

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

The St. Joseph Party is coming! It'll be on March 23rd, after the Saturday Vigil Mass, and tickets go on sale this weekend. You can purchase them online, or after the Masses this weekend or next weekend. The parish council and many volunteers have been working hard to organize this event, and it will be fantastic. I hope to see you there!

Last week I had my first meeting with our new Finance Council, and it went very well. They're now up to speed on all the projects we'll be undertaking this summer. It's been quite a task getting and keeping these projects on target- there will be a lot of construction this summer! A new HVAC system, followed by a new roof, and a repaired facade, will take place, while simultaneously Casserly Hall will be renovated, and the school building will receive a new roof and exterior wall repairs, all while the new perpetual adoration chapel will be constructed. I needed a run-on sentence to get it all in! I'm very happy to have the help of our Finance Council to make sure that these projects are successful. These projects will help our parish continue to flourish- the physical church will be shored up for another generation, and any serious delayed maintenance taken care of. We'll have space for all our new ministries in Casserly hall, and spiritual renewal through the adoration chapel. And the facade of the church will look like new again, and there will be no more leaks in the roof. Plus, the AC will keep the church cool in the summer. I look forward to that especially!

Last week we also interviewed possible parish secretaries, and a number of them were very qualified and capable of being a good parish secretary. By the time this bulletin is published we'll almost certainly have a new parish secretary!

One last item: We're going to try out a new altar wine. I was not too fond of the altar wine we used previously- it always tasted too old and it stained the altar linens. Fr. Sebastian told me about a small vineyard upstate that produces altar wines named O-Neh-Da. It's pure wine and the friars tried a sample pack (during Masses- not at dinner!) and we picked the best. We're going to test it for a trial period, so let me know whether you like it or not.

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P

Weekly Collection

February 16th & 17th

MASSES TOTAL-----\$5,818

WeShare -----\$ 550

Faith Street-----\$4,843

GRAND TOTAL-----\$11,211



PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for:

Lawrence J. Capici

Catherine Ferfolgia

“Peggy” Mary Milus

Patricia McGuin

Zoila Vallo

Charles Mark Vazzana

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 9am – 5pm.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

12:10 pm Claire H. Joseph

5:30 pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 am Sidney Stacey

11:30 am Donald Brescia

6:00 pm *People of the Parish*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:10 pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:10 pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

12:10 pm

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UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. If you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email secretary@stjosephgv.nyc to check your status.

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way! This tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive – via email or text message – from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. There are two easy ways to connect:

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday, March 6th
is as follows:

8:00am 12:10pm 5:00pm 7:00pm

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD @ 5:30 pm

Come join your fellow parishioners, family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate Saint Joseph!!

This will be an evening for all. A perfect time to come out and fellowship with old friends and the perfect time to make new acquaintances!!

Celebration will begin with the **5:30pm Vigil Mass**.
Followed by a **Community Dinner**
next door at the Academy of St. Joseph auditorium.

Tickets:

\$10.00 for Adults / Children are Free

Tickets will be available after each mass from
February 23- March 17th.

Tickets can also be purchased online at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feast-of-st-joseph-tickets-56251279090>

INKLINGS:

**ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON'S STRANGE CASE OF
DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE
MARCH 10TH @ 3:15PM
CASSERLY HALL**

We meet in Casserly Hall (lower level of the church). Entrance located on the Washington Place side of the church.

Leading this discussion will be Ryan Vera, 2nd year PhD in English at the CUNY Graduate Center. His specialties include Victorian Lit, Gothic Lit, Pop Culture & Ecocritical Studies. Ryan is a Graduate Teaching Fellow at Baruch College. He is also a Lay Dominican.

Potluck: If you can, bring soda or snacks to share!!!
Email for more information at: inklingsny@gmail.com

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,
12-13, 22-23**

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49;
Lk 6:27-38

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

First Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

First Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019**

“But love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful...Stop judging...stop condemning, forgive and you will be forgiven.”

If we wished to choose one word to describe the ministry of Pope Francis, it would be ‘mercy.’ His writings reflect this teaching of Jesus in the beatitudes. He proclaimed a holy year of mercy. He constantly is extending the compassionate hand of Jesus to the poor and marginalized.

Luke’s teaching asks us to consider what seems so difficult. Love enemies, give without expecting a return, be concerned for ungrateful and those so distant from the gospel.

When driving and someone cuts you off, pray for him. If you are offended by someone’s remark, chalk it up to a bad day and don’t brood over it. Don’t live the expression ‘I don’t get mad, I just get even.’ Spend a moment discerning who might be an ‘enemy’ and seek a way to open the door to friendship, by prayer, a smile, or another sign of peace.

Didn’t Jesus tell us to forgive so we may be forgiven?

