

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.

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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

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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 arrange 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.

RELIGIOUS ED. / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

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.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30 PM	Ray Kerwin – J&M Bono Babs Custer – C&E Corbiere
Sunday	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 Stefano Antonio Postiglione – Fam
	12:00 PM	Arthur J Abad – Abad Fam
		Walter Condon, Jr–M&J McMann
Spanish	7:00 PM	Práxide Sanchez
Monday	7:00 PM	Rev George Gothie – SJP
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Tuesday	8:00 AM	Jozef Ochab - Sister
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Linda Meilan (Healing) –
,		M Fitzsimmons
		Jefferson Cuico-Bacanaya Fam
Thursday	8:00 AM	Ponciaro C DeGuzman –
,		DeGuzman Fam
Friday	8:00 AM	Hedwig DeAngelo - Daughter
Saturday	5:30 PM	Ray Kerwin – M&D Quattrocchi
,		Walter Jaslanek – R&M Williams
Sunday	8:00 AM	Simeona Gallenero –Blewitt Fam
3/24		Margaret Siebel – J Petracca &
		L Moeller
Polish	9:00 AM	Krzysztof Romaniecki – Fr. Art
	10:00 AM	Jack Bator, Norman & Catherine
		Gravino – Bator Fam
	12:00 PM	Agnes Pegler – P Folenta
		Mario Foti – Sorrentino Fam

SHARING OUR TREASURE			
March 10, 2024:	\$	5,501	
Candles:	\$	106	
Pennies:	\$	15	
Attendance:	\$	446	

Witness a grain of wheat, or truly a seed of any kind. If kept in a jar and prevented from germinating, it will lose its power to generate new life and eventually rot. But planted in soil, it will break open and grow into a plant that dwarfs its original size. This is what Jesus envisions for us. If we are willing to sacrifice our own self-interest, we can act out of love for others, producing much fruit in the garden of the kingdom.

What part of yourself that you've become attached to in a self-centered way can "die" so that you will clear more space in your heart and your schedule for love of neighbor?

MEMORIALS

The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of Catherine Cugliari – Trabucco Fam



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained that just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.



Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a,16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL BAKE SALE



Our Annual St. Joseph's Day Bake Sale will be on **Sunday**, **March 17**th **after all the Masses**. 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.

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.

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.

MARCH LECTOR SCHEDULE

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



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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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3/22	Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross (Spanish)	7:00PM 8:00PM
3/29	Living Stations – Youth Ministry Stations of the Cross (Spanish)	7:00PM 8:00PM

EASTER EGG HUNT

Calling all children ages Pre-K through 4th Grade.... please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 11 AM (weather permitting) on the school grounds. We will have lots of hidden eggs; plenty for everyone, so bring your baskets and ahunting we will go!

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 <u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>.

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

In Jesus name + I remain Deacon, Vince

REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I don't think it's a coincidence that today's gospel (John 12:20-33) is set in the context of the Passover feast. Remember what that's about? The Passover is the celebration of the Israelites' liberation from bondage in Egypt. It's about freedom and a new life. It's about letting go, leaving behind, and moving into a new life.

There is something about this pattern that is the lens through which we see Jesus. Some Greeks come to Philip and say, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." I don't know why they want to see Jesus, but I have a few guesses. Jesus turned water into wine. He cleansed the temple. He healed the son of the royal official. He healed the paralytic. He fed 5000 with a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. He walked on water. He gave sight to the man born blind. He raised Lazarus from the dead.

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Me too. That's the Jesus I want to see. Don't you?

Philip tells Andrew about the Greeks and their request. Philip and Andrew tell Jesus. And Jesus says to them, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." That's his response to those who want to see him; to the Greeks, to you, to me.

And you've got to know that dying is about more than our physical death. Yes, it is that but it's also more than that. We die a thousand deaths throughout our lifetime. The loss of a loved one, a relationship, health, opportunities, a dream; all deaths we didn't want or ask for. Other times we choose our losses and deaths. We give up parts of ourselves for another. We change our beliefs and values so that we can be more authentically ourselves. And sometimes there are things we need to let go of, things we cling to that deny us the fullness of life we want and that God offers: fear, anger or resentment, regret and disappointment, guilt, the need to be right, approval.

Seeing Jesus isn't a spectator sport. It is a way to be followed, a truth to be embodied, a life to be lived. It's being a grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies so that it might bear much fruit. That's where we see him. It's the letting go, the emptying, the leaving behind, and the dying that makes space for new life to arise.

You've probably had at least one time in your life that when you look back on it you say, "I never want to go through that again. But I wouldn't trade that experience for anything." What is that time for you? What happened?

As difficult or painful as that experience was, it bore much fruit. You were changed and your life was renewed. It was one of those times when you were the grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died. And I'll bet it was one of those times when you knew you had seen Jesus, when you experienced the holy, when you were absolutely convinced that God was present and working in your life.

I've had those times too. But probably like you, I've also had those other kind of losses. The greatest loss in my life so far has been the death of the elders of my family and now my oldest brother. God knows I've learned a lot about myself and life as a result of that, and my life has been reshaped and reformed in some very good and positive ways because of

that. I know I've seen Jesus. But I would trade it all to have my parents and brother back. And maybe that's what I need to let go of.

Maybe that's my grain of wheat that needs to fall into the earth and die. That doesn't mean I don't want them back or that I would not undo what has happened if I could. It just means that I want to trust Jesus' promise of new life more than my wishful thinking. And sometimes that's really hard. You know that as well as I.

But you also know that you don't plant a seed and go back in ten minutes or the next day and see a new sprout. Growth can be slow, and the fruit of new life takes time, usually longer than we want it to. Yet, even when unseen, unbelieved, or unrecognized, the power and life of God are present and at work in the depths of our life, in the dark and hidden places. That's the mystery of life.

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Deacon Vincent Ricciardi

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 28**th 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.

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

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