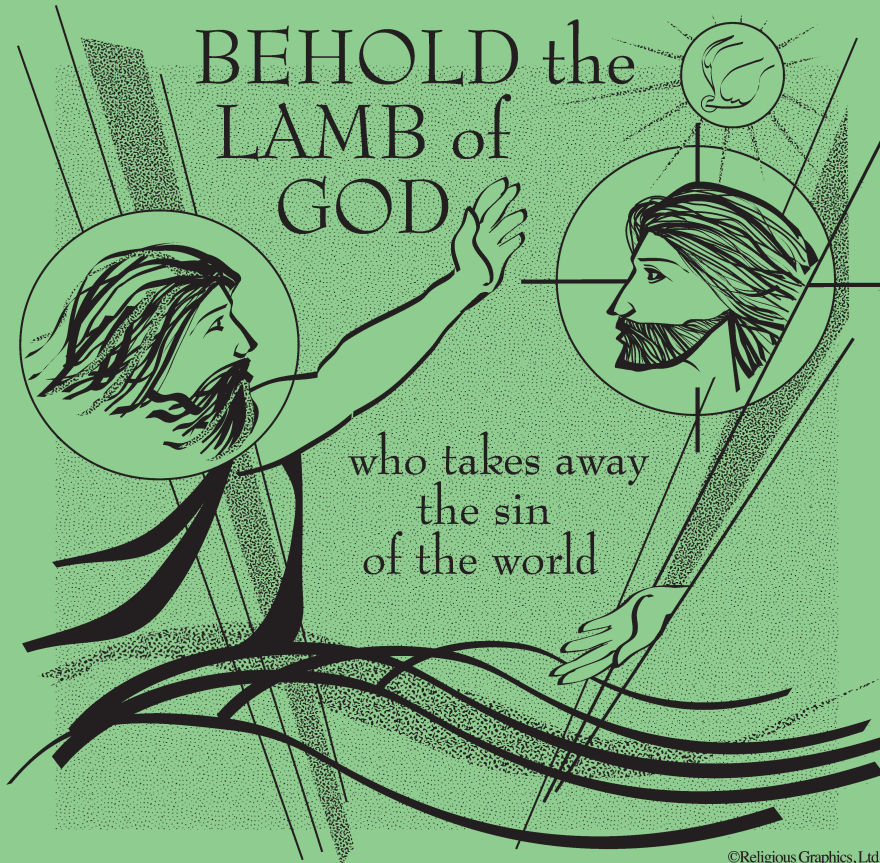


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**Weekly Eucharists**

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,  
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## What's Happening This Week?

**Today**  
No Rel. Ed.

**Next Sunday**  
Rel. Ed.

**To Come**  
Lector Mtg., Jan. 28, 10 am  
Usher Mtg., Feb. 4, 10 am - *Change of Date*



**Every Sunday**  
Pound A Week

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
Last week: \$ 4903.00



### Loyola Retreat for Men Next Weekend

The Annual Retreat for men at Loyola Retreat House in Morristown will take place next weekend. This retreat is the annual retreat that includes men from St. Thomas More and coordinated by Dominic Galdieri. From Friday dinner, 7:15pm to Sunday after lunch, 1pm. "Learning how to yield lovingly to our God," led by Fr. Tom Maciniak, SJ. Registration and more information: <<http://tinyurl.com/jz5q54q>> or call 973-539-0740.

### Program on Forgiveness and Forest Gump

The path to forgiveness may seem impossible to follow but Forest Gump has wisdom to share. Forgiveness does not deny anger and pain, but can channel these natural reactions to things positive.

Day of Prayer. Presenter, Anna Graziano, Jesuit Retreat Center, Feb. 4, 9 am — 3 pm. Registration and information: <<http://tinyurl.com/zzw36yp>> or call 973-539-0740.

### Question for the Week

*For Adults:*

We witness to Christ as John did, by living lives of generosity, forgiveness, and mercy toward others. When do you find it most difficult to do this?

*For Children:*

Who has surprised you by doing something kind for you when you did not expect it?

*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.

### Women's Guild

The Womens Guild will hold its meeting at 1pm on Jan 24 . Maureen Adamo will have a Jewelry presentation All are welcome.

### 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.

## Meditation Moment

John the Baptist touched people's hearts for two reasons: he helped them to see they were sinners who needed a savior; and he helped them to open their hearts to Jesus, who came to save them.

### *For reflection . . .*

This raises two questions for me. To what extent do I see myself as a sinner who needs a savior? And to what extent am I opening my heart to Jesus, who came to save me?

Many people do not recognize Christ because they do not recognize themselves as sinners. If I am not a sinner, I have no need of Christ. I won't celebrate the mystery of Christ in joy if I don't realize in sorrow that I am a sinner who needs a savior. The focus, however, is not on sin, but on Christ who saves.

Killian McDonnell (slightly adapted)

# *Parish on a Journey*

***Proud of our Past,  
Planning for our Future***

***Continuing our Jubilee***

**Gala — October 29**

**Celtic Night — November 3**

**Lent Retreat — March 21 Week**

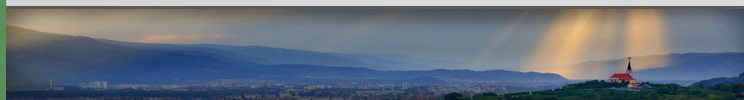
**Bunny Brunch *(for Kids)* — April 3**

**Starry Night Party — June 10**

**Family Picnic — September 16**

***Plan Ahead***

***And think about helping!***



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>

## **Profile in Faith Saint André Bessette**

Saint André Bessette (1845–1937) was a French Canadian member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. Frail in health, he spent his life doing menial tasks in the community but essential tasks in the world—visiting the sick and the poor. André was a man of deep prayer and devotion.



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## What's on our Website this Week?



- Read about the Devils Game to help Family Promise at Morris County in **EVENTS**
- Read about Mrs. King's memoirs on this weekend celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday in **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 49:3-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34*

### *The One Who Baptizes in the Spirit*

- The book of Isaiah in four different places speaks of a mysterious servant of God. This servant is sent to do great and marvelous things that touch the entire world. Christians have traditionally thought of Jesus as the fulfillment of these passages.
- For the next several Sundays we will read from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Today are his opening words as Paul identifies himself, acknowledging the community.
- In the Gospel, when the Baptizer heralds Jesus as one who baptizes "with the Holy Spirit," he is referring to the fact that Jesus is the agent fulfilling Israel's hope for renewal through a divine outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This mission becomes evident later in John's Gospel when the risen Lord appears to the disciples and says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," and then breathes on them, saying, "Receive the holy Spirit."

