

*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*



**SATURDAY, APRIL 7**

5:00 PM Mary and George Ferraie  
Emma and Aime Beaulieu

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Daniel Wilkens  
10:30 AM Jean Hodgkins  
12:00 PM Dora Dicarlo

**DAILY MASS APRIL 9-13 at 9:00 AM**

**MONDAY** Charles Cumello  
**TUESDAY** James McFarland  
**WEDNESDAY** Anthony Giliberti  
**THURSDAY** Maureen Coffee  
**FRIDAY** Kathleen Kavanagh

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

5:00 PM Michael Frasche  
Maureen Comperchio

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

9:00 AM Josephine Sudylo  
10:30 AM Daniel T. Wilkens  
Intention of Jane Maciak  
12:00 PM Intention of Nicola Dicarlo

Please Note:

*A 7:00 AM Sunday Mass  
has been added to the schedule  
for April and May.*



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** this week were  
donated by the **Fletcher Family**  
in memory of deceased members of  
the **Clinton and Fletcher Family**.  
Our sincere gratitude for their generosity.



**“Encounter with God, In Daily Living,  
Through the Sunday Scriptures”**

*Scripture Reflection with Fr. Tim  
resumes* Tuesday, April 10 • 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Read the upcoming Sunday Scriptures  
Reflect • Discuss (*meets in the Chapel*)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of “one heart and one mind.” They had no rich or poor among them; they shared all necessary items with one another.

**Second Reading: I John 5:1-6**

John explains that we become God’s children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.”

One day a sign outside a church read ‘God gave us commandments, they are not suggestions.’ As we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we are well aware of the Lord’s desire to give us His peace, to offer us His mercy. There are two requirements for this to happen, 1. We ask for His gift of peace and pardon and 2. We acknowledge our dependence upon the Lord to be so blessed.

The great commandment of Jesus, love of God and neighbor allows me to focus more clearly on what I need to do. In both cases I must act . . . to discover that I am poor in spirit, meek, humble, working for justice, being a peacebuilder. Yes, love the children of God and keep His commandments.

(Source: “His Word Today”, Bon Venture Services)

**TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

This Feast Day is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

On this day, Our Lord’s mercy grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment to those who receive Communion today, having made a good confession within Lent. This feast brings hope and healing to all Catholics.



**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD • Monday, April 9**

The feast of the **Annunciation of the Lord** celebrates the angel Gabriel’s appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the mother of **Our Lord**, and Mary’s fiat - her willing acceptance of God’s holy plan.

**PRIESTS MASS SCHEDULE - APRIL**

	<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>12:00 PM</u>
7-8	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim
14-15	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal
21-22	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Ed

## A JOYFUL WELCOME AT OUR EASTER VIGIL

The following adults were received in full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:

† Taylor † Audra † Walter † Caroline † Erin

As parishioners, we were privileged to share in their Joy of receiving the Sacraments, which made the Easter Vigil Mass even more special. As a parish, we extend our congratulations and with joyful hearts, we welcome them into the fullness of our Catholic faith community. **May God bless them as they continue on their faith journey.**

**We also extend our appreciation to Ken Dunlop and Deacon Keith Harris, who have been RCIA instructors for many years, who joined Fr. Tim and Fr. Michal in guiding our adults on their journey of faith.**

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### A SPECIAL "NOTE" OF THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVED and ASSISTED BEHIND THE SCENES THROUGHOUT THE LENTEN SEASON, HOLY WEEK and EASTER

† Our liturgies throughout Lent and in particular during Holy Week and on Easter were especially uplifting due to the combined efforts of our **Music Ministers, Dawn and Grace and Adult, Bell and Children's Choir members.** We thank them for serving our parish community and for bringing the joy of song into our hearts at all our liturgies.

† Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers

† All who helped decorate and prepare the Church

† Many volunteers who fill many roles behind the scenes

***May all the Hope and Joy  
we received during our Easter celebrations  
remain with us all year.***

**Were you away from Good Shepherd for Easter?**

View photos from the **Triduum** celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Holy Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday at: [www.goodshepherdrc.org](http://www.goodshepherdrc.org)

**Dear Fr. Tim and Parishioners,**

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$2,300.00 for our retired Sisters in Haledon, NJ. We were touched very much by your kindness. We wish you a very Happy Easter! May our Risen Savior fill your hearts with peace and joy. I want you to know that I truly enjoyed speaking to you (and your congregation) in January (about the retired religious). You have a very vibrant and prayerful parish.

**Know that the Salesian Sisters pray for you every day.**

God bless you, *Sr. Isabel Garza, FMA*

## "HEALING THREADS OF MARY"

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

*meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12** (*All Saints Room*)

**12:30 - 1:30 PM and 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Come and join in the healing experience of making **prayer shawls** for those who are ill or bereaved.

*Donations accepted to buy yarn (label an envelope as "Prayer Shawls" and drop it in with the Sunday collection)*

Information or to request a shawl, call/text **Katrina Mulvihill, 201-396-0098 or [mulv@ptd.net](mailto:mulv@ptd.net)**

## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

This class will provide the necessary information to help parents better prepare for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Baptism** of their child.

Please sign-up to attend a **Baptism preparation class** in advance of setting the date of a Baptism.

**Baptism classes will take place on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM:  
April 14 / May 12 / June 9 / July 14**

For more information, contact the parish office.

## ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15** (*Parish Hall*)

**following the 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses**

**Tickets obtained that day:**

**\$3.00-adults / \$2.00-children / \$10.00 family**

Join us for fellowship and a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausages, OJ and coffee.

## ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE

*sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

**Don Bosco Council #7784**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - 15**

The Knights will be collecting baby diapers in **SIZES: new born, 1's, 2's, 4's, 5's, 6's and baby wipes.** Diapers and wipes can be dropped off in the atrium.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.*

## THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS

who responded so generously to our Holy Week and Easter Sunday collections. Your continued support is appreciated not only during the Lenten Season, but throughout the year.

**May God Bless you for your continued generosity.**

## Faith Formation Notes



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### FIRST EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 5th  
10:00am and 12:30pm

#### CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER BY FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Sunday, May 6th  
10:30am Mass

#### CONFIRMATION

Monday, May 7th  
7:30pm



In recognition of our young parishioners who volunteer their time and talent to support the parish and the Church's mission, a fun afternoon has been planned for **Sunday, April 22nd at Sparta Lanes** with Fr. Tim and Fr. Michal.

An **INVITATION FOR BOWLING AND PIZZA** was emailed recently to all families of altar servers, children's choir members, Faith Formation classroom and VBS aides.

Please contact [phyllis@goodshepherdrc.org](mailto:phyllis@goodshepherdrc.org) with any questions.

CRS Operation Rice Bowls are now due back. Please place your rice bowl in the green bucket located in the atrium. Thank you!

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784  
Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast**

**Saturday, April 14 • 8:00 - 10:00 AM**  
Applebee's, 6 North Park Dr., Newton

Tickets: \$10.00 per person  
(includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, drink)

Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event, or can be pre-purchased by contacting Kathy Barbieri at **973-713-5979** or email [kathys1953@gmail.com](mailto:kathys1953@gmail.com)

*Proceeds will be given to local charities.*

**Cornerstone Retreat  
Our Lady of the Lake Church, Sparta**

**Friday and Saturday, April 20-21**

All women are invited to meet and interact within a safe and welcoming environment to expand your relationship with God, and to share with others in this 26-hour retreat experience. For more information:

**973-729-6107 • [www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org)**

Several Community Announcements are posted on the bulletin board in the atrium - be sure to take a look!

### DRUG ABUSE and ADDICTION PRESENTATION

**Stages & Patterns of Adolescent Drug Abuse**  
*a presentation by Fr. Ed Reading*  
**Sunday, April 22 • 1:30 PM (Holy Trinity Room)**

Please consider attending Fr. Ed's enlightening presentation on this relevant topic currently affecting our communities.

#### **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**April Open House for Professionals**  
**Ginnie's House Children's Advocacy Center**  
4 High St., Newton

**Wednesday, April 25 • 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

"We are ready to ensure that professionals working with children in Sussex County have current information on the services available to child victims and their supportive caregivers."

*Register at: [laurie@ginnieshouse.org](mailto:laurie@ginnieshouse.org) or 973-579-0770*

**St. Paul Inside the Walls • 205 Madison Ave., Madison**

**Fifth Annual Women's Conference**  
Feminine • Faithful • Fearless

**Saturday, April 28 • 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** (doors open 8:30 AM)  
Tickets: \$25.00

*Register at: [www.insidethewalls.org/womens-conference](http://www.insidethewalls.org/womens-conference)*

*25th Anniversary Celebration of Priestly Ordination for Fr. Tim Dowling*

*Mass of Thanksgiving on  
Sunday, May 20th, 2018 at 2:00pm  
at Good Shepherd, Andover, NJ*



*A dinner reception to follow at  
Pope John XXIII Regional High School,  
Sparta, NJ at 4:00pm*

*For reservations and tickets please contact:  
phyllis@goodshepherdrc.org  
or 973-786-6415*

*\$30.00 per person*

*Please make check payable to "Good Shepherd"*



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In the spirit of joy and gratitude  
the Jubilee Committee invites you and your family to attend a  
Mass of Thanksgiving  
celebrating

**The Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood  
of**

**Reverend Monsignor Martin McDonnell**

**Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 12 noon**

Good Shepherd Church, Andover, NJ

Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall

Please **RSVP** by May 20<sup>th</sup> to [frmartin50@goodshepherdrc.org](mailto:frmartin50@goodshepherdrc.org)

**Last chance** to email 1 or 2 photos of **Fr. Martin** with you and your family at any celebratory event.  
Email photos to: [frmartin50@goodshepherdrc.org](mailto:frmartin50@goodshepherdrc.org) (include your name and a brief photo caption)