



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Our Mission Statement: We, the Eucharistic community of the Lord at Saint Joseph's and members of the Body of Christ, are varied in background, culture, age and economic class. We are a welcoming parish consisting of longtime Catholics, new and returning Catholics and the young, all seeking knowledge of our faith, its teachings and traditions. We are a faith community empowered by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to helping others. We are committed to celebrate the sacramental life of the church; to listen, proclaim, practice, teach and evangelize the word of God; to minister to each other, the poor and those in need.

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm **Parish Office:** 973-696-4411 **Religious Education:** 973-696-4411

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We Invite You to Celebrate the Eucharist

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm

Polish Mass: Every Sunday at 9:00 am

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm (*Spanish Mass*)

Weekdays: Monday, 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am

Holy Days: Will be announced in the bulletin and from the pulpit.

Parish Membership

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into our parish is requested to register. Please contact the parish office for the form. If you are going to move to another parish or change your address, please notify the parish office.

Parish Staff

Fr. Artur Zaba, Pastor

Fr. Martin Bradtke, Parochial Vicar
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Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P., Pastoral Associate

Rev. Mr. Stephen Marabeti, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Joseph Parlapiano, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Vince Ricciardi, Deacon

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Mrs. Isabella Bubnick, Assistant Secretary

Ms. Denise Dixon, Director of Music

Mrs. Kathleen Miller, Director of Religious Education

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Novena: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 6:30 pm followed by the Mass at 7:00 pm and Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Monday.

Adoration: Every Tuesday from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm, every Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-9:30 am.

The Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sunday, with the exception of major holidays. Baptisms during Mass or at any other Time are to be arranged with the Pastor. A parent preparation program is held monthly. Parents are asked to contact the parish office for information about Baptisms two months in advance.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 5:00 pm to 5:20 pm

Communion & Sick Calls: Anointing of the Sick is offered every third Sunday of the month after the noon Mass. When any member of your family becomes ill or is confined to the home and unable to come to the Celebration of the Eucharist, please contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made for Communion to be brought to the house. If it is an emergency situation, please call 973-974-0213.

Matrimony: Ideally, arrangements for weddings should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Grief Ministry: Meets twice per year, mutual sharing and support in strictly confidential setting. Call Sr. Ellen at 973-696-4411.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

WORSHIP

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Antoinette VanWyck ----- 973-694-1818

Women of Faith

Vicki Pignone ----- 201-410-6869



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ✠ MARCH 10, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30 PM	Ray Kerwin – L Thierry & Fam Michelina Pitch – C&M Nohta
Sunday	8:00 AM	Ken West – Fam Daniel Boyle – M Boyle
Polish	9:00 AM	Kazimiera Stolarz – Rasa Fam
	10:00 AM	Theresa Redman (Special Graces)
	12:00 PM	Renaissance Residents – Not to Be Forgotten – J Manicone Jane Caputo – R Schwake
Monday	7:00 PM	George & Mary Dixon – D Dixon Tony Martino (Healing)–A Lisowski
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Fidela Rafael – T Rafael
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Eleanore Arvidson – W Arvidson Rysard Mieczkowski – Friends & Fam Thomas McElroy – Nancy
Thursday	8:00 AM	Harry Spec (Healing) A Lisowski Arnaldo Calderon – Fam
Friday	8:00 AM	Carol Bierwas (Healing) – M Fitzsimmons
Saturday	5:30 PM	Ray Kerwin – J&M Bono Babs Custer – C&E Corbiere
Sunday 3/17	8:00 AM	Ursula Garcia – J Matos Candida P Ipanag – Reyes Fam Margaret Siebel – R&M Doyle
Polish	9:00 AM	Maria Zaba
	10:00 AM	Catherine McErlean – M Burns Catherine Cugliari –Trabucco Fam
	12:00 PM	Arthur J Abad – Abad Fam Walter Condon, Jr–M&J McMann
Spanish	7:00 PM	Práxide Sanchez

SHARING OUR TREASURE

March 3, 2024:	\$ 6,185
2 nd Collection, Church in Central/Europe:	\$ 40
Candles:	\$ 160
Pennies:	\$ 106
Attendance:	\$ 464

Our Gospel passage today includes one of Scripture's best-known and best-loved lines. The Lord is speaking to Nicodemus, and we read, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life".

Why does the Son come? Because God is angry? Because God wants to Lord it over us? Because God needs something? No, he comes purely out of love, out of his desire that we flourish. "For God did not send his Son into the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

It is not in order to work out his anger issues that the Father sends the Son, but that the justice of the world might be restored. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's salvific intent, displayed throughout the Old Testament.

MEMORIALS

The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of
Robert Quackenbush – Kathy Miskavage

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

So now, here we sit, in relative darkness on a Sunday morning in March, some 2000 years later. I wonder if Jesus would have the same conversation with us. There are some in this place today who have grown up in the church. For decades you have been present every week at Sunday worship; you've sung in the choir, taught Sunday school and been a confirmation mentor. You've served on councils, boards, and committees; you've attended bible studies, prayer meetings, and healing services. In short, you have done it all. And yet, there may be some in this place today who, like Nicodemus, have never grasped the most elementary truth of the gospel. So you have questions today: How can God love a sinner like me? What DO I have to do to gain eternal life? What about when I doubt; will God reject me when my faith goes south?

I stand before you as a fellow sinner, one who has struggled with those very same questions. But as your deacon, I am called to speak on God's behalf, and this is God's message to you today:

For God so loved YOU that he gave his only Son so that you who believe may not die but have eternal life.

All that we need to know about God and Jesus and our sinfulness is captured in that single verse. Martin Luther called this verse "the gospel in miniature." The four verbs in that verse make the message simpler yet:

God loves, God gave, We believe, We have life, End of story (repeat it remember it).

Where are the rules? Where are the strict laws that demand obedience? Where is the condemnation for the times we mess up? Where are the legalistic requirements that the religious right of every age seem to create so that they can determine who's in and who's out? None of it's there; not for Nicodemus, not for me, and not for you. Only the free gift of grace, and all that is required is that be believe it.

I remember a night, so long ago now, when I was like Nicodemus, confronted with this simple truth. All of the stuff of my life weighed me down terribly, the guilt, the shame, the fear of failure. And yet my hope was clinging to the possibility that Jesus' words were true. And people, they are true!

God loves, God gave, We believe, We have life. Beginning of the story there's something about the darkness. The pace of life slows when the sun goes down, so that we might consider the most important truths of life. And you who have spent your lifetimes in church; I refuse to assume that you have grasped this truth, so before the lights return, I will remind you one more time:

For God so loved YOU that he gave his only Son so that if you believe, you will have eternal life.

Thanks be to God.
Amen.

Deacon Vincent Riccardi

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL BAKE SALE



Our Annual St. Joseph's Day Bake Sale will be on **Sunday, March 17th after all the Masses**. Donations are needed to sell and buyers are needed for us to exceed our fundraising target. Donations can be dropped off in the **Parish Center on Saturday morning after 9 AM, March 16th and in Halloran Hall on Sunday, March 17th before the 8 AM Mass**. Donations can include: cakes, pies, breads, cookies, Stromboli's, Calzones, pastries, soda bread, etc...*Please make sure items are individually wrapped*. If you are not able to donate a baked item, please stop by and purchase one or two of the delicious treats that will be available. All proceeds from the bake sale will go to the many needs of the poor.

SAINTS' JOSEPH AND PATRICK DINNER



St. Joseph Parish will celebrate Saints' Joseph and Patrick with a dinner on **Saturday, March 16th in**

Halloran Hall. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

Dinner includes:

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| • Corned Beef | Coffee/Tea |
| • Cabbage | St. Joseph's Pastry |
| • Potatoes | Cannolis |
| • Carrots | Sfogliatella |

For tickets, please email Deacon Vince at deaconsaintmary@gmail.com.

CROSSWALK THROUGH LINCOLN PARK



The CROSS is a very significant symbol to all followers of Jesus...in fact to all Christians. It represents Jesus' life-giving suffering and his love for all.

On Good Friday we remember the price Jesus paid for all of us and we recall the great suffering Jesus endured on the Cross. That is why the Cross has become one of the most venerated of Christian symbols.

The annual interfaith Cross Walk will begin at 12 noon on Good Friday, March 29th, in the St. Joseph's parking lot. We will process in silence through the main streets of Lincoln Park. The walk takes about a half hour. All are welcome to participate. We encourage all who are able to walk with the Cross to do so, as a reminder of the importance of Good Friday.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES K - 4

Mar 19	St. Joseph Feast Day
Mar 24	Palm Sunday
Mar 29	Good Friday
Mar 31	Easter Sunday (No Classes)

For more information, please call 973.696.4411

GRADES 5 - 8

Apr 10	Last Class
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ALTAR SERVERS CASSOCKS & SURPLICES



My dear brothers and sisters, I am in the process of raising funds to buy new Cassocks and Surplices for the Altar Servers. The new Cassocks and Surplices will give the children a renewed sense of pride and belonging.

I called our local Christian suppliers. Their average price was \$117 to \$127. I called a distributor and explained to them what I was doing and they will

give us each unit at \$80 each.

Several parishioners have already approached me in regard to making donations. Donations should be made to Saint Joseph Parish. In the memo please write **ALTAR SERVERS**.

Naturally, your donation will be tax deductible, and I ask you to be as generous as possible.

In Jesus name +
I remain
Deacon, Vince

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The following Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday of Lent:


3/15	Stations of the Cross	7:00PM
	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)	8:00PM
3/22	Living Stations - Youth Ministry	7:00PM
	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)	8:00PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Those wishing to be anointed should be in the church **after the Noon Mass on Sunday, March 17th**. Also, please let us know if there is a need for anointing at any other time and we would be glad to visit and anoint those who need it.

MARCH LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 9-10	March 16-17
5:30 PM Ashley LoMonaco 8:00 AM Paul DePinto 10:00 AM Tina Vatrano 12:00 PM Cristina Hucalla	5:30 PM Ellen Corbiere 8:00 AM Dan Blewitt 10:00 AM Liz O'Connell 12:00 PM AnneMarie Abad
March 23-24	March 28 (Holy Thursday)
5:30 PM Ellen Corbiere 8:00 AM Ella Karpinski 10:00 AM Robert Colfin 12:00 PM Tony Rafael	7:30 PM Paul DePinto
March 29 (Good Friday)	March 30 (Easter Vigil)
3:00 PM Ellen Corbiere	8:00 PM George Yost
March 31	Ellen Corbiere ellen.corbiere@gmail.com
8:00 AM Gina Deppert 10:00 AM Liz O'Connell 12:00 PM Mark Karrs	

CRS RICE BOWLS

A SEASON FOR REFLECTION During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. This Lent, be transformed – and transform the world – by practicing:

- ❖ Daily prayer
- ❖ Weekly fasting
- ❖ Almsgiving

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LENTEN REGULATIONS

The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:

FASTING: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 19 but not yet 59 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

ADDITIONAL LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Lenten Confessions and Adoration
Monday evenings in Lent:
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM
(continued after Mass if necessary)

ADORATION



Adoration:
Every Tuesday
8:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8:30 – 9:30 AM



Pray more, worry less

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES DEALING WITH DEMENTIA

There will be a support group for caregivers who are dealing with family members with dementia. The last meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 28th from 7 – 8:30 PM** at St. Joseph Parish Center in room 10. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Klach at MKLACH60@GMAIL.COM. Please join us as we continue to help and support caregivers in our community.

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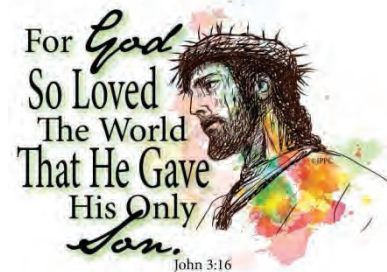
Date	Time	Cost
Thursday, March 14 th	10 AM	\$ 5
Friday, March 15 th & Saturday, March 16 th	7 PM	\$10
Sunday, March 17 th	3 PM	\$10

For tickets, contact Holy Spirit School at 973.835.5680

FATHER ENGLISH FOOD PANTRY



The Father English Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items, i.e., pasta, peanut butter, tuna fish, canned chicken, spam, canned soups, cereal, rice, beans, etc. Please place your food in the box in the back of church. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



John 3:16

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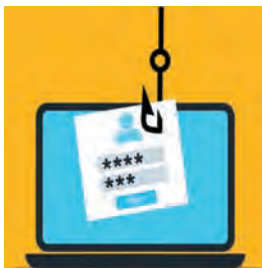
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