

# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

973-383-1985



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Weekdays:** Monday-Friday at 12:05pm

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

*Misa en Español todos los Domingos a las 2:30pm  
y tambien, el tercer Lunes del mes a las 7:00pm*

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

## SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & PERSONAL APPOINTMENTS

*Please call the Parish Center*

973-383-1985

AUGUST 6, 2017

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## OUR PARISH FAMILY IS SERVED BY

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Father ST Sutton

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**Deacon Thomas Zayac**  
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## TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

Dorothy Bosi, George Hayek  
and Gerard Woodring.

<b>Saturday 8/5</b>	5:00pm	Antoinette Del Guidice <i>Intentions of John Sanzari</i>
<b>Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00am	Giselle Antonelli Thaddeus McHugh
<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9:30am	Mary Gregory Rosemary Gumann
	11:30am	Hailey Acierno Francisco Alonso
<b>Monday 8/7</b>	12:05pm	Dan Coranoto
<b>Tuesday 8/8</b>	12:05pm	Dorothy Remington Marcotte
<b>Wednesday 8/9</b>	12:05pm	Mary Duthaler
<b>Thursday 8/10</b>	12:05pm	Edward Park Mae Cocilovo
<b>Friday 8/11</b>	12:05pm	Gustavo Suazo
<b>Saturday 8/12</b>	5:00pm	Patricia Beck <i>Intentions of Phyllis Magnone</i>
<b>Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00am	Rocco Caruso <i>Intentions of Dorothy &amp; Frank Pacholarz</i>
<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Frank Cangelosi Stephen & Pearl Polc
	11:30am	Hailey Acierno Patricia Beck

## 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:



*Margaret Lanterman*



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

*Deceased Members of the Mottola Family*

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

## "OREMUS PRO INVICEM"



Ron Ayers, Mary Benziger, Father Michael Burke, Father Angelus Croce, Peter De Kleine, Jennifer DiNardo, Pat Fitzpatrick, Kathy Flores, Eileen Fra, Deborah Haff, Kristen Hocken, Bill Kadar, Susan Kadar, Jessica Kirby, Kerri Knight, Jeff Matyas, Luz Montejo, Karen Morrison, Don Murphy, Gen Muth, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Linda Ross, Michael Ryan, Rita & Tom Zimich.

*Please remember these family members in your prayers who are in need of the Lord's healing presence.*

## PEW CUSHIONS

*Once again, special thanks to all those who participated in the replacement of the old pew cushions.*

*May the souls of all those who were memorialized, be shining down upon their loved ones and friends!*

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - AUGUST 6, 2017

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Monday, August 7

7:00pm First Sessions of our Bible Study (*Library*)

### Tuesday, August 8

7:00pm Spiritual Book Club (*Library*)

### Wednesday, August 9

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Parish Center*)

### Thursday, August 10

1:00pm Legion of Mary (*Parish Center*)

### Sunday, August 13

2:30pm Spanish Mass (*Church*)

## SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

**WILL BE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE BOOK  
"JESUS A PILGRIMAGE"  
BY FATHER JAMES MARTIN  
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM  
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

## PARISH WEEKEND DONATIONS

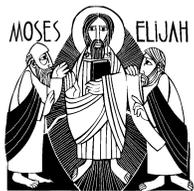


July 30 - Collection \$7,562  
Online Giving \$343  
Attendance: 708  
**Total: \$7,905**

*Remember our weekly goal is \$10,000*

Many thanks for all those who participated in the  
"No More Second Collections" offering.  
To date, our total collection is \$21,441  
(last year the collection was \$21,406).

## WEEKEND READINGS



**August 13, 2017**

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a  
Romans 9:1-5  
Saint Matthew 14:22-33

## WELCOME SISTERS

*We welcome the three new members of the  
Salesian Community at Sacred Heart Center.*

**Sister Maris Fe Tanisco Sister Boran Lee and  
Sister Rachel Lauristes** who will be continuing their  
formation at the Center. We welcome them to our  
parish family of Saint Joseph Church.  
*"Let us pray for one another!"*

## SUSSEX COUNTY FAIR

Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> is the  
**2017**



**Sussex County Fair**



Come join our knights from the **Don Bosco Council**  
at their annual food booth. All Knights, Columbiettes,  
parishioners or anyone interested in helping  
at the Fair Food Booth are asked to please call  
John Holzli at **973-383-6061** or e-mail him at  
[jholzli@embarqmail.com](mailto:jholzli@embarqmail.com). Come by and see Father flip  
some hamburgers or serve some fries!

*Supporting the Knights not only fills your bellies but  
also allows them to continue in their philanthropic works of  
charity in our parish and throughout the deanery.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

It is with great joy and prayerful gratitude  
that we celebrate the Golden Jubilees of  
Benedictine religious life for:

**Abbot Emeritus Joel Macul, OSB**

**Abbot Emeritus Justin Dzikowicz, OSB**

**Brother Luke O'Connell, OSB**

*We congratulate them and wish them many  
more years of healthy and joyful service in  
the Benedictine Community*

## FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

**"Love begins at home and it is not how much we  
do, but how much love we put in that action."**  
*- Saint Mother Teresa*

Did you bring a can of food with you this week?  
Leaving feeding to the poor to others, is just not  
an acceptable way to live our Christian lives.

It is our vocation and calling from the Lord Jesus  
Himself, to "Feed my sheep." So we ask you to please  
remember these "little ones" before you leave your  
house for church. Pick up an extra can or box of food  
and leave it at the entrance of the church.

**Let us remember the words of our Lord:**  
"What you did for the least of my brothers and sisters,  
you did to me" (*Matthew 25:40*)

## JUST A FEW ISSUES...

As we are in the midst of our summer months here in Newton, it has come to my attention, and the attention of others, that a few things seem to be creeping into our celebration of the Holy Eucharist. These certainly have been age old problems (*at least after the Vatican Council*) and not particular to our parish or dioceses, and they are: talking before, during and after Mass and leaving Mass early.

Now I realize that Church should always be a welcoming place and hopefully each and every time you enter Saint Joseph Church, whether you are a seasoned parishioner or just visiting the area with family or friends during the holidays (*or for a special event*), someone has greeted you with "Welcome to Saint Joseph Church" or just simply "Welcome!"

Anyone that watched me before and after Mass, knows that I often say hello to many people. But this is not the issue that has caught the attention of others. The issue is when people come to church early (*or even times late*) and want to talk about everything from their doctor's appointments, their health issues to the latest religious-political issue of the day.

I think we all need a gentle reminder of a few things; first and foremost, the church is not just a meeting place or a religious hall, it is God's house, because of Jesus' presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. That is why we have the perpetual red candle that burns as a reminder of the Lord's presence in all Catholic churches. That is why we (hopefully) genuflect before we enter the pew. It is also the reason why (*some*) still bless themselves as they pass a Catholic Church. Again this is a reminder of the Lord's unique and Eucharistic presence in this particular building. Therefore, it is out of great respect and devotion to the Lord's presence, combined with the desire of many people who seek the silent refuge of the church, but are unfortunately distracted by incessant, unimportant and very frustrating chatter, that we should not casually talk in church!

Now I know many people say they do not have a chance to see other people during the week and this is their time to "catch up" on things. They also become indignant when others, or even the priest asks them to stop talking in church. Again, I would gently remind them, that the inside of the Church is not the proper place to have these conversations. We come to church **not** to socialize or "catch up" on things with others. Rather, we come to church to worship God! Therefore, I would kindly and personally ask that if you have participated in these unnecessary and distracting conversations with others, please show your respect to the Lord and to those who seek to listen to His voice in the silence of their lives to **just stop talking!**

Every place, every building and even in most elevators, we hear music, talking and lots of noise. I think the sacred space of our churches should be the one place where there is sacred silence. Let us all give our best and allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts as we remember the words from psalmist: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:0).

The second issue is leaving church early. In his book **Divine Renovation**, Father James Mallon states: "If visitors from outer space, or from a very different culture, were to come and observe our behavior, what would they see? What would they conclude? At the end of the Mass the priest or deacon says, 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.' He might as well say, 'On your marks, get set, go!' The mad dash for the parking lot might lead one to conclude that someone has shouted 'Fire!' or that there was a prize for the first person out. When the priest says, 'Let us pray' after Holy Communion, listen carefully and you will hear the sound of jingling car key being made ready for the escape. If the Christian community is to be a place where everyone knows your name, we seem to say to one another 'I don't want to

know your name, I don't really care if you came, your troubles are your own problem, now get out of my way.'

Several years ago, my Archbishop, Anthony Mancini, wrote a beautiful pastoral letter on the New Evangelization. He addressed this question of community: "The Church cannot be a collection of individual believers practicing their faith in private, satisfied with their self-sufficiency. The truth is that the Church can be this, has been this and, sadly often is this. When the Church is such a sign of contradiction to its own nature, it is a sick and dying Church. If the renewal of our Church is to take place, the question of community will be essential."

Leaving Church early cheapens the Mass, disrespects the priest as well as the rest of the community. What possibly could people be rushing out for? Ok, I know that there are some people who work and have to be on a schedule. But, let us be honest, that is NOT the norm. And what truly amazes me is that these are not young people, they are mature and even elderly individuals that leave Mass before I even reach the back doors of the church. This past weekend, I noticed that after Communion, the rear quarter of the church was completely empty. I actually watched someone come to Communion and walk right out the door. This is NOT our Catholic faith, this is a fast food mentality of cheap grace and trying to make the Mass get over with as soon as possible.

When I celebrate Sunday Mass, it is usually never longer than fifty (50) minutes. I do not think that is too much time to ask of anyone in their spiritual lives, to listen to God's Word and to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. I genuinely desire to meet and greet everyone that comes to church, to thank them for celebrating the Mass with us and for being part of our parish family. If you leave early, you do not give me this opportunity. It also reminds me of when people leave a show before the final encore. Again, it is disrespectful and I gently remind people that leaving Mass is not appropriate and should not continue. Please be respectful! Please be courteous. Please be patient. Please be loving and above all, Please be **Catholic!**

Finally is an issue which I have addressed many times in the past and it either seems to fall upon deaf ears or the people that it affects are not reading my articles: that is the proper reception of Holy Communion.

Again, I remind the faithful that receiving Holy Communion in the palm of your hands is NOT a right but a **privilege**. The proper reception of Holy Communion is a slight bow before receiving (*whether it is the Holy Body or the Precious Blood of Christ*), to extend your hands high with **one hand under the other** NOT both hands cupped, NOT one hand above as ready to "pinch" the host from the hands of the priest and NOT below your waists. If you are carrying a child, a cane or anything else, Holy Communion should never be received with one hand.

Also, when the priest, deacon or Eucharistic Minister says "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ" the proper response is "Amen!" Not silence, not "I believe" not "It truly is" but just simply "Amen!" If you choose to receive in the palm of your hand, you should step to the side and immediately place the host in your mouth, NOT raising it up, NOT blessing yourselves with it or any other gesture. It is simply "Amen," a step to the side and then putting the consecrated host into your mouth.

The intention of this article is not to knit pick about stupid things, but rather, to remind everyone of the proper and fitting behavior in our church. This is the Catholic Church which is made up of many people from many walks of life. I am just trying to get everyone on the same page so that "All Are Truly Welcome" in our church and by our uniformity in both word and deed, all will be made to feel welcome and part of our parish here in Newton. **Have a Blessed Day!**