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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Lord is
my light and
my salvation,
whom shall
I fear?
This I ask
of the Lord,
this
I seek.*



*To dwell in the
House of
the Lord
all the days
of my life,
that I may
gaze upon
the beauty
of the Lord.*

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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,
call to see if office
is open.*

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What's Happening This Week?

Today
Rel. Ed.

This Week

Women's Guild, Tuesday, 1 pm
Lector Mtg., Saturday, 10 am

Next Sunday

Rel. Ed.

To Come

Usher Mtg., Feb. 4, 10 am - *Change of Date*

Every Sunday

Pound A Week

Stewardship of Treasure

Last week: \$ 5983.00



Rest in Peace

This week three parishioners were borne into eternal life. They are George Sutton, Edward Hughes and Abby Sheridan. We offer our prayers, and our sympathy to their families, to Dolores Sutton and her family, to Billy and Christopher Hughes and to Abbey's children and grandchildren.

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.

A Bequest

We recently received a gift from the estate of Jeanne Sessions. We stand in gratitude and pray for her as she lives in eternity.

Question for the Week

For Adults:

To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?

For Children:

What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?

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.

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>, divorceministry.lf@gmail.com or call at 908-464-1585.

Meditation Moment

Psychologist Abraham Maslow has an interesting response to the question of why so few people "leave all" to follow a dream—or to pursue a noble goal. He says they are afraid to become what they are capable of being. They thrill at the possibility, but they also shudder at it.

For reflection . . .

How do I respond to the thought of stepping out in faith and following Jesus more closely? How do I react to the idea of embarking upon a noble goal with Jesus?

**WHAT I AM IS GOD'S GIFT TO ME.
WHAT I BECOME IS MY GIFT BACK
TO GOD.**

ANONYMOUS

Parish on a Journey

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

Continuing our Jubilee

Gala — October 29

Celtic Night — November 3

Lent Retreat — Week of March 21

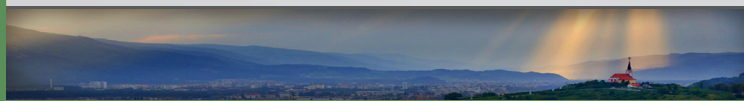
Bunny Brunch *(for Kids)* — April 3

Starry Night Party — June 10

Family Picnic — September 16

Plan Ahead

And think about helping!



Take Five for Faith



Daily renewal for busy Catholics

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>

Free Refills

God’s kingdom is like free refills at a restaurant. What?!

Jesus used everyday items to explain the kingdom of God; we can too! The kingdom is like free refills. Still thirsty after one soda or coffee? Get another- no charge. In fact, the Kingdom is better than free refills because you don’t even have to pay for the first glass.

It’s like parents buying you a favorite meal when you’re young. You sit back and savor it without the price crossing your mind. That’s okay, because they love you and wants to be with you.

Sure, that’s simplistic, but so are Jesus’ parables. Overanalyze them and they may fall apart. But ponder the single point each makes, maybe get a chuckle and an a-ha! out of it, and that parable has done its job. So grab another free refill - of your drink and God’s love!

Heidi Mann



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What's on our Website this Week?



- Did you see the Gallup Poll about Billy Graham?
- Read about the Devils Game to help Family Promise at Morris County in EVENTS
- Read about Silence and then go see it
- 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 8.32-9.3; 1 Corinth. 1:10-13; Matt 4.12-23

"Follow Me"

- Zebulun and Naphtali were Jewish tribes in the northern area of the Holy Land. Eight centuries before Christ, this area experienced a bitter defeat. Isaiah offers them hope by looking to a day when they would be blessed. This area was later known as Galilee, and Christians have seen Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy.
- In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul deals with issues the Church faces in every age. After Paul founded this community and moved on, he heard of polarizations among the Christians. Today, he speaks bluntly to them about these divisions..
- Jesus' call for a new mind and heart is a new radical response to God's Word. The call of the first apostles is a concrete example of individuals hearing God's call and responding to it with total commitment. Jesus says that the new role of his apostles will be to "catch people."

