

SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

973-383-1985



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Weekdays

Monday - Friday at 12:05pm

Sundays

Saturday (*Sunday Vigil*) at 5:00pm
8:00am, 9:30am 11:30am

*Misa en Espanol todos los Domingos
a las 2:30pm*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00pm-4:30pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE OR ANY PERSONAL APPOINTMENTS

Please call the Parish Center

JANUARY 29, 2017

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1/28	5:00pm	<i>Intentions of Nancy Skorupka John Dyer</i>
Sunday January 29th	8:00am	Anna Mudrick Benjamin Espression
<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Carolina Smith Merle L. Testa
	11:30am	Camelia Khoury John J. Bopp Jr.
	6:00pm	Julia Zukowski
Monday 1/30	12:05pm	John Gellene
Tuesday 1/31	12:05pm	John J & Lillian Bopp Sr.
Wednesday 2/1	12:05pm	Tara Murnane Robert Murnane
Thursday 2/2	12:05pm	Therese Weiss <i>Intentions of Louis Read</i>
Friday 2/3	12:05pm	Richard Messer Phyllis Thompson
Saturday 2/4	5:00pm	Rachel Witherall Jennie Capra
Sunday February 5th	8:00am	Pasquale Telese Dorothy Remington Marcotte
<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Merle L. Testa Mary McAleavey
	11:30am	Ann & Joseph Plevyak Francis & Stella Covell
	6:00pm	Police Officer Brian Gibson

WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Lamp which burns near the tabernacle, is the reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, burns in loving memory of:

Elizabeth DiGidio

And the hosts and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, were given in loving memory of:

Maud & John Goettisheim

May they be resting in the joy of
God's heavenly kingdom!



"OREMUS PRO INVICEM"

Please remember in your prayers the following members of our parish family who are sick and are in need of the Lord's healing presence:

Aaron Armstrong, Mackenzie Brannan,
Ron Byers, Fred Bender, Geraldine Bender,
Mary Benziger, Irene Bitsko, Peggy Bopp,
Harry Cridland, Peter DeKleine, Jennifer DiNardo,
Sean Dolan, Ted Eis, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ann Flowers,
Rocco Fusco, Mary Gregory, Ed Huff, Susan Kadar,
Jessica Kirby, Kerri Knight, Lorraine Kraft,
Peter Mahler, James Maitilasso, Linda Marucci,
Betty Mastrelli, Karen Morrison, Greg Orvetz, Karen
Orvetz, Michael Palumbo, Marie Pantaleo,
Paul Reskovac, Pedro Rodriquez, Elizabeth Roberts,
Michael Ryan, Eleanore Shaffer, Gloria Steets,
Carole Sudol, Carol Strand, John Tiger,
Kathy VanBruinisse, Gerri VanRiper,
Cathy Veluta, Michael Viscel, Gloria
Weldon, Elizabeth Wilburn,
Rita & Tom Zimich.



WEEKEND READINGS

February 5, 2017

The Prophet Isaiah 58:7-10

Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1) 2:1-5

The Gospel of Saint Matthew 5:13-16

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 29, 2017

HOW DO YOU EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE?

In this weekend's Gospel from Saint Matthew, we hear the famous words of Jesus known as the "Beatitudes." Each and every time I read or hear this particular Gospel passage, I am reminded of when I was in the Holy Land in the exact place where Jesus uttered these words. The guide read to us this exact passage and I remember being so deeply moved by the location, the small mount as I envisioned Jesus speaking these or similar words over 2,000 years ago.

What I also think about when I hear these words is how so very often when people approach the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) how they examine their conscience usually using the Ten Commandments as their guide. "Father, I have not killed anyone. I have not stolen my neighbors wife. I honor my parents, I have not committed adultery. However, I may have missed Mass a few times on the holy days and used the Lord's Name in vain continuously." And then it ends there. What comes to mind is if we only examine our lives by these 10 Commandments given to Moses and the Jewish people, then why did Jesus have to come at all. Maybe we have been missing something more recent, more Christ centered, more precise from the New Testament. And I truly believe that the Beatitudes are these often forgotten hallmarks in which we also need to examine our lives again.

Through the words of Saint Matthew, Jesus reminds us that we should be "poor in spirit." What does that really mean? That Jesus wants us to be down in the mouth, bent over with eyes not looking from the ground or does He envision something more? I think that the Lord is asking us to be humble. To think of ourselves last and not first. For as Saint Francis of Assisi taught us "It is in giving that we receive." So maybe we have to ask ourselves, have we been humble of heart, of mind and speech in our lives?

Next, the Lord reminds us that He is with us when we mourn. But this does not only mean when we lose our close loved ones but when our friends and even acquaintances have lost loved ones and how it is our calling to be with them and for them in their time of need. That is why I have established the Saint Joseph Church's Lazarus Ministry. This is an opportunity to not just serve the priest at Masses of Christian Burial but to be present with and for the mourning families. So maybe we have to ask ourselves, have we put ourselves out there when someone in our lives has lost loved ones, lost their jobs, lost their health, lost the homes or had any type of major loss in their lives.

Next, the Lord calls us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart and peacemakers. This is a very tall order for us in our daily lives. I believe that the Lord is asking each of us, no matter what role we play in the church from Pope to person in the pew, are we gentle with others or do we run rough shod over them? Are we patient and gentle with those who are different than we, especially those who hold different opinions whether theologically or politically. He is also asking us if we are "clean" or in some translations "pure of heart," which to me means like the vine that must be pruned in order to bear fruit. So too are we in need of pruning by the Lord to make us flourish. It also means having a single heartedness toward God. No hypocrisy, no false motives, no guile. One can recognize a person who is "pure in heart" by their transparency and undying desire to please God in all things. So maybe we have to ask ourselves, do we have a singlemindedness toward God in everything that we do? And of course being peacemakers. This is pretty self-evident. However, what is not evident is that the Lord is not asking us to be doormats or allow others to steal our joy. But he also is asking us to be humble enough to admit our own faults and failures before putting them on others.

And finally, the Lord speaks about being "persecuted for the sake of righteousness." Maybe this means not only being on the receiving end of injustice but being on the giving end as well. So maybe the Lord is asking us if we are unjust in our dealings with others whose ideals and lifestyle differ from ours.

These are just a few new ideas for the next time you approach the Sacrament of Penance and think that because you do not kill or steal that it makes you a good Christian. For when we are completely honest with ourselves, then maybe we can have a chance at being comforted, inheriting the kingdom, being shown mercy and "Children of God" and one day we might even possess the great reward of the kingdom of heaven.

Good luck with your faith journey this week and maybe we can remember these "attitudes" that we should possess, that we should "be" might help us mold our lives to be closer to Him and when we finally are able to boast we "should boast in the Lord." Enjoy your week and let us pray for one another as we continue our journey of faith!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, January 30

4:05pm Faith Formation (School)

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Tuesday, January 31

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Wednesday, February 1

6:00pm R.C.I.A. (Parish Center)

Thursday, February 2

1:00pm Legion of Mary (Parish Center)

Saturday, February 4

7:00-9:00pm Scouts (Parish Center)

Sunday, February 5

10:30am Confirmation Class (School)

CATHOLIC ACADEMY

The new Pope John XXIII Middle School is hosting an information Night on February 1st at 7:00 pm for students currently in grades 4, 5, and 6. The Middle School facility will be opening soon with much to offer incoming students. Parents will assemble in the Pope John XXIII Regional High School "old gym" at 7:00pm for an academic and program review. There will be an opportunity to tour the new Middle School facility following the presentation.

Also, on January 31st, Rev. George A. Brown School will host an Open House at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm for students in grades PreK-3.

Please bring a friend!

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry tries to offer a wide variety of choices to our clients so we can always use whatever you would like to donate.

However, there are a few items we are particularly in need of: coffee, sugar, Dinty Moore Stew, Spaghetti's, Chef Boyardee, spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, cooking oil, tuna, cake mix, icing and cookies.

We are also in need of non food items such as: body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, bleach and dish detergent.

Saint Mother Theresa Food Pantry is the largest food pantry in Sussex County. The only way we are able to assist so many people in need is through your generosity. Thank you for being part of this important ministry!

ADORATION

THERE WILL BE BENEDICTION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD FROM 12:30 UNTIL 3:00PM. "ALL ARE WELCOME" TO SPEND SOME TIME BEFORE THE EUCHARISTIC LORD.

PARISH WEEKEND DONATIONS

January 22nd - Collection \$8,633

Online Giving \$448

Total: \$9,081

Attendance: 836

Please remember that our parish weekly collection goal is \$10,000/week.



MINISTRY SCHEDULES

We are preparing the new schedule for March, April and May for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers. Please call the office by February 10th with any changes or days you are unavailable during those months.

All the schedules are published on our website www.stjosephnewton.org. We will not send out paper schedules this time. If you do prefer a paper schedule please contact the office.

BAPTISMS

Saint Joseph Parish Community Welcomes the following children to the Roman Catholic Church as they were baptized on the following dates:



Sunday, January 1, 2017

Joel Josue Vargas

child of Jose and Maribel Vargas.

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Mark Steven Linskey

child of Michael and Kathleen Linskey

We congratulate their parents and look forward to seeing all of them each week at Mass as their children "grow in age and wisdom!"

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH'S SECOND TOWN HALL MEETING

Father ST invites all registered members of Saint Joseph Parish to join him for the Second Annual Town Hall Meeting on **Thursday, February 16th at 7:00pm** in the Community Center. On behalf of the parish, I cordially invite you to join us as a people of faith to share our concerns, goals, inspirations and plans for the future of our local church.

All registered parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting; the only things that you need to bring with you are an open mind and a charitable heart. There will be an opportunity to either ask questions in person or you may also just write them down on an index card, which will be read aloud during this meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you, the faithful parishioners of Saint Joseph Church, about our church and what you think we should be thinking about in the years to come.

If you are not able to make this meeting and would like a question to be addressed at this meeting, please feel free to email me at: FatherSTS@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing your great ideas, enthusiastic spirits and prayerful suggestions.

Working harder to work together to make a difference,

Father ST

