

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Church: 400 East Simpson Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507
E-mail: officemanager@stjosephmech.org • Website: www.stjosephmech.org

MISSION STATEMENT: Saint Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg PA

Like our Patron, Saint Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to foster the presence of Christ in all that we say and do. Our mission is to grow disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ.



"Do to others
as you would
have them
do to you."

Luke 6:31

Reverend Thomas J. Rozman, Pastor
Reverend Kenneth C. Roth, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Steven Auchey
Rudy Geisler, Parish Manager
Rebecca A. Bamberger, School Principal
Justin Myers, Pastoral Musician
Mark Rebuck, Coordinator of Religious Education
Becky Davis, Family Ministries Coordinator
Suzanne Bruzga, Evangelization Coordinator
Mary Vukelich, Communication Coordinator
Parish Advisory Council, pac@stjosephmech.org

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Please notify the parish office when you or a family member has been admitted to the hospital or healthcare facility.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the parish office, 717-766-9433, to schedule.

Common Policy for Baptism: Parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive a copy of the Parish Baptism Policy containing essential information regarding the required instruction workshop and requirements for sponsors.

Sponsor Certificates: Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active members of the Parish who are registered in the Parish and receiving the Sacraments.

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

Common Policy: It is necessary for a couple to contact the priests NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS prior to the anticipated time of the wedding. (It is recommended to contact the parish priest as soon as a formal engagement is decided.)

Sacrament of Anointing: Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

Holy Communion to the Sick: When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age, or infirmity, please call the office and arrangements will be made to take Holy Communion to the person.

Masses: Saturday: 4:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
5:30 PM Outdoor Mass
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM (ASL), 11:30 AM
Weekday/Holy Days: As listed in bulletin

Parish Office: 410 E. Simpson St.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507

Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9:45 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday 9:45 AM - Noon

Telephone Numbers:

Parish Office:	717-766-9433
Video Phone for the Deaf:	717-610-0326
Mass & Confession Times:	717-766-8032
School:	717-766-2564
School FAX:	717-766-1226
Religious Education:	717-766-2472
Trinity High School:	717-761-1116

Masses & Events for the Week + Mass in American Sign Language ASL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - VIGIL SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38)

4:00 PM ✙ **Paul Barchak, Jr. (Hoellman)**
5:30 PM **People of the Parish Living and Deceased**

After Masses: Lenten Resource Table (Narthex)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM ✙ **Betty Lou Morgan Husic (Runk)**

+9:45 AM ✙ **Walton Craig (Lenz)**

11:30 AM ✙ **Paul Ruopp (DeJesus)**

After Masses: Lenten Resource Table (Narthex)

12:45 PM Bingo (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)

1:00 PM Sacrament of Baptism (Church)

2:00 PM Sacrament of Baptism (Church)

6:00 PM Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - SAINT PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH;

PRESIDENTS' DAY (James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29)

9:00 AM ✙ **Ginseppa Epifanotto (McConnell)**

No School

No REP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE

(1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19)

9:00 AM ✙ **Mary Zales (Rozman)**

9:30 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

12:00 PM Parish Office Opens at Noon

6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 195 (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr. - Saint Joseph Hall)

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Lee Horan Rm.)

7:00 PM Alpha (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

(James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40)

9:00 AM ✙ **Julian Duckwall (Walters)**

10:00 AM Bible Study (Brindle Hall)

6:30 PM Legion of Mary (John Paul II Rm.)

7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - WEEKDAY

(James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50)

9:00 AM ✙ **Joseph Woods (Gore)**

10:00 AM Abiding Together (Lee Horan Rm./Zoom)

7:00 PM Abiding Together (Lee Horan Rm./Zoom)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - WEEKDAY

(James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12)

9:00 AM ✙ **Dorothy Pinamonti (Pinamonti)**

12:00 PM Senior Leadership Team Mtg. (Brindle Hall)

7:30 PM Holy Hour of Adoration (Church)

8:30 PM Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - WEEKDAY; BVM

(James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16)

6:15 AM That Man Is You (Brindle Hall)

2:15 PM Confessions (Church)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - VIGIL EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45)

4:00 PM ✙ **Beth Carlen (Holtz)**

5:30 PM ✙ **Elizabeth Louise Kornoski (Cole)**

After Masses: Lenten Resource Table (Narthex)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM **People of the Parish Living and Deceased**

9:30 AM RCIA (Zoom)

9:30 AM Preschool/Kindergarten REP (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)

+9:45 AM ✙ **Celestine Jordan (Bianca)**

11:30 AM ✙ **Lee Bostwick (Vukelich)**

After Masses: Lenten Resource Table (Narthex)

1:00 PM Sacrament of Baptism (Church)

2:00 PM Sacrament of Baptism (Church)

6:00 PM Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)

WELCOME

Join us for Mass! Our daily Masses are offered at 9:00 AM and are livestreamed. Our weekend Mass schedule: Vigil Mass, Saturdays 4:00 PM in the Church & 5:30 PM outdoor Mass (the outdoor Mass can be heard on your car radio FM 95.5, when the Mass is in the parking lot); Sundays, 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM (ASL and livestreamed) and 11:30 AM. All Masses in the Church can be heard from the Church parking lot on your car radio (FM 95.5). Our livestream is available via on our website, Facebook or YouTube channels. All are welcome!!!

We Remember

ALTAR FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

AMBO FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

DIVINE MERCY FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

TABERNACLE FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

WORD OF GOD FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

PRO-LIFE ROSE: Special Intention.

ALTAR CANDLES: Special Intention.

AMBO CANDLES: Special Intention.

RED SANCTUARY CANDLE: Special Intention.

TABERNACLE CANDLES: Special Intention.

\$140 Donation for Tabernacle, \$70 Altar, Ambo, & Divine Mercy Flowers, \$10 Donation for candles,
\$5 Donation for Pro-Life Rose
Information on our website: www.stjosephmech.org or
call the Parish Office: 717-766-9433

THIS Weekend Music Ministry

4:00 PM Sanctuary Ringers

8:00 AM Organ/Cantor

9:45 AM Organ/Cantor

11:30 AM Organ/Cantor

NEXT Weekend Music Ministry

4:00 PM Organ/Cantor

8:00 AM Organ/Cantor

9:45 AM Contemporary Music Ensemble

11:30 AM Sanctuary Choir

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Rosanna Kelly

Michael Piccolo, husband of Elizabeth Piccolo

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Reverend James O'Brien

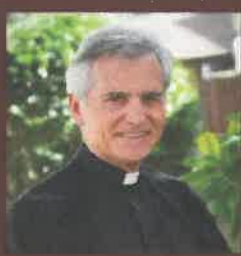
Patricia Risma, Mother of Christine Adzema

Steven Savage, Brother of Rebekah Smith



CARING for the POOREST OF THE POOR

PARISH TRANSFORMATION



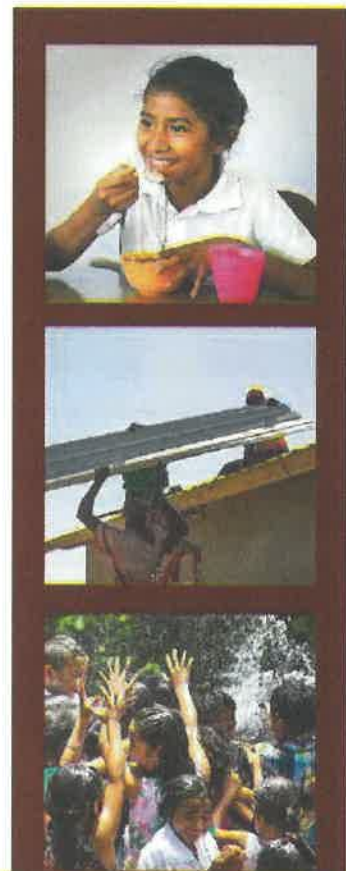
Father Frank
Iacona

This weekend we welcome Father Frank Iacona from **Cross Catholic Outreach**. Cross Catholic Outreach (www.crosscatholic.org) partners with clergy and lay workers to supply food, water, housing, education, orphan support, medical care, microenterprise (very small businesses), disaster relief - *and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ* - to the poorest of the poor around the world.

Father Frank was born in the hills of Montelepre, Sicily, but his family left for a better life; first to Canada then to the United States. He grew up in Detroit, eventually becoming a teacher, lawyer and CPA. His career path led to the "good life" but he hungered for more, which led him to the inner city of Indianapolis working with the poor, seniors and widows.

Father Iacona is now a priest in the Diocese of Saint George's-in-Grenada. As an itinerant preacher, he strives to raise funds for the poor and to awaken the Christ in those in the pews. His guide and spiritual quest: Peace and joy, by affirming and giving thanks for the blessings in each of us. As it is said, "No God, no peace. Know God, know peace. To know God, look for the good in you and others."

It is a great joy to have Father with us, and to assist Cross Catholic Outreach to serve the poorest of the poor!



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**



Saint
Joseph
School



Our younger grades celebrated the 100th day of school with different activities. Pictured are some of our second graders celebrating with a cup-stacking challenge.

Students in grades 1-5 are invited to take part in after-school Science Explorers Clubs. February's club meetings have the students travel back in time to discover mysteries of the Earth. They experience a dinosaur dig and create their own cast fossils. They learn about geodes, use the Mohs scale to test and classify minerals, and explore how rocks are formed.



Interested in a Catholic education for your child? Spaces for the 2022-2023 school year are limited, so please don't delay. Please visit www.sjsmch.org for more information or contact Amanda Koerner, Director of Development, with any questions (akoerner@stjoesmch.org or 717-766-2564).



Join Trinity High School's Class of 2026 now and avoid the waitlist. Online registration is available on our website: www.thsrocks.us. Become a Shamrock today!

Interested in being a Host Family? We are looking for a family to host a female Spanish student for the 2022-2023 academic year. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture, and even to practice any Spanish-speaking skills! If you are interested, contact Mrs. Monique Abbas, Admissions Director, mabbas@thsrocks.us, for more information.

Weekly Stewardship Report: February 13, 2022

Regular Sunday Offerings:

Weekly Goal \$ 26,731.00

Actual Basket Offerings -

Weekend Offerings (envelopes & loose) \$ 14,901.00

Electronic Check - Bill Payer \$ 5,832.00

Online Thru WeShare \$ 6,359.00

Total Offerings \$ 27,092.00

Comparison Prior Year - February 14, 2021 \$ 31,568.00

Additional Offerings:

Black & Indian/Poor Missions \$ 3,002.00

Propagation of the Faith \$ 315.00

Catholic Church - Europe, Africa & Latin America \$ 25.00

Capital Improvements \$ 548.00

"Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts"

Thank you for your continued generosity.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Saint Joseph Parish Office has two

employment opportunities: a full time

Administrative Assistant and a full time

Bulletin Coordinator. Candidates must have

excellent, professional customer service,

communication, interpersonal, writing and

computer skills, with the ability to maintain

confidentiality. We are seeking enthusiastic,

collaborative individuals to help us in a busy

team environment and also be able

to work independently. Please submit resume and letter of interest

to Brenda Perry officemanager@stjosephmech.org. Two Year

College Degree or higher desired or equivalent level of work

experience required and be able to qualify for Diocesan Youth

Protection Clearances.

The Halls are Alive!

The Sound of Music tickets are on sale for the

performances by Trinity's St. Genesius

Players on **March 4 and 5 at 7:00 PM**

and **March 6 at 2:00 PM**. Tickets are

general admission and are \$8 for

students, \$13 for adults, and \$18 for

VIP. In an effort to allow for social

distancing and to cut down on large

crowds in the auditorium lobby, we

ask that you consider purchasing your

tickets online in advance at:

([https://www.showtix4u.com/event-](https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/60091)

[details/60091](https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/60091)). While a small number

of tickets will be available at the door, please be aware that

ticket prices will increase by \$2 (\$10 for students, \$15 for

adults, and \$20 for VIP). Doors will open 40 minutes before

showtime.



TMIV
THAT MAN IS YOU
THY KINGDOM COME!
CLAIM YOUR ROYAL DIGNITY AND INHERITANCE

WEEK 20:
A TALE OF TWO CITIES
Presenter: Steve Bollman



We will look into the vision of two incredible saints, thinkers and contemplatives: Saint Augustine and Saint John Paul II. Join your That Man Is You brothers this week as we attempt to ingrain their visions into our very hearts.. Join us in Brindle Hall on Saturday morning at 6:15 for food and fellowship. That Man Is You is a men's program to transform yourself, your family and greater society. Breakfast is provided! Contact Tony Devlin at thedevlinfamily@yahoo.com for information.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2.
Our Mass Schedule on this day of fast and abstinence:

6:30 AM
9:00 AM SJS Students attending
12:00 PM - Noon
6:30 PM (ASL).
Masses at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM
will be livestreamed.
All are welcome!

Mark Your
CALENDAR

Please make a note:
The Parish Office will
open at Noon on
Tuesday, February 22.



**PARISH
ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

**Accepting new member nominations
thru April 30.**



Want a preview?
Listen to the podcast for free
using your favorite
podcast app
(iTunes, Stitcher, Spotify, etc.)
or by visiting
www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com.

Abiding Together Women's Group

Each Thursday morning in the Lee Horan room at 10:00 AM and again in the evening at 7:00 PM, amazing women like you are **gathering in-person and via Zoom** to accompany and support each other as we grow in faith. We discuss an episode of Abiding Together, and how the ideas presented help us draw closer to Christ. The topics are all stand-alone, so you can participate as your schedule permits.

Contact Becky at familyministries@stjosephmech.org for location information, zoom link, or to learn more!

PERSONAL LENTEN RESOURCES

Available WEEKENDS of February 19/20 and 26/27
Church Narthex

Devotional materials will be available in the Narthex while supplies last. Please take something home for yourself and/or your family to dive deeper into Lent at your own pace as your schedule allows. Your free-will donation is appreciated to cover the cost of these materials.



Our Knights of Columbus #12788 are hosting a Sunday Afternoon BINGO event!

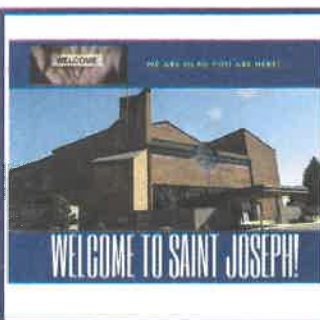
On February 20, 2022, doors open at 12:45 PM (Parish Life & Ed. Center). Food, for purchase, will be available starting at 1:00 PM. Bingo starts at 2:00 PM. Tickets are still available at the door. Cost per ticket starts at \$22 – up to \$36. Cash preferred, but checks also accepted. Proceeds from the event will be used to help purchase Ultrasound Machines for Morningstar Pregnancy Center. All are invited to come out for an afternoon full of food, fun and fellowship!!!



Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration in our Church and livestreamed, every Friday evening, starting at 7:30 PM. Join us in the Church for an hour with our Eucharistic Lord. We will pray together and silently. Pray the

Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Benediction is at 8:30 PM and we conclude with a candlelight prayer to Our Blessed Mother. Worship Aids are available when you walk in the church and are posted on our website: www.stjosephmech.org.

All are welcome! Come, let us adore Him!



Our Welcome Kiosk is open this weekend! Stop by and say hi, grab a prayer square, obtain information on how to join our parish, or ask any questions.

For Hospitality Ministry information please contact Marlene Steinour by email at tinysteiny75@gmail.com or call her at 717-712-9457.

Harrisburg Diocese Council of Catholic Women

The Harrisburg Diocese Council of Catholic Women Scholarship Committee invites **high school senior girls** to apply for a \$1000 scholarship to be used for post-secondary education. Applicants must be sponsored by a relative who is a member of a parish CCW, and both applicants and sponsors must reside in the Harrisburg Diocese. **The deadline to submit a completed application is March 31, 2022.** For more information or to secure an application packet, contact Joyce Scott at 717-737-0927 or hdcwsscholarship@gmail.com.

BECOMING CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

2022 Diocesan Men's Conference



Keynote Speaker

Adam Janke
COO, Saint Paul Street
Evangelization

Keynote Address:
"The Battle for Souls"

In-Person: \$35 | Virtual: \$20
(Includes lunch)

Saturday, April 2, 2022 | 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Diocese of Harrisburg Conference Center, Harrisburg
Schedule and Registration Now Available
www.hbgdiocese.org/men



SAVE
THE
DATE:

April 2
2022

The **Beginning Experience Team** for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Kirchenwald, Lebanon, PA for a Beginning Experience Weekend, May 13-15, 2022. The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends. The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization. Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Check the Harrisburg Diocesan WEB SITE: <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/> and go to marriage and family or check www.beginningexperience.org.

Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at phone 717-379-0800 or jpennat_58@comcast.net.

Monthly Charismatic Mass

On Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 PM there will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing at Saint Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland. Reverend Samuel Dubois will be Celebrant. All are welcome. For information, please call Mary Ann at 717-512-3628 or Vicki at 717-364-6260.



We have HEART (Abortion Recovery) at Morning Star



Following an abortion, many women and men experience initial relief, as the perceived crisis is over and life appears to normalize. For many though, the crisis is not over. Months and even years later, countless women and men continue to experience pain and grief.

Morning Star recognizes the need for a safe confidential environment for individuals to seek help and healing.

At Morning Star, women, men, and families who are suffering the effects of participation in abortion are offered spiritual and psychological help to find forgiveness and healing. Individual sessions, support groups and healing retreats are offered throughout the year to assist individuals striving to renew lives wounded by abortion.

We will be starting our next **HEART Support Group** in late February.

If you or someone you know needs hope and healing, or for more information, contact Linda at 717-403-6330 or HEART@MorningStarClinics.com. **All inquiries are confidential.**



"Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD ..."
Are you considering a vocation to the consecrated life?

Call Father Jonathan Sawicki
717-657-4804, or write:
frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org.

We thank our Sponsor of the Week:

WESTY'S BEER DISTRIBUTORS

for sponsoring an advertisement in our parish bulletin.
Please patronize the businesses that underwrite all of the publishing expenses of our weekly bulletin.

SEEKING THE
FATHER'S WILL
IN SACRED
SCRIPTURE

Mar 2: Lk 13:1-5
Mar 3: Lk 13:22-30
Mar 4: Lk 12:32-34
Mar 5: Lk 12:35-48

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Mar 6: Lk 10:23-28
Mar 7: Lk 10:29-37
Mar 8: Lk 11:1-4
Mar 9: Lk 11:5-8
Mar 10: Lk 11:9-13
Mar 11: Lk 11:27-28
Mar 12: Lk 11:33-36

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mar 13: Lk 17:1-4
Mar 14: Lk 17:5-10
Mar 15: Lk 17:22-37
Mar 16: Lk 18:9-14
Mar 17: Lk 18:15-17
Mar 18: Lk 18:18-23
Mar 19: Lk 18:24-30

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Mar 20: Lk 18:31-34
Mar 21: Lk 19:41-44
Mar 22: Lk 19:45-48
Mar 23: Lk 20:1-8
Mar 24: Lk 20:9-19
Mar 25: Lk 20:20-26
Mar 26: Lk 20:27-40

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Mar 27: Lk 21:1-4
Mar 28: Lk 21:5-11
Mar 29: Lk 21:12-19
Mar 30: Lk 21:20-24
Mar 31: Lk 21:34-36
Apr 1: Lk 22:24-30
Apr 2: Lk 22:31-34

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Apr 3: Lk 22:35-38
Apr 4: Lk 22:39-46
Apr 5: Lk 22:47-53
Apr 6: Lk 22:54-65
Apr 7: Lk 23:1-17
Apr 8: Lk 23:18-25
Apr 9: Lk 23:26-32

HOLY WEEK

Apr 10: Lk 19:28-48
Apr 11: Lk 22:1-6
Apr 12: Lk 22:7-13
Apr 13: Lk 22:14-23
Apr 14: Lk 23:33-43
Apr 15: Lk 23:44-49
Apr 16: Lk 23:50-56

EASTER SUNDAY

Apr 17: Lk 24:1-12

Lent

2022

"Not my will, but Yours be done." - Luke 22:42

Before we look for Jesus on the morning of the Resurrection, we spend these forty days of Lent looking for Jesus in prayer, penance, and charity



Restoration to the Divine image in which we were made is only possible by our imitation of God's will. If, dearly beloved, we comprehend faithfully and wisely the beginning of our creation, we shall find that man was made in God's image, to the end that he might imitate his Creator, and that our race attains its highest natural dignity, by the form of the Divine goodness being reflected in us, as in a mirror. And assuredly to this form the Savior's grace is daily restoring us, so long as that which, in the first Adam fell, is raised up again in the second. And the cause of our restoration is naught else but the mercy of God, Whom we should not have loved, unless He had first loved us, and dispelled the darkness of our ignorance by the light of His truth. And the Lord foretelling this by the holy Isaiah says, "I will bring the blind into a way that they knew not, and will make them walk in paths which they were ignorant of. I will turn darkness into light for them, and the crooked into the straight. These words will I do for them, and not forsake them." And again

he says, "I was found by them that sought Me not, and openly appeared to them that asked not for Me. And the Apostle John teaches us how this has been fulfilled, when he says. "We know that the Son of God is come, and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and may be in Him that is true, even His Son," and again, "let us therefore love God, because He first loved us." Thus it is that God, by loving us, restores us to His image, and, in order that He may find in us the form of His goodness, He gives us that whereby we ourselves too may do the work that He does, kindling that is the lamps of our minds, and inflaming us with the fire of His love, that we may love not only Himself, but also whatever He loves. For if between men that is the lasting friendship which is based upon similarity of character notwithstanding that such identity of wills is often directed to wicked ends, how ought we to yearn and strive to differ in nothing from what is pleasing to God. Of which the prophet speaks, "for wrath is in His indignation, and life in His pleasure," because we shall not otherwise attain the dignity of the Divine

FROM SERMON XII OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT

Majesty, unless we imitate His will.

We must love both God and our neighbor, and "our neighbor" must be interpreted in its widest sense. And so, when the Lord says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, from all thy heart and from all thy mind: and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," let the faithful soul put on the unfading love of its Author and Ruler, and subject itself also entirely to His will in Whose works and judgments true justice and tender-hearted compassion never fail. For although a man be wearied out with labors and many misfortunes, there is good reason for him to endure all in the knowledge that adversity will either prove him good or make him better. But this Godly love cannot be perfect unless a man love his neighbor also. Under which name must be included not only those who are connected with us by friendship or neighborhood, but absolutely all men, with whom we have a common nature, whether they be foes or allies, slaves or free. For the One Maker fashioned us, the One Creator breathed life into us.



Looking for Jesus in Confession

During Lent, we approach the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as the way of returning to the Father who restores for us the dignity of our Baptism and the full privilege of being adopted as His children. An integral confession calls us to spend time examining our conscience, not only remembering those material sins which we have committed, but also allowing God's Spirit to probe the depths of our hearts to uncover our unrecognized wounds and unclaimed motives. Discerning why we commit the sins in our life helps us to be open more



Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Grant me the grace to be renewed during this observance of Holy Lent. Armed with prayer, penance, and almsgiving, may I lay aside those things which hinder my search for You!

fully to the redeeming work of Christ through this Sacrament. The most important component of Confession is contrition, sorrow for our sins, which comes only when we make a good and honest self-examination before we enter the confessional.

PRAYER

Have I prayed as I ought? Has God been at the center of my life? How I have ignored God and His divine inspiration? Have I listened attentively to God's voice in the Sacred Liturgy? Have I been faithful to my obligation for Sunday Mass and Holy Days? Do I prepare myself and those entrusted to my care for Mass? Am I lazy or complacent in prayer? Do I pray for my loved ones and my enemies? Is my prayer self-centered? Have I explored the rich spirituality of the Catholic Tradition and its many ways of devotion? Do I spend time in prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament?

PENANCE

Have I made Fridays throughout the year a day of penance? If I eat meat, do I do another act of penance? Do I fast throughout the year? Do I willingly abstain from those unnecessary things which clutter my life? Does noise make me deaf to others and to God? Am I aware of the ways in which my sins make me unworthy of my wonderful

vocation as a Christian? Am I humbled by the love and goodness of God in my life? Do I see my faith as a gift and not a burden? Do I receive Holy Communion worthily? Do I have a sense of entitlement or superiority? Do I exercise my body and mind? Do I live a healthy lifestyle?

CHARITY

Do I give of myself freely and generously to others? Do I forgive those who have harmed me? Do I give others the benefit of the doubt? Do I judge the motives of others? Am I faithful to my obligations to my family, to my parish, to those in need? Do I give from my surplus or my want? Do I trust that God will reward a cheerful giver? Am I sensitive to the sufferings of others? Do I allow myself to acknowledge the many persons I encounter each day? Do I hold opinions which bring harm to others? Do I make decisions which are contrary to Catholic moral teaching? Do I desire the admiration and praise of others? Do I love myself enough to study and grow in my faith? Have I been a good steward of creation and the created goods entrusted to me?



Looking for Jesus in Lenten Traditions

The following are the guidelines for the observance of Lent:

PRAYING. Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Sacred Scripture. Spiritual reading, such as the lives of the saints, and devotions like the Stations of the Cross and the Holy Rosary are helpful to spiritual growth. Lent is also an ideal time to receive properly the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

FASTING. Catholics aged 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics aged 18-59 are required to fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day not equal to the full meal.

ALMSGIVING. Moved by the sacrifice of Christ and the suffering of humanity, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy provide ample inspiration for other ways to sacrifice time and resources for those most in need of help.

Even now, says the Lord,

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individually every Saturday — 2:15-3:15 PM

"Confession is more powerful than an exorcism. One is a sacrament and the other is a blessing. One confession is worth 100 exorcisms... To decrease the work of Satan, increase the use of confession."

~ Msgr. John Esseff (Exorcist 40 years)

Saint Joseph Parish Penance Service
Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 PM
Church Sanctuary



Other Local Penance Services

Sunday March 20, 7PM: Saint Patrick

Wednesday March 30, 7PM: Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday April 3, 2PM: Saint Katharine Drexel

Tuesday April 5, 7PM: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday April 7, 7PM: Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday April 10, 7PM: Saint Theresa

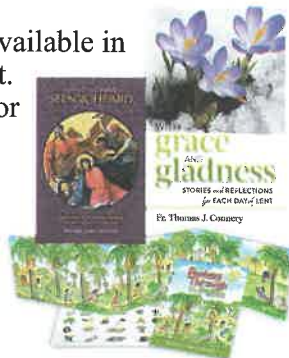
Tuesday April 12, 7PM: Good Shepherd

If you haven't been to Reconciliation in a long time, or if you've "forgotten how", don't worry! The priest will welcome you and guide you through the sacrament.

PERSONAL LENTEN RESOURCES

Available WEEKENDS of February 19/20 and 26/27
Church Narthex

Devotional materials will be available in the Narthex while supplies last. Please take something home for yourself and/or your family to dive deeper into Lent at your own pace as your schedule allows. Your free-will donation is appreciated to cover the cost of these materials.



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ANNUAL LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

Live at 6:00 PM on Fridays ~or~
Recording of previous week at 12 Noon
Brindle Hall



Each week, a speaker will share their personal story of how God has been at work in their unique, wonderful, messy life. See the back of this flyer for details! Copies of Matthew Kelly's book, *Life is Messy* are available in the Parish Office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1PM and 7PM on Fridays

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8
Church Sanctuary



After the Lord's resurrection, believers began making the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, where they would retrace the last steps of Christ. The Stations of the Cross, as we

know them today, developed over many centuries as an alternative for the faithful who could not make an actual visit to the Holy Land. Not able to go to the Holy Lands this year? We invite you to participate in this devotional practice. All ages welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

7:30-8:30 PM on Fridays

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

Church Sanctuary following Stations of the Cross

As Catholics, we believe in Christ's **real presence** — body, blood, soul, and divinity — in the Eucharist. In addition to every Mass, we are able to spend time with



Jesus in a special way during Eucharistic Adoration. The time of adoration concludes with Night Prayer followed by Benediction and a candlelight procession to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Return to me with your whole heart

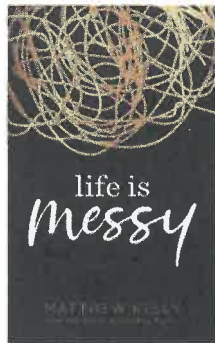
Joel 2:12

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

Live at 6 PM on Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1

~or~

Recording of previous week at
12 Noon on Fridays March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8



Our Annual Lenten Series is back! This year we will be highlighting Matthew Kelly's book *Life is Messy*, which was given as a gift at Masses at Christmas. Each week, a speaker will share their personal story of how God has been at work in their unique, wonderful, and messy lives. Extra copies of the book are available at the Parish Office.

Schedule of Speakers

Live on March 4 at 6PM (recording March 11 at Noon): Mary and Glenn Carnahan

Live on March 11 at 6PM (recording March 18 at Noon): Paul and Shelley Zabroske (and Timmy)

Live on March 18 at 6PM (recording March 25 at Noon): Joyce Akujobi

Live on March 25 at 6PM (recording April 1 at Noon): Steve and Alyssa Morisani

Live on April 1 at 6PM (recording on April 8 at Noon): Cat Freitas

What's for dinner? Each gathering will begin at 6PM (Or 12 Noon) with cheese pizza and beverages. (Free-will offerings are gratefully accepted to cover the costs!) The talks will begin at 6:30 PM (or video at 12:30), and conclude before 7 PM (or 1PM), at which point we will head to the church for the Stations of the Cross. Feed your body, mind, and spirit this Lent!



Bring a friend... bring the whole family... All are welcome!

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Indicate the number of people attending each session:

March 4 at 6PM: Number eating dinner _____ March 11 at 12Noon: Number eating lunch _____

March 11 at 6PM: Number eating dinner _____ March 18 at 12Noon: Number eating lunch _____

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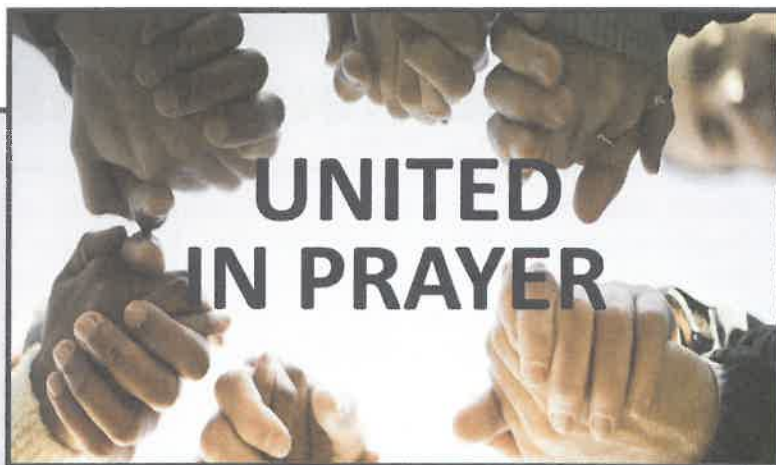
April 1 at 6PM: Number eating dinner _____ April 8 at 12Noon: Number eating lunch _____

Submit registration form to Becky Davis at the Parish Office, drop it in the collection basket at Mass, email familyministries@stjosephmech.org, or register on the Saint Joseph parish website.

For prayer & reflection this
Black History Month...

Heavenly Father...

As Christians, we are called to seek justice. To help those who are oppressed and hurting. To treat everyone with respect and dignity. Move us to follow your commands, Lord. Let us not merely say that we love each other. Help us to work for positive change.



Through Your goodness,

open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being;

open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family;

open our hearts to repent of attitudes, behaviors, or speech which demean others because of their race or ethnicity;

open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial or ethnic discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change and acceptance.

Fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered in your name. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures, speak many different languages. Open our hearts that we may be bold, as Catholics, in finding the riches and beauty of inclusive fellowship and to be more loving of one another as You have shown us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
for INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

- *What stands out to me in this prayer? Why?*
- *What does my faith have to do with racial justice?*
- *How can I follow this example?*

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SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

Martin was born in Lima, Peru, on 9 December 1579. He was the illegitimate son of Spanish nobleman Don Juan de Porras y de la Peña, and Ana Velázquez, a freed slave of African and Native descent. His father abandoned Martin's family, so his mother supported her children by taking in laundry. Martin grew up in poverty, and after just two years in primary school, when his mother could no longer support him, he was placed with a barber/surgeon where he learned to cut hair and perform "medical arts".

Under Peruvian law, descendants of Africans and Native Americans were barred from becoming full members of religious orders. The only route open to Martin was to ask the Dominicans of Holy Rosary Priory in Lima to accept him as a "donado" (translated as "donated"), a volunteer who performed menial tasks in the monastery in return for the privilege of wearing the habit and living with the religious community. During his time there, Martin continued to practice his old trades of barbering and healing and was said to have performed many miraculous cures. He also took on kitchen work, laundry, and cleaning.



Depicted here with a crucifix, a broom, a cat, a dog and a mouse to show that we can all live in harmony with the love of God; in unity and humble service to others.

After eight years at Holy Rosary, the Prior Juan de Lorenzana decided to turn a blind eye to the law and permit Martin to take his vows as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. Not everyone at Holy Rosary accepted the decision of De Lorenzana. One of the novices called Martin a "mulatto dog", and one of the priests mocked him for being illegitimate and descended from slaves. However, in 1603 when Martin was 24, he was allowed to profess religious vows as a Dominican lay brother. When he was 34, he was assigned to the infirmary, where he was eventually placed in charge and remained in service until his death at the age of 59. He never became a priest.

Martin was known for his care of the sick. He ministered equally to Spanish nobles and to slaves. One day an aged beggar, covered with ulcers and almost naked, stretched out his hand, and Martin took him to his own bed. When one of his brethren reproved him, Martin replied, "Compassion, my dear Brother, is preferable to cleanliness."

On another occasion Martin found on the street a poor Indian, bleeding to death from a dagger wound, and took him to his own room until he could transport him to hospice. The Prior, when he heard of this, reprimanded him for disobedience. Martin is said to have replied, "Forgive my error, and please instruct me, for I did not know that the precept of obedience took precedence over that of charity." The prior gave him liberty thereafter to follow his inspirations in the exercise of mercy.

After his death, a great many miracles and graces were attributed to Martin. His body was exhumed 25 years after burial, and was supposedly found intact, exuding a fine fragrance.

He was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI on Nov 29, 1837. Nearly 125 year later in 1962, he was canonized in Rome by Pope John XXIII. He is the patron saint of people of mixed race, innkeepers, barbers, public health workers, and racial and social justice.

Saint Martin, patron of the racially and socially marginalized and of public health, we pray for your intercession to our God and Father that we may be united as brothers and sisters in Christ during this time when division seems to undermine our call to love one another the way the Father has loved us. Bring your healing miracles upon this earth to rid us of the pandemic, so we can safely return to full communion and fellowship, free of anxiety and fear. In you name, Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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