

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

You have noticed the deterioration in the church ceiling. It's bad. Last Sunday some of the ceiling plaster even fell during Mass! Thank God no one was hurt. The underlying problem is that the roof is rotted out and so too are the gutters. We are patching the leaks as they come, but the solution is a new roof and new gutters. That project will take place this summer. Just after the new church HVAC system goes in place, so too will a new roof and, in addition to extensive facade repair. While the ceiling looks bad, and is bad, the repair is in the works and once winter ends we'll take care of the underlying problem. This summer will see a major overhaul of the physical church building that will shore it up for another generation. And, of course, all donations to help fund the project are greatly appreciated!

Lent is almost upon us! This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and we'll have Masses that day at 8am, 12:10pm, 5pm, and 7pm. It's not a Holy Day of Obligation, but it's a great way to start Lent. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence— meaning no meat, and only one meal plus a snack that's smaller than a meal. We also must abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. We are called to perform some penance every Friday, even outside of Lent, but we can choose the penance outside of Lent; however, during Lent there is always the Friday abstinence from meat. Remember that any penance is profitable only insofar as it helps bring us closer to God— so use the disciplines of the Lenten season to remind yourself of God and His presence.

We should also pick a personal penance for Lent. Pick something that will help you grow in holiness. You could choose to fast every Wednesday of Lent, or to say a rosary every day, or any penance that will help you grow in holiness. Pray to the Holy Spirit for help in selecting a Lenten penance, and try to do more than giving up chocolate. Also, you should relax your penance on Sundays of Lent.

Lent ends with the Triduum— the 3 holiest days of the year. We're adding something to the Triduum this year— a Tenebrae service. Tenebrae is an ancient form of worship, and the name means 'darkness.' It's prayer and music centered on Christ's passion and death. The music will be fantastic too!

Here's a quick schedule of the Triduum at St. Joseph's this year:

Holy Thursday (April 18): Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm

Good Friday (April 19): Passion of Our Lord, 3pm & Tenebrae, 8pm

Holy Saturday (April 20): Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30pm

Easter Sunday (April 21): Easter Masses at 9am, 11:30am, 6pm

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P

Weekly Collection

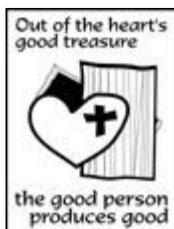
February 23rd & 24th

MASSES TOTAL-----\$6,330

WeShare -----\$ 360

Faith Street-----\$ 691

GRAND TOTAL-----\$7,381



PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for:

Lawrence J. Capici

Anthony Donovan

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, MARCH 2

12:10 pm

5:30 pm Dr. Fued Maluf

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 am *People of the Parish*

11:30 am Audrey Danchise

6:00 pm

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Saint Casimir

12:10 pm Carl and Angelo Conetta

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

12:10 pm Alexander B. Mc Keveny

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday

8:00 am

12:10 pm Natalie Cano

5:00 pm

7:00 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

12:10 pm Wallace J. Stevenson

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Saint John of God, Religious

12:10 pm Joseph Santos

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 6, 2019

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE 2019 TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday Mass:	8:00 pm
Good Friday Passion:	3:00 pm
Tenebrae (Good Friday):	8:00 pm
Easter Vigil:	8:30 pm
Easter Sunday Masses:	9:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way!

There are two easy ways to connect:

Visit our church at
www.flocknote.com/SJGV (or)
Text SJGV to 84576 from your phone to
subscribe to updates.

INKLINGS:

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

Potluck: If you can, bring soda or snacks to
share!!!

Email for more information at:
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SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE MARCH 9TH & 10TH

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to:

PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and,

SERVE CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world.

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years. The health of our churches depends on all of us giving what we can. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.

To date our parish has received:

17 pledges, totaling \$5,700 towards our goal of \$104,000.

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD @ 5:30 pm

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

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>

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019**

“As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of the tree shows the care it has had, so too does one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind. Praise no one before he speaks for it then that people are tested...a good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good.”

The scriptures use so many images to teach us, form us, and lead us. Consider for a moment... the potter shapes an object, maybe your coffee mug, a vase to hold a spring flower, or even ourselves. (Abba, Father). Soon trees will begin to bud, and the care we give them now, pruning, trimming, fertilizing, will produce long awaited fruit. The words we use, reflect how we feel, what we know and what we desire.

We need not limit ourselves to the image of a tree, but apply the teaching to our own way of life. How we walk the path of holiness according to the teaching of Pope Francis is found in the beatitudes. Our words, our thoughts, our good works are the steps we take on that path, accompanied by God’s grace and the support of one another.

