 12 Hollywood Ave, Fairfield, NJ 07006

Faith Quest is sponsored by the four parishes of West Essex: Notre Dame, St. Thomas More, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, and St. Aloysius.

Mount St. Dominic Academy Parents' Association
2020 Tricky Tray Fundraising Event

26 March

The Grove

691 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove NJ
6PM - 10PM
\$65 per person*
Reservations are online only.
www.msdacademy.org/support/parents-association/tricky-tray

**Reservation includes entry to the event and a 3-course dinner, soda, dessert and coffee.*

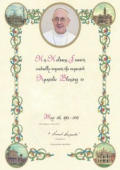


Food Certificates

As you already know, food certificates to local supermarkets are on sale before and after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning/afternoon. The proceeds from this sale - \$5.00 for every \$100.00 worth of certificates purchased – goes to help us feed the hungry. We remember that the Lord said, *“When I was hungry, you gave me to eat; when I was thirsty, you gave me to drink.”* Through the purchase of food certificates, you can help the parish serve the needs of the hungry. *When you come to Mass and purchase food certificates, you can help us to help others in need.*

Our March Food Drive takes place this weekend, March 07/08. Food collected benefits the food pantry located at Blessed Sacrament Church in Newark.
“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

--Mother Teresa



REQUEST FOR PAPAL BLESSINGS

If you have a special event coming up in your own life or in the life of your family, e.g., wedding, 25th wedding anniversary, special birthday, you may want to request a Papal Blessing to mark the occasion. The blessings can come from either the Vatican itself or the Vatican Embassy in Washington, D.C. **Please note the following guidelines:**

- 1) The individuals named in the blessing must be practicing Catholics.
- 2) Only one blessing can be obtained per person.
- 3) If requested from the Vatican, the blessing should be requested 4 months in advance of the occasion. The cost is \$45.00.
- 4) If requested from the Vatican Embassy in Washington, D.C., the blessing should be requested 2 months in advance. The cost is \$25.00.
- 5) These requests have to be made through our parish office. *Please plan ahead if you want to request a Papal Blessing.*

2020 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.

*Canon 920,1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

New Hymnals

We have had 355 hymnals donated in memory of a loved one or in the name of a donor. Thanks to those who have already donated one or more hymnals. There are still more hymnals that can be memorialized. The cost is \$25.00 per hymnal. ***The donation form for hymnals can be found on our website – olbs.org.***



Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again sponsoring special Masses for couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversary this year. These special Masses will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, in Newark. Cardinal Tobin will say both of these Masses. If you are married 5 or 25 years in 2020, your anniversary Mass will *take place on Sunday, April 19, 2020, at 3:00 PM.* If you are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2020, your Mass will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2020, at 3:00 PM. ***Those who wish to attend these Masses must have celebrated their wedding in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church as a valid marriage.*** Please call the rectory and let us know you wish to attend these anniversary celebrations so that we can notify the Office of Family Life at the Archdiocese of Newark.



Friday's Soup and Station During Lent

Volunteers are needed to make a simple meal of soup (no meat/or meat stock) for approximately 25 people. The soup can be made at home and reheated or made in our in kitchen.

We are looking for two "guest chefs" each Friday of Lent that would be available from 4:30 – 7:00pm. This is a wonderful ministry and everyone is so appreciative of the simple supper before Stations of the Cross. For more Information contact

kathypigott@olbs.org.



Three Auxiliary Bishops Named for Archdiocese of Newark

Pope Francis has named three new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Newark, appointing Abbot Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B., Reverend Michael A. Saporito, and Reverend Monsignor Gregory J. Studerus, E.V.

"Want to learn to knit or crochet?"

- Needleworks is offering knit and crochet lessons at our regular meetings every Wednesday...free of charge!! From: 11:00am to 1:00pm in St. Joseph's Hall. We have the yarn, please just bring your own crochet hook or knitting needles and let's get started.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

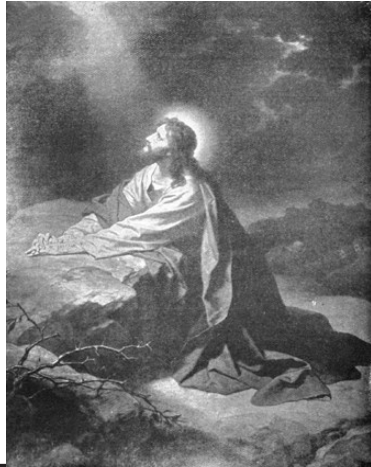
LENTEN GIVING TREE- The recipients of this year's giving tree will be St Joseph's Home for the Elderly, which is run by The Little Sisters of the Poor. Their **MISSION** is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. All donations should be returned by the weekend of **March 28th/29th.** **Please do not wrap your donations.** There will be a box located in the vestibule for you to return your donations. **Please deposit gift cards into the donation box that is marked for Lenten Giving Tree Gift Card Donations.** The Social Concerns Ministry thanks you for your continued generosity and support.



**Come, watch, listen, choose a part,
.....we all have a part.**

Calling all players...grades 6-12. Come join us Sunday nights from 7pm-9pm in the church for Living Stations rehearsal. No role is too small!!!!

This year the Passion Play will be held on Sunday April 5, (PALM SUNDAY) at 7:45pm. Please note the date and time change!!!
Peace,
Patty :)



TRINITY ACADEMY, CALDWELL, NJ
SEEKING A DEDICATED PERSON FOR PART TIME CUSTODIAL WORK 1PM—5PM FIVE DAYS PER WEEK
CONTACT TRINITY ACADEMY TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW AT 973-226-3386 PLEASE ASK FOR ROSEMARIE OR ALLISON.



TRINITY ACADEMY

PreK | K | Transitional K
1st - 8th Grade

REGISTRATION & OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, March 8
12:30 - 3:00 pm**

Educating the Leaders of Tomorrow

TrinityK8.com/Open-House

**2015 National Blue Ribbon
School of Excellence**



Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Nannies, Babies and Toddlers
.....All Are Welcome!!

Come join us for coffee, support, conversation and fun.

Come for coffee, come for a small break in the morning, come for adult conversation, whatever the reason, just come. We meet in the Youth Room, which is located in the rectory.

**March 11th
& March 25th
From 9:30am-11:00am
RSVP to patty@olbs.org**



Mark your calendars/save the date!! Hope to see

Administrator Msgr. Christopher J. Hynes, D.Min
Parochial Vicar Rev. Stefano Hong
Weekend Assistants Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, Ph.D.
Rev. Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D.
Pastor Emeritus Rev. Frank J. McNulty, S.T.L., S.T.D.
Pastoral Associate-Sick & Homebound, Parish Outreach
Sister Anita Gramer, C.S.JB.
Director, Religious Education Cathy Gibbons, Ph.D.
Music Ministry Donald Pennell
Youth Minister Patty Braga
Coordinator, Liturgy/Adult Formation Cathy Buchanan
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EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AND THE ROSELAND BOARD OF HEALTH OFFERS
MEN'S CANCER SCREENING

The East Hanover Health Department and the Roseland Board of Health will conduct a Men's Cancer Screening Program on Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center, 96 Mr. Pleasant Avenue, East Hanover. The emphasis at the screening is the detection of early signs of prostatic, testicular and colorectal cancer.

The American Urological Association states this Screening is most appropriate for men age 50 or older, and for those under 50 who have added risk factors. Those at higher risk are men who are African -American and men who have a family history of prostate cancer.

Residents interested in the program are encouraged to call the East Hanover Health Department (973) 888-6035 for more information and to register.



If you know of a Homebound person who cannot come to church on a regular basis, and you bring Holy Communion to them, please notify Sr. Anita. Please give Sr. Anita your name, telephone number & The Homebound person's name.
Sr. Anita 646-427-4393 or sranita@olbs.org

**E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR
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