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4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**BLESSED**  
are the  
POOR in SPIRIT  
the PEACEMAKERS  
the MEEK  
the MERCIFUL  
those who mourn  
the CLEAN of HEART  
they who hunger for JUSTICE  
For theirs is the KINGDOM of  
HEAVEN



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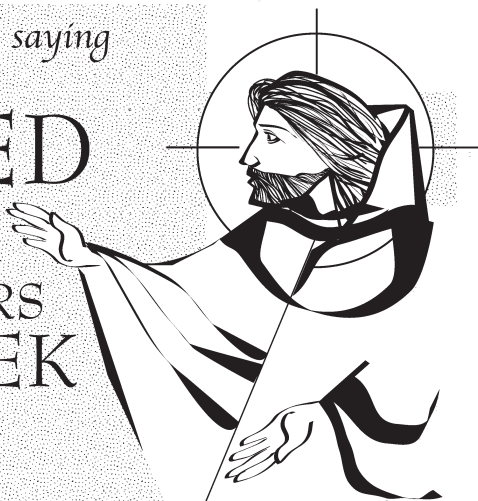


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## What's Happening This Week?

**Today**  
Rel. Ed.

### **This Week**

Usher Mtg., Saturday, 10 am

### **Next Sunday**

Rel. Ed.

### **To Come**

St. Patrick's Day Party, March 18

### **Every Sunday**

Pound A Week

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

Last week: \$ 5304.00



- 1 Darice Alesso
- 1 Lauren Garolfalo
- 1 John Zadrozny
- 5 Tony Rapp
- 13 Hubie O'Toole
- 16 Ed Berg
- 16 Val Montgomery
- 16 Kevin Ryan
- 16 Pat Wickens
- 17 Cathy Horne
- 19 Josephine Rapp
- 20 Don Horne
- 22 Alwyn Dias
- 24 Shervin Shojai
- 25 Monika Mangan
- 25 Joanne Muoio



2 Leena & Benoy Jose (14)



*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](http://www.lfbhnj.org)>, [divorceministry.lf@gmail.com](mailto:divorceministry.lf@gmail.com) or call at 908-464-1585.

## Meditation Moment

The Beatitudes stand in contrast to common notions of happiness. They do not make sense to the unbeliever and sometimes not even to believers. How can we accept that things that we consider calamities could be blessings?

At the time, the Roman Empire controlled the Land. People were expecting a savior – a warrior who would restore Israel. Instead, Jesus appears, defying their expectations.

How could they win a war by being merciful to their enemies; how could peacemakers defeat the Empire? These blessings turned upside down values that held that wealth and prosperity were signs of God's favor.

The Beatitudes are not meant to exalt poverty and suffering, but to assure us that as followers of Christ, we can trust God's love for us and his presence even in bad times. They also remind us of how radical the Gospel is. In the violent society of his time, Jesus blessed the peacemakers, and called them children of God. Today, his words continue to challenge us to be poor in spirit, peacemakers, and willing to suffer for the sake of justice.

### **Question for the Week**

*For Adults:*

When you heard the Beatitudes announced today, which one struck you most strongly?

*For Children:*

Who is welcome in the reign of God?  
Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?

*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**

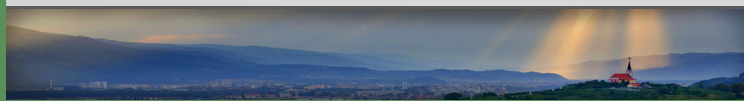
**St. Pat's Super Party — March 18**

**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>

*Assumption Parish Seniors would like to extend an invitation to members of your parish to join their group. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Assumption Church after the 12:05 p.m. Mass.*

*After the christening of his baby brother in church, Little Johnny cried all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him what was wrong and finally, the boy sobbed, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!"*

*Read more at <[www.beliefnet.com/entertainment/joke-of-the-day.aspx](http://www.beliefnet.com/entertainment/joke-of-the-day.aspx)>*



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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

Zeph. 2.23-3.13; 1 Corin. 1:26-31; Matt 4.12-23

### "Blessed Are They..."

- Zephaniah lived 700 years before Christ. These were bad times for Israel, marked by idolatry and unfaithfulness to the law. Today we hear the prophet call the people to become part of a remnant, a select few to carry their tradition to future generations.
- The majority of early Christians were of the lower class. When Paul left the Greek city of Corinth (a major seaport of the ancient world), he was succeeded by Apollos, who was apparently a more polished preacher. Paul grew concerned that the Corinthian Christians were becoming more captivated with oratory than with the heart of the Gospel message.
- There are more than eighty "beatitudes" scattered throughout the Bible. They are defined as poetic sayings that present encourage and praise honorable behavior.

