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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 27, 2017

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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Dorothy Bosi, George Hayek
and Gerard Woodring.

Saturday 8/26 5:00pm Peter J. Cofrancesco III
Peg Woodring

Sunday 8:00am Nicholas Karras
August 27th

Twenty-First 9:30am Rosemary Gumann
Sunday in Mary Gregory
Ordinary Time 11:30am Anne & Joseph Plevyak
Paula Marie Liuzza

Monday 8/28 12:05pm James Edward Berry

Tuesday 8/29 12:05pm Peggy Woodring

Wednesday 8/30 12:05pm Oscar & Alcira Ortiz

Thursday 8/31 12:05pm Gustavo Suazo

Friday 9/1 12:05pm Karen Morrison

Saturday 9/2 5:00pm Daniel Listmeir

Sunday 8:00am Tommy & Danny Vetrano
September 3rd

Twenty-Second 9:30am Rosemary Gumann
Sunday in Mary Gregory
Ordinary Time

11:30am Father Val Plevyak
Barbara Hansen

WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE

“OREMUS PRO INVICEM”



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:

Joseph Savage Jr.

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

Rosie Woodring

May all their good deeds have gone with them and may they now be resting in the joy and peace of the heavenly kingdom!



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, Bill Matulewicz, Jeff Matyas, Jim Montagne, Luz Montejo, Gen Muth, Mike Palumbo, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Linda Ross, Michael Ryan, Christel Siro, Margherita Vass and Rita & Tom Zimich.

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

LABOR DAY MASS

**On Labor Day, Monday - September 4th,
Mass will be at 9:00am in the Church.**

There will be NO 12:05pm Mass!

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 27, 2017

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, August 28

7:00pm Bible Study Series (*Library*)

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 3

2:30pm Misa en Español (*Church*)

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

Parish Office will be closed

R.C.I.A.

Would you like to become a fully initiated Catholic? For some reason have you not made all your Sacraments? It is never too late and it is not too difficult. Come learn about our RCIA Program (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) which is a sacramental process of conversion that will help you travel on your spiritual journey to follow Christ in your life.

If you are interested, please call
Deacon Tom and Joanne Zayac at:
973-300-4758.

*Classes will begin in September
on Wednesdays in the Parish Center.*



ADULT DAY CARE COMING

We will soon be taking pre-registration
for our upcoming

Guardian Angel Day Care Center
to be located in our former
Saint Joseph Parochial School.

Please send your information and needs to:
Adultdaycare@gmail.com

PARISH WEEKEND DONATIONS

August 20 - Collection \$6,941

Online Giving \$348

Attendance: 652

Total: \$7,289

Remember our weekly goal is \$10,000



WEEKEND READINGS

September 3, 2017

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Saint Matthew 16:21-27



FAITH FORMATION

*Do you have a child in Grades 1-10 and
have not registered them for Faith
Formation this coming year?*

Please contact Mrs. Linda Gorski,
the Director of Faith Formation here at
Saint Joseph Church at:
FaithFormation@stjosephnewton.org
or call her at: **973.383.8413.**

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

"I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness."
- Saint Mother Teresa

Sometimes we read over our bulletin without giving
a second thought to what we have just read.

We would ask you to make this posting a little
different. Please prayerfully and seriously consider
making Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry a regular
thought each and every time you go shopping for
yourselves or your family. For it is our vocation and
calling from the Lord Jesus to feed the hungry and
clothe the naked. So we ask you to please
remember these "little ones" before you leave your
house for church. Do not forget to bring an extra
can or box of food and leave it at the entrance of the
church for those in need.

*Thank you for your generosity and concrete example
of your Christian faith!*

JUSTICE AND TRUTH?

The following article is being made public because of the manner in which this issue was raised during the 5:00pm Saturday evening Mass when the weekend homily was turned into a dialogue homily without any prior intention or proper preparation by the celebrant.

As a brief history to what had led to this point: last year Jefferson Street was designated as a “no parking” zone by the insistence of one of our “good” neighbors. I personally attended this Town Hall Meeting and tried to plead the cause for our school (which was then open) and our church. It reminded me (as I mentioned in the public forum) of people that purchased homes near an airport and then after several years, complain about the noise from the airplanes.

Saint Joseph Church was built in 1864, I think it was long before any our neighbors purchased their present homes. Nonetheless, we seem to have an “ever so kind” neighbor that loves to call the police on people that “illegally park.” Now mind you, hardly ever are these “illegally parked” vehicles blocking her driveway or impeding her ability to come and go from her home. But she still insists on singling out our church and its members by calling the police.

Once during a funeral, she demanded that the cars of the mourning family members and hearse be ticketed for parking in a prohibited area. This past Good Friday, she once again called the police and insisted that “I pay your salary” and “you will do as I say” and insisted that they ticket the cars. I cannot make this up.

Now, I have tried having a logical and civil discussion with this woman, but like talking to a zealot or fanatic, there was no logic, civility or Christian compassion to be found.

Fast forward to this two weekends ago, when just before the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday evening, she was out with her phone camera taking pictures of cars that were parked along the side of Halsted Street which is clearly marked “No Parking School Zone” even though our school has been closed for almost one year. Again, no one was blocking her driveway and no one was preventing her from coming or going into her driveway. It was just pure antagonistic, unfriendly, harassing, troublesome, wearisome and unchristian behavior.

So during my homily, I mentioned where I saw God in my life and listed many examples. Then I also added, where I do **not** see God in my life. I began to list “When people gossip, talk badly about others, tear down rather than build up, see the glass half empty and even the actions of our ‘kind’ neighbor.” It was then that someone interrupted my homily and stated “She is a friend of mine, she is a good woman and she has had a tough life.” I then entertained this interruption and asked everyone in church who has had a “difficult” life to please raise their hands. The majority of those in attendance (myself included) raised our hands. I continued: “just because someone has had a ‘tough life,’ does not give them the right or justification to be mean spirited or antagonist against our church or any house of worship. Once again, more comments were shared aloud: “You should try being nice to her.” To which I replied: “I tried that route and to no avail.”

At the end of Mass, the majority of the parishioners thanked me for sticking up for the parish and for handling the situation in

the most professional manner in which I did. I had to admit that although this was not the time or place for such a conversation to take place, I give the woman “kudos” for having the *chutzpah* for speaking her mind. Another parishioner stated: “Oh, Father, I am so sorry. I have been coming to church for years and I have always kept quiet when I disagreed with the priest. I am so glad that I can now just shout out my disagreements.”

The reason why I share with you this incident is that I will continue speaking with the Mayor and Chief of Police and if need be, we will have to all write letters to the Mayor expressing our discomfort and dis-ease with such harassment. This is a House of God and that someone would come forward and harass those attending is paramount to religious persecution and will not be tolerated. I would ask if this woman approaches you to please just ignore her as it seems she feeds on the negative responses and push back that she receives from me, from parishioners and even from the police officers that are trying to do their jobs.

The second reason I share with you this incident is an issue that I raised in my homily this past week: justice and moral relativity. At times, someone has to stand up and say “this is wrong and this is right.” The harassment and persecution that this one woman is inflicting on our church **IS WRONG** and it will not be tolerated. Having a “difficult” life or even a psychological problem (which I am NOT saying she has) is still not an excuse for improper behavior from anyone. You see, your intentions are less important as your actions in dealing with these types of situations. It would be like a person that is stopped for speeding and the driver tells the officer “I am sorry, I did not mean to speed.” The reality is that they were speeding and that is against the law. Whether they receive a ticket or not is another issue. The point is that intention has nothing to do with the effects of one’s actions.

Certainly, one is due the proper amount of Christian charity and of course our prayers. However, just because someone says they are “good people” and their actions dictate otherwise, does not change reality. As Saint James reminds us:

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. -James 2:14-26

So as we continue on our faith journey, please know that this priest will not stand for any injustice against our family of faith, whether in word or deed, as we hold onto our religious liberty and Christian faith, two principles that are assured by our own Constitution and enshrined in our Scriptures and Church Law.



WELCOME



The following families have registered in our parish. We welcome them to our parish community! You are invited to share your time, talent and treasure with us each and every week!

Ms. Colleen Ritzer
Mrs. Consuelo Chronis
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Garcia
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Nogueira
Mr. Michael Diffin
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Aue & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Leonel Carranza
Mrs. Geraldine Bender
Mr. & Mrs. Abel Sanchez
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hooley
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Puskas

6:00PM MASS MINISTERS

In order for the 6:00pm Mass to continue each week, we are in need of a priest, deacon, Reader, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and faithful.

We seem to have the clergy, altar servers and faithful down. However, there is a serious lacking in the ministries of Reader and Eucharistic Ministers. If we cannot get people to come forward and volunteer for this additional Mass, we will have to seriously consider the need for this Mass during the winter months.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these ministries, please contact Anne Lundgren at: 973.383.1985 or email her at:
Parishoffice@stjosephnewton.org

LABOR DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for the holiday.



BAPTISMS

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH COMMUNITY
Welcomes the following children to the Roman Catholic Church as they were baptized on:

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Isabella Victoria Francisco
child of Randy Bensley and Sherie Francisco.

Sunday, July 2, 2017

Riley Patricia Glowatski
child of Brian and Stephanie Glowatski.

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Adrian Carlos Moya
child of Chayanne and Cristina Moya

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Caroline Marie Aue
child of Scott and Tina Aue

Lily Cate McDonnell
child of Sean and Tara McDonnell



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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Every first Friday of the month our Young Adults are invited to meet for fellowship, socializing, and prayer.

Age: 20's and 30's

Date: Friday, September 1st

Time: 8:00-10:00pm

Where: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

Schedule: 8:00-9:00pm

Adoration, Praise & Worship Music
9:00-10:00pm Socializing in the outdoor pavilion
Praise and Worship music by singer/songwriter
Dan Ferrari.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP

Bishop Serratelli invites any young woman (in high school or college) who is contemplating a religious life, to join him with the religious sisters of the diocese for adoration, reflection, fellowship, and of course, pizza on **Monday, September 25th from 7:00-9:00pm** at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta.

For more information, please call the Delegate for Religious Office at: 973-777-8818 Ext. 207.

TRICKY TRAY

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church's **Annual Tricky Tray**

Friday, September 1st

Doors open at 6:30pm

203 Newton-Swartswood Road, Swartswood

For more information please call: 973-383-3566

NO ONE UNDER 18 ADMITTED

A FATHER & SON CONCERT

Starring Paul Todd and Paul Todd Jr. from South-West Florida. They will be playing at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge on **Saturday, September 2nd**. They will hold a concert performance after the 5:00pm Liturgy. This father and son entertain, inspire, and bring virtuosity to every show as they perform a combination of classical, gospel, Broadway, swing, pop and many other styles of music.

Doors open at 6:30pm, concert starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20/adult (*children under the age of 18 are free!*) Proceeds from the concert will help Saint Thomas Church purchase a Digital Display sign to be placed in front of the Church. For more information call: **973-208-0090**.

HEALING RETREAT

The Sacred Heart Retreat Center, Newton

Friday, September 8th

to Sunday, September 10th

Cost is \$175

Lodging and all meals are included.

The Retreat will include Mass (celebrated on Saturday and Sunday) with a Healing Service on Saturday evening. Father Ed Rama will be presenting the retreat talks and celebrating the Masses and Healing Service. To register call Jenn at 973-948-3185.

DAY OF REFLECTION

OCTOBER

14



TERESA & THERESE IN ART & STORY

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY
Saturday, October 14, 2017 9:30-3:30

Join award-winning Artist and Author **BRO. MICKEY MC GRATH** as he shares his paintings (and the stories behind them) of these two great **DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**. From Avila to Lisieux to New York, we will make a pilgrimage of the heart and explore the relevance of these two great women and their lessons in living for our troubled world today.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." -*Abraham Lincoln*

"Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask." -*Billy Graham*

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." -*C. S. Lewis*

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are." "The true test of a man's character is what he does when no one is watching." -*John Wooden*

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

BULLETIN ADVERTISING



The following is an excerpt from a letter from the bishop of the diocese:

For a number of years, people have been gathering at a shrine erected in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Hope and Madison Avenues in the City of Passaic, New Jersey. The belief of some individuals in an **alleged** apparition of Mary in a tree stump has led them to turn the site into a place of popular piety. **This is not a place of devotion officially recognized or sanctioned** by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson.

Furthermore, the alleged apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe at this site has **never been confirmed by any Church investigation** or approved by the bishop of the diocese.

Also, the collection of monies at this site has been done without the involvement of the diocese. In order to avoid all confusion and misunderstanding of authentic Marian piety, I hereby encourage all the faithful to participate in the devotions and pious practices in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe within any one of our parishes and not at the site of an alleged apparition of Our Blessed Mother nor in conjunction with the a tree stump in which Mary is said to have appeared. Please know that this alleged apparition has none of the consistent characteristics of Marian apparitions approved by the church. Since this is not an approved apparition, in order not to add further confusion, no priest is to accept the tree stump into his parish.

Our newest parish project here at Saint Joseph Church is producing our own bulletin each week. This decision was made for several reasons:

- 1.) The poor quality and customer service from our former bulletin company.
- 2.) We will have more control over production, quality and number of weekly bulletins.
- 3.) All donations are made **directly** to the parish.
- 4.) There will be opportunities for people to place weekly, monthly or yearly remembrances, anniversaries, congratulations or special thanks.

At this time, we would ask for your support of your parish and this particular new endeavor. As always, when searching for services, amenities or conveniences, our philosophy is always "buy and check our parish supporters first!"

I would ask you to prayerfully consider being part of Saint Joseph Parish Family of Supporters by placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.

For more information, please contact Father ST at: FatherSTS@gmail.com.

We look forward to your favorable reply and to count you among "Team Positive" here in Newton in this newest endeavor to make our parish greater, more welcoming and financially stable.

WELCOME OUR NEW ADVERTISERS



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