

**THIS WEEK**

***in Our Parish Community...***

**Monday, April 12**

- 3:30pm Religious Education – Parish center
- 7:00pm Parish Life Leadership Committee – Rm 2H
- 7:30pm Strategic Planning Core Team Meeting – Cafeteria
- 7:30pm MOMS Leadership - Rectory

**Tuesday, April 13**

- 9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena
- 7:00pm Rehearsal for First Communion – Upper Church
- 7:30pm Finance Council – Rectory Conference Room

**Wednesday April 14**

- 3:30pm Religious Education
- 7:30pm Religious Education
- 7:30pm ContemporaryChoir

**Thursday, April 15**

- 7:30pm Traditional Choir –
- 7:30pm Property Management - Rectory conference room

**Friday, April 16**

- 3:00pm The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy – Rectory Chapel
- 6:30pm Family Based Catechesis – Cafeteria

**Saturday, April 17**

- 9:30am Homeless Ministry Set-Up UMC, New Providence
- 4:00pm Confessions - Rectory
- 5:30pm First Communion – Upper Church

**Sunday, April 11**

- Divine Mercy Sunday
- After Mass Coffee
- 9:30 and 11:30am Baptisms celebrated at Mass
- 9:30am CLOW – Rm. 2H
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion – Little Church

**Stewardship**

As a parish we will tithe 1% of our regular collection each week. We will tithe as a way of saying “Thank you!” to God for his generosity to us as a parish. We will use the money saved to support those in need.

**The collection for March 28:  
\$11,475.07 1% = \$114.75**

*Thank you for your generosity in sharing your treasure with our parish.*



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, the eighth and last day of the Octave of Easter. The focus is on God’s unbounded love and mercy for us manifested so visibly in Our Lord’s Paschal Mystery and continually poured out upon us through the sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

A special prayer service will be held on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm in the Little Church. Come and give thanks to God for His great gift of Mercy. Ask for Mercy. Receive Mercy. Be Merciful!



**FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL**

Please note children making their First Holy Communion on Saturday April 17 at the 5:30 Mass and Sunday April 18 at the 11:30 Mass will have a **rehearsal on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm** in the Upper Church.



**PASCHAL CANDLE**

The Paschal Candle in the Upper Church was donated in loving memory of **JOHN R. FAILLACE AND JOSEPH J. CARDIELLO**

## PRAYER CORNER

### Pray for the Sick

Rose Marie Bodmer, Richard and Barbara Grove, Dolores Croneberger, Michael Beale and Rev. Edmund Bernauer

*For your information, the names of the sick and deceased will be announced once at the pulpit. The sick mentioned will then be noted in the bulletin (Prayer Corner) for four weeks. Please feel free to contact us if you would like any name repeated in the Prayer Corner.*

### Pray for the Deceased

### Pray for Our Troops

Petty Officer Andrew Boyance, U.S. Navy  
1st Lieutenant William C. Toft, U.S. Army

### PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

If anyone would like to submit a prayer request, they may do so by either calling the rectory at 464-1585 or emailing [jmhack@lfbhnj.org](mailto:jmhack@lfbhnj.org)

## READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

### *Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

### *Monday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

### *Tuesday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

### *Wednesday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35)

### *Thursday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

### *Friday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

### *Saturday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15



### PRAYER SHAWL PLUS

Don't forget! Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in Room 2H. If you would like, bring your lunch.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Holy Saturday, April 3**

8:00pm The People of Little Flower Parish

### **Easter Sunday, April 4**

7:30am Rose Truppi  
by Nadine and Bob Tokash

9:30am Frank Campano  
by M/M Anthony Bonacci

11:30am Deceased Members of the Walsh and Tierney Families by M/M Bill Walsh

### **Monday, April 5**

6:45am Jean McCormack by Family

9:00am Latona and Pecca Families  
by Micky Pecca

### **Tuesday, April 6**

6:45am The People of Little Flower Parish

9:00am Bayard Rowan by Family

### **Wednesday, April 7**

6:45am For the Intentions of  
Delia and Al Clemente  
by M/M John La Noce

9:00am Julia Delaney by The Newman Family

### **Thursday, April 8**

6:45am Ernest De Fronzo  
by M/M Raymond Proctor

9:00am Casey Murphy by the Roth Family

### **Friday, April 9**

6:45am Kathleen Roth by Roth Family

9:00am The People of Little Flower Parish

### **Saturday, April 10**

9:00am Casey Murphy  
by Roseann and Tim Phelan

5:30pm Edward Campano by Wife and Family

### **Sunday, April 11**

7:30am Candida Velletri by M/M Anton Delia

9:30am The Baker and Noonan Families  
by Eileen Baker

11:30am Judy Nelson by M/M John Bonacci



### THANKS FROM THE ROSARIANS

The Rosary Society would like to thank all those who attended the Seder Supper and for all those who helped in the preparation. Although the weather was against us, we were very pleased with the turnout.

We also wish to thank all those who came forward to help with clean up at the end of the evening. The Rosarians really appreciated the kindness of others.

## Thanks!

...to all who helped to clean and make our Upper Church beautiful in preparation for Palm Sunday and Easter!

...to Hall's Garden Center for the beautiful arrangement of flowers and the palm cross as we entered the Upper Church last weekend!

...to Matt Ladzinski for ripping up and replacing the sunken piece of sidewalk in front of the Upper Church!

**Rev. Andrew M. Prachar**  
**Pastor**

**As we undertake our strategic planning process, we ask all parishioners to pray this prayer every day.**

### **PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH**

**Loving God, we pray for Little Flower Parish and our strategic planning process.**

**We ask you to guide and direct us as we plan for the future of our parish.**

**May all of us grow in discipleship as we worship together,**

**spread the Good News, reach out in service to others**

**and continue to grow as a welcoming family of faith.**

**We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### SUNDAY GOSPEL MEDITATION

**EASTER SUNDAY** – April 4, 2010

**Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (J 20,8)**

What did he see?

He saw the burial cloths and... believed!

He believed in Jesus as a risen Christ, Son of God, the Savior of all.

Can you see God's signs in your life?

In good times and in times of problems, difficulty and despair?

Can you see his image in every human being?

In a smiling face of an infant and the wrinkled body of a dying old man?

Can you see or are you still blind?

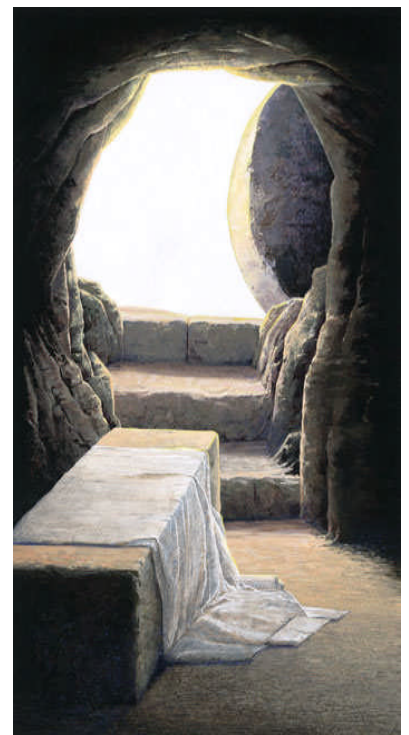
With Peter and John, run to Lord's empty tomb.

There you will see clearly.

There you will believe in His power.

There you will find life... and hope... and joy.

Alleluia!





### **AFTER MASS COFFEE**

Sunday, April 11 following the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses - Upper Church Grounds  
(In case of rain, this event will take place in the Parish Cafeteria.)

Also, weather permitting, there will an After Mass Coffee following the 7:30 Mass on the Little Church grounds.



### **50/50 RAFFLE**

Social Concerns is sponsoring a 50/50 Raffle. There will be two prize winners. The first receiving 35% of the proceeds and the 2nd prize winner will receive 15% of the total proceeds. Last years winners received a total of about \$4,400.

Raffle tickets, along with a letter, were mailed out last week. Anyone who would like to purchase tickets, and did not receive them can call Barbara DeMarco at 790-0027. The winning tickets will be drawn on May 14h at the BeefSteak Dinner.

Proceeds benefit St. Joseph's Center, families in need in the community and to support Catholic high school education in urban areas.

## **PARENTS WITH GENEROUS HEARTS – THE YEAR FOR THE PRIESTS**

Last month, Father John Gabriel preached on vocations at all the Sunday Masses. He spoke of a town in Italy where Moms prayed and vocations to the priesthood flourished.

Some parents in our parish would like to start a group called “PARENTS WITH GENEROUS HEARTS – THE YEAR FOR THE PRIEST”. No meetings are required!

To be part of this group two things are suggested:

1. On each first Thursday of the month one would attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. If that is not possible, one might pray for this intention at Sunday Mass.
2. Pray for priestly vocations often. A suggested prayer:

Lord, if it is Your Holy Will, I pray that one of my sons (grandsons or godsons) becomes a priest. I promise to live a good Catholic life that I may be an example to lead him to all that is good, wherewith I hope to receive the grace to be able to give You, O Lord, a holy priest. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

If you are interested in being a part of PARENTS WITH GENEROUS HEARTS, please contact Father Marek at 908 464-1585 or email him at [frmarek@lfbhnl.org](mailto:frmarek@lfbhnl.org)

## **NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS**

Our priests regularly visit the sick of our parish in the local hospitals. Please note that the hospitals no longer inform us when our parishioners are admitted due to the Privacy Act. If you would wish a visit from one of our priests, we ask that you call the Rectory and let us know if someone from your family is admitted to the hospital.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION OPENS ON MONDAY APRIL 12, 2010**

Registration for the 2010/2011 Religious Education program will open on Monday April 12. We will not accept forms before this date. **Registration applications will NOT be sent home by Post office mail this year. Registrations forms were emailed home; or you may go to the Little Flower website at [www.lfbhnj.org](http://www.lfbhnj.org) – faith formation – Religious Education- Religious Ed. Registration  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down you can click to download and print out the registration form.**

**Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis and there is a size limit.** It is important to return your registrations as soon as possible so we can schedule our class assignments, seek the help of volunteers as Catechists, order the necessary books and supplies, and avoid the problems that last minute registrations bring. It will also serve you as you try to schedule upcoming activities for your children.

**If we have volunteers willing to be Catechists, Religious Education class times for Grades 1-8 will be Sunday 8:25 – 9:25 AM and 10:25 – 11:25 AM, Monday 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30 PM for Grades 1-5, and evening classes on Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:45 PM for 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Also Kindergarten classes 9:30am – 10:30am and 1:30pm – 2:30pm.**

**FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS** - This option is open to parish families of Little Flower who practice their faith by attending Mass each Sunday and who strive to live the Catholic life throughout the week. Catechesis is the first to recognize that parents are the primary educators and any family who wishes to do so may "...choose to provide catechesis for their children in their home; their catechesis must be both complete and authentic." (National Director of Catechesis, #3, Home Based Catechesis) The task of passing on the faith is shared through normal interaction which takes place daily in the context of family life. Families will come together once each month from September through May and will participate in other faith-filled service projects during the year.

**Each year, you must send a completed registration form into the office in order for a child to be registered for a certain day/or time.**

It is MANDATORY that each family be registered in our Parish using the Census form BEFORE their children will be placed in a class for the upcoming year. Census forms can be found in the Religious Education office, the Rectory, or at the back of the Upper Church.

**Join the fun!**

**Little Flower's Second Annual  
BEEFSTEAK!**

**...an "all you can eat" dinner including soda,  
sides, desserts and of course BEEFSTEAK!**

**Wine...beer...and DJ too!**

**Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm-11:30pm**

**Mount Carmel Hall  
56 River Road, Berkeley Heights**

**\$35 per person - Sorry...adults only**

**Please RSVP by mailing payment to the address noted below no later than Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.  
YOU MAY NOT PAY AT THE DOOR!  
Seating is limited to the first 250 sign-ups! Sorry...no exceptions!**

**Little Flower's Second Annual BEEFSTEAK!**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending at \$35 per person\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed**

**Check should be payable to:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Little Flower Church**

**Mail form and payment to:**

**Little Flower Church**

**Attn: Beefsteak Committee**

**110 Roosevelt Avenue, Bkly Hgts NJ 07922**

**Questions? Please call Kerry Blasch at 322-6426 or Adrienne Trivella at 464-4520**



Lord & Taylor has invited the Archdiocese of Newark to participate in a fund raising program that benefits our schools and gives donors a 20 percent discount coupon for any one purchase and a 15 percent discount pass that can be used all day at the following two locations and dates:

The Fashion Center  
East Ridgewood Avenue  
Paramus, NJ 07652

**Sale Date: April 8, 2010**

[www.lordandtaylor.com/dogoodridgewood](http://www.lordandtaylor.com/dogoodridgewood)

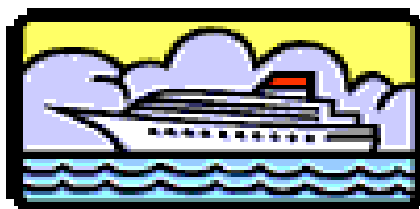
Lord & Taylor  
609 North Avenue  
Westfield, NJ 07090

**Sale Date: May 4, 2010**

[www.lordandtaylor.com/dogoodwestfield](http://www.lordandtaylor.com/dogoodwestfield)

These coupons may be purchased for \$5 each by logging on to the Lord & Taylor's website of the particular location in which you will be making your purchases. **The entire \$5 will benefit Catholic Schools.**

Thank you for your support!



## **Little Flower Fund Raiser Cruise**

**Join Father Andy for 5 fun filled days to  
Canada aboard the Carnival Glory and help  
raise funds for Little Flower parish!**

**All are welcome!**

**Departs from NYC to St. John & Halifax**

**Monday August 9, 2010**

**For information contact:**

**Celeste Campano – CruiseOne**

**(908) 517-5928 / (866) 704-0272**

**Cafeteria**

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## ***Join Us For Family Game Night***



**Friday April 30**

**6:30 – 8:30pm**

**Cafeteria**

**Play Games**

**Meet Families ~ Make Friends**

**Bring a Dessert & Beverage to Share  
Games & Good Times Will Be Provided**

Family Name and Age of Children to

Leslie Koch lkoch820@yahoo.com

Robin McConekey robinjimmy@comcast.net

by April 26th

**The 2010 Census: Thank you**

We would like to thank everyone who completed and mailed back their 2010 Census form. You have made an important impact on this community and the decisions that affect us all, and for that we are grateful. For those who haven't completed their form, it's not too late to participate in this easy, important and safe process. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement form in early April 2010. Census workers will visit households that do not return their form to take a count in person. Remember, the success of the 2010 Census is in our hands. For more information, visit [2010-census.gov](http://2010-census.gov).

**HOLD THIS DATE!**

**ROSARY SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010**

Attend 9:30 Mass followed by Brunch at  
Snuffy's Pantagis in Scotch Plains, NJ  
"Evergreen Room"

Cost: \$31.00 per person

**High School Expo Scheduled for April 21**

**Is your child currently in grades 6 or 7? Is your child currently in high school and looking for a change?** If so, now is the time to start learning about our Catholic secondary schools, and what they have to offer you and your family. The Catholic secondary schools of the Archdiocese of Newark are sponsoring High School Expo. This event is conducted in a college fair style. Staff and student representatives from the schools will be on hand to share information with your family, answer your questions and engage in lively discussion with you and your children. With so many schools to choose from, this evening affords your family an excellent opportunity to see many schools at once.

Over 30 Catholic High Schools from the Archdiocese of Newark will be present.

**High School Expo  
Seton Hall University Field House  
400 South Orange Ave., South Orange  
Wednesday, April 21, 2010 7:00-8:30 pm**

No pre-registration is required, and younger siblings are welcome. For directions and further information visit our website at [www.rcan.org/schools](http://www.rcan.org/schools) or call (973) 497-4258.

**PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE**

Have an idea for an event at Little Flower? Please contact any of our committee members.

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**OLP Hosts Brother Paul, Healer of the  
Ministry of the Divine Mercy**

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Peace Church has invited Brother Paul Miller, a professed member of the Secular Franciscan Order, to speak at their Monday, April 5th meeting at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.

Brother Paul began his public healing ministry in 2001 and brings Our Lord's healing and peace to those most in need. He continues the Healing and Restoration Ministry alongside his own ministry, specifically to bring healing to the sick, the poor, the helpless, and the marginalized. His ministry extends throughout the United States and the Caribbean.

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Peace extends an invitation to all parishioners, friends and family, and members of the local communities, to come out to hear Brother Paul and learn about his blessed ministry. Refreshments will be served afterward in the parish hall.

Our Lady of Peace parish hall is located behind the church on South Street in New Providence, NJ.

**THE CHARISM OF HOSPITALITY  
Welcoming Persons and Families Living  
with Autism and other Developmental  
Disabilities**

Monday, April 19th, 2010 7:00 to 9:00 PM  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Pollard Hall 300 Central  
Street, Mountainside, NJ

**Meeting Agenda**

- Welcome and Prayer
- The Human Experience – Sharing Personal Faith Stories
- Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Developmental Disabilities
- Opportunities for Parish Engagement
- Closing Summary and Moving Forward

For more information contact Anne Masters: 973-  
497-4309 or masteran@rcan.org

**THE TIME IS NOW!**

If you are interested in learning how you can be part of changing the culture but just don't know where to turn – Join with the New Jersey Family Policy Council (NJFPC) as they welcome radio talk show host and commentator Monica Crowley to discuss where New Jersey is heading. The date is Saturday, April 24, 2010 At Branches, in West Long Branch NJ at 6:30 p.m.

Call Eugene Cordano at 201-478-6701 for more information. NJFPC is an organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting marriage, family, faith and religious freedom. <http://njfpc.org/html/dof/> for more information.



## The Heights of Holiness

*“Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.” (Luke 24: 5)*

The sense of loss, the raw feelings and the experience of sadness, numbness, loneliness, isolation, abandonment, confusion, and anger are very real at the time of a loved one's death. For those who are “left behind”, one can also have the experience of a part of them having died while they still move about their daily lives.

As people of faith, the priest prays from the preface of the Eucharistic Prayer: *“for those who believe, life is changed, not ended.”* We believe in the resurrection for our loved ones. But what about resurrection for those left behind?

Last week, the parish had a gathering of some of those in our parish who have experienced loss due to the death of a loved one. They talked about actions on the part of others and the parish that were helpful and not helpful. They brainstormed ideas of things we could do as a parish to assist those who grieve the deaths of loved ones.

One of the things that they shared that gave them life, that helped them in the early days and the later days after the death were calls and visits from friends: empathy from those who “have been there.” It seems that for those who have “walked in the valley of death,” that it is these who can bring life to those who presently walk in that same valley. Those who have grieved can bring life by their quiet listening, by their ability to sit with and comfort, not by their words, but by their presence to those who mourn today. Those who have mourned often have the grace to be able to be people who have answers but are wise enough to know that those who mourn must find their own answers.

People who mourn the death of a loved one can find life in and through others who allow them to grieve whether it is a month or eighteen months: they give no timeline to the grieving. They are comfortable because they have walked this walk. They truly bring resurrection to those who grieve.

May all of us be resurrection people: people who, through our own sufferings, losses, struggles and crosses, can bring life to those who may presently experience similar sufferings, losses, struggles and crosses. Alleluia!

**Fr. Andy Prachar**