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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday Evenings at 7:00 pm in the
Church during Lent.**

March 18

Led by

Secular Franciscan Order (SFO)



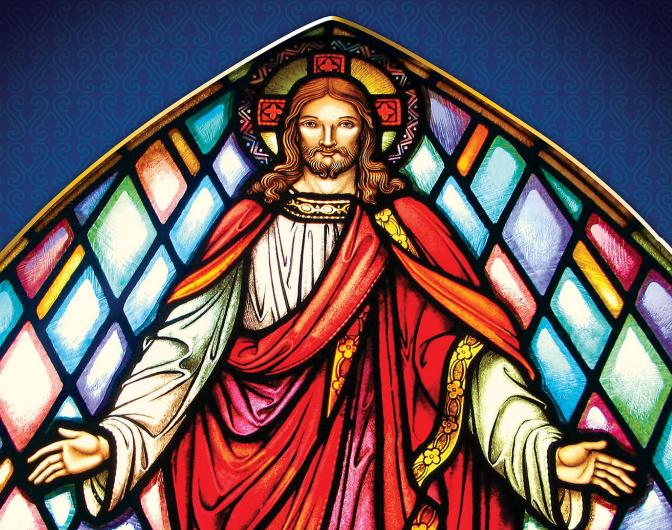
Lenten Penance Services

Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Saint Thomas a Beckett Catholic Church

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Saint John Neumann Catholic Church

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Good Counsel

As you plan your spiritual journey for the Lenten Season, we invite you to attend one of the Lenten Penance Services. Visiting priests will be assisting at these penance services in order to provide an opportunity for individuals to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



*Go forth as heralds
of God's mercy*

2016 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

We invite you to join us for the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Prayer as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 14

- 6:30 a.m. + Jerome Legua by Chris Legua
- 8:00 a.m. + Jerry Neville by Susie Geurin
- 12:15 p.m. + Putla Elisha & Annamma by Putla Sudla

Tuesday, March 15

- 6:30 a.m. + Walter Pary by Phyllis Pary
- 8:00 a.m. + Grace A. Kempf by The McCollim Family
- 12:15 p.m. + Dan Vallario by Judy Kerby

Wednesday, March 16

- 6:30 a.m. - For the Sick & Suffering
- 8:00 a.m. + Rachel Laughridge by Maria D'Antonio
- 12:15 p.m. + Sandra Humaney by Mary Kirby and Family

Thursday, March 17

- 6:30 a.m. + Edmond Cahalane by The Miller Family
- 8:00 a.m. + Edmond Cahalane by Mary Cahalane
- 12:15 p.m. + Linda Burgess by The Dobranski Family

Friday, March 18

- 6:30 a.m. + Marie Louise Chang by George Chang
- 8:00 a.m. + Ammini George by The Job Family
- 12:15 p.m. + Kathleen Buckley by Eileen & Shane McClung

Saturday, March 19

- 8:00 a.m. + Mama Helena Szulc by Her Daughter
- 5:00 p.m. + Martin Polakovic by Stan & Betty Ogozalek

Sunday, March 20

- 7:00 a.m. - In Thanksgiving by John & JoAnne Schilling
- 8:30 a.m. - Leah Cousins by Cris Beltran
- 10:00 a.m. + Ted Bruchalski by Tom Keppel
- 11:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
- 1:00 p.m. + Mary Donohoe by Stan & Betty Ogozalek
- 3:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
- 5:00 p.m. + David Baker by The Nappier Family



Jubilee of Mercy

Lent 2016

Peace and good! As we prepare for the fifth week of Lent, we are reminded to remain open to the grace of conversion during this penitential season. I continue to find myself remaining open to the grace of conversion and the five elements of Franciscan penitential spirituality: love of God, love of neighbor, reception of Eucharist, hatred of sin, and worthy fruits of penance.

This week I share the following insights of Pope Francis regarding Francis of Assisi's embrace of the cross. Pope Francis shared:

[Fr. Tom's Column Cont'd...]

What does Saint Francis's witness tell us today? What does he have to say to us, not merely with words – that is easy enough – but by his life?

The first thing he tells us is this: that being a Christian means having *a living relationship with the person of Jesus; it means putting on Christ, being conformed to him.*

Where did Francis's journey to Christ begin? It began with *the gaze of the crucified Jesus*. With letting Jesus look at us at the very moment that he gives his life for us and draws us to himself. Francis experienced this in a special way in the Church of San Damiano, as he prayed before the cross which I too will have an opportunity to venerate. On that cross, Jesus is depicted not as dead, but alive! Blood is flowing from his wounded hands, feet and side, but that blood speaks of life. Jesus' eyes are not closed but open, wide open: he looks at us in a way that touches our hearts. The cross does not speak to us about defeat and failure; paradoxically, it speaks to us about a death which is life, a death which gives life, for it speaks to us of love, the love of God incarnate, a love which does not die, but triumphs over evil and death. When we let the crucified Jesus gaze upon us, we are re-created, we become "a new creation." Everything else starts with this: the experience of transforming grace, the experience of being loved for no merits of our own, in spite of our being sinners. That is why Saint Francis could say with Saint Paul: "Far be it for me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (*Gal 6:14*).

We turn to you, Francis, and we ask you: Teach us to remain before the cross, to let the crucified Christ gaze upon us, to let ourselves be forgiven, and recreated by his love. (2013)

Through the witness and example of Saint Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis, may we remain open to grace of conversion during these days of Lent.

In the peace of Francis of Assisi,

Father Tom, TOR

Reference:

Francis. (2013, October 4). *Homily – Pastoral Visit to Assisi*. Vatican.



The Parish staff wishes to thank the following parish ministries:

We thank **our parishioners** who supported the St. Lucy Food Drive overseen by the **Men's Society** and Knights of Columbus. This food drive is another way which we live out the "works of mercy." Many blessings!

We thank **our parishioners** for your support of the **Parish Facility Collection** this past weekend. Your generosity allows the parish staff to provide good stewardship for the buildings and grounds. Many blessings!

We thank **our parishioners** who provide for **the cleaning, order, and maintenance of the Church**. There are many parishioners and individuals who work behind the scenes. These individuals include those who clean the pews after each of the Masses on the weekends; those who oversee the cleaning of the altar linens and altar servers' robes; those who clean the Church each Monday morning; those who tend to the flowers and plants; those who clean the Church for the weekend Masses; those who oversee the candle ministry; the parish maintenance staff; etc. We thank you for your ministry!

We thank **our parishioners** who have generously made their pledges and donations to the **Bishop Lenten Appeal (BLA) 2016**. Your pledges and donations are another way which we live out and support the "works of mercy." Many blessings!



LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
6:30 a.m.; 8:00 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.

(Procession follows the Mass)

Visits to the Repository in the Parish Hall until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Stations of the Cross (Spanish) 1:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Passion 6:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Passion (Spanish) 9:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Easter Food/Baskets 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass (Spanish Mass) 12:00 a.m.



EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of the Resurrection 7:00 a.m.

Mass of the Resurrection 8:30 a.m.

Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 a.m.

Mass of the Resurrection 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Mass of the Resurrection 2:00 p.m.

Mass of the Resurrection (Spanish) 4:00 p.m.

Please note there will be NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.



The Light is On For You – On Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30 – 7:30 pm for individual confession. A good website is offered by the Archdiocese of Boston, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, to help you prepare. It has videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions and more resources.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WHO NEEDS TO BE CONFIRMED?

St. Joseph's Parish is offering a seven week class for those baptized Catholic adults who already have received their First Holy Communion but still have not received Confirmation. Classes will be held every *Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m.* beginning on March 30th in Room 208. Confirmation will be given by our bishop, Paul S. Loverde Saturday, May 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. To register, contact Mr. Reyes Ruiz call 703-880-4332 or email at rruiz@sjcherndon.org.

There is no Religious Education on the following days:

- Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 20th
- Monday of Holy Week, March 21st
- Tuesday of Holy Week, March 22nd
- Holy Saturday, March 26th
- Easter Sunday, March 27th
- Easter Monday, March 28th
- Easter Tuesday, March 29th



COMING SOON!



Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Joseph Parish

The Office of Religious Education is hosting its first ever Catholic Vacation Bible School (VBS) from Monday, June 27th - July 1st (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon). This five (5) day summer "day camp" will be held on the parish grounds and includes such activities as games, snacks, songs, and crafts. The cost for the week is \$50 per child (that's just \$10 a day) with discounts for four or more children per family. Sign-up sheets and more details will be posted in the bulletin and online at the parish website.

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister, call Mary Kirby at 703-880-4302 or email mkirby@sjcherndon.org to discuss details and find out when the next Diocesan workshop will be.

We especially need Eucharistic Ministers for the following Masses: Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

LECTORS NEEDED!

Do you feel called to proclaim the Word during Mass?

Contact Mark Overberg at (703) 787-9824. Lector training will be provided in the church on April 2 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

THE YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

"Revolving Our Lives Around Christ"

Mandatory Work Camp Meeting this Sunday, March 13th:

For all high school youth attending Work Camp 2016, there is a mandatory meeting this Sunday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in parish hall C. Dinner will be provided. For questions, please contact parish stakeholder Mr. Jim Roewer at jimroewer@verizon.net.

Work Camp 2016: St. Joseph Parish Youth Need Your Help!

Are you a person with basic home repair and maintenance skills? Have you ever painted a house or built a deck? Are you a professional contractor? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please consider putting your skills to use at Work Camp!

Work Camp is an annual week long service opportunity for youth of our parish to serve those in need throughout Northern Virginia. Work Camp is designed to provide the youth of the Arlington Diocese with an opportunity to strengthen their relationship with Christ through direct service, community, prayer and serving Virginians by making their homes warmer, safer and drier.

We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to share these skills teaching the youth and helping improve the lives of those in need in our diocese. Work Camp 2016 will be in Spotsylvania County, June 27 - 30, 2016.

If you are able to volunteer your time and skills to help Work Camp please contact Jim Roewer at 703-437-4811.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March

Universal: FAMILIES IN DIFFICULT

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.



Evangelization: PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

Cub Scouts will be selling Easter Flower Dedications at all Masses this weekend, March 12-13. Cost is \$15 per dedication. Donations will be used to purchase flowers for the altar for Easter Masses. Please consider a dedication for your loved ones this Easter Season.



Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. Pope Francis

Formation for Spring?

Psalms ~ starting Sundays, 7-9pm, Room 210, Intro on March 13 then resuming on Sunday, April 3.

The Mass ~ starting Tuesdays, 1:30-3pm, Room 210, starting March 29

Contact Amy for details and to order materials ~ 703.318.7311

URGENT! The St. Joseph Craft Fair is in need of one or two persons to act as coordinator(s). Training will be provided! This event, now in its 12th year, supplies funding for the Backpack Meal programs at local elementary schools, hypothermia shelter meals, and other community outreach programs. Please prayerfully consider stepping up for this rewarding and worthwhile event. If we are unable to fill this position by the end of March, this event may have to be cancelled, along with the programs it funds. For more information call Lisa Kimpflen: 703-989-6153. Thank you!

**Are you Everybody, Somebody, Anybody or Nobody?
Please volunteer!**

St. Lucy Project

Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.

Through the mercy and generosity of the people of St. Joseph's parish, we were able to collect 9349 pounds of food and donations of \$2472. Thank you.

This will directly benefit needy families throughout the Diocese of Arlington. This result exceeds the generous collection of the first St. Lucy Collection last summer.

Thank you to the Men's Society and to the Knights of Columbus for facilitating this act of mercy.

In Baptism we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church, and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. With this in mind, we welcome this child of God who was recently baptized.

Carson Reid Dunn son of Charles & Mary;

Want to volunteer but can't commit weekly!

Being a Wedding Coordinator might work for you. Not a weekly commitment – we try to work with your schedule. Time commitment for each wedding is about 2 hours. Coordinators attend the rehearsal the evening before the wedding and assist with all the details on the day of the wedding. What are some details: getting the bride's room ready, assisting Father with getting the readings ready, making sure the wedding starts on time, etc. Training is provided. You volunteer as it meets your busy schedule. If interested please contact: Alice Eelman at aelman@sjherndon.org or 703-880-4321.

Saint Joseph will be supporting LINK food deliveries to families in need.

The deliveries will take place between April 1 and April 30 in the Herndon, Sterling, Ashburn areas. The deliveries will be scheduled between 6:00 to 8:00 pm on weekdays and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturdays. We are looking for volunteers to fill one or more of the 45 slots available. The delivery process normally takes less than 2 hours.

If you are available to volunteer, please contact Jorge Hidalgo at jorhidalgo@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

Thank you and God Bless you!

Collections:

The Weekend of March 5-6
Offertory \$24,413
Faith Direct \$13,880

Second Collection: Parish Facility Fund
\$ 8,815 plus Faith Direct

Thank you for your continued support & your kind generosity.

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Planning is in the final stretch for St. Joseph School community's largest fundraiser, **Spring Fling 2016 "March Madness"** theme. Please join together with our faculty, staff, and parents to make this year's Spring Fling Auction and Dinner a *slam dunk*, in support of school development initiatives. All proceeds from the event will directly benefit our SJS students. We invite our entire St. Joseph School community, friends, and family to join in our tradition on March 19th at 6PM. Tickets are available through www.bidpal.net or front office.

Acknowledgement of Gifts

Parishioner monetary contribution statements were mailed.

It is not necessary to call the office for your statement unless you did not receive yours.

Thank you for all your generous contributions to support the Parish and our many programs.

Your Generosity will be remembered in the prayers of the Franciscan Friars here at St. Joseph Parish.

May God Bless you.

Time to dust off your golf clubs. On **May 9th, 2016**, **Youth Apostles** hosts its **20th Annual Golf Tournament** at Raspberry Falls Golf Club in Leesburg, VA.

Cost is **\$275** and includes 18 holes of golf, snacks, drinks, lunch, dinner, gift bag, prizes and a great raffle. Consider helping Youth Apostles in its mission to change the lives of young people. Thank you for your support!

Contact: Gerry Hartigan at 703-556-0914 or email at gerry.hartigan@youthapostles.org for more information.

5K & Kids Fun Run – Bring your running shoes, your family and your friends and join the Bishop O'Connell High School community for a morning 5K race and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, April 9. Register online by Mar. 20 to make sure you get your T-shirt size. Find out more about the race and register today at www.bishopoconnell.org/5K. Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.



Saint Joseph School
once a saint, always a saint

The St. Joseph School's service club members demonstrated exemplary leadership organizing the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 4th. Students volunteered as altar servers and read the stations and reflections for this special Lenten activity.

On Tuesday, March 8th, eighth grade students throughout the Arlington Diocese attended the annual Vocations Mass at Holy Spirit Church celebrated by Bishop Paul S. Loverde. The annual Vocations Mass is offered specifically for the eighth-graders in the hopes that they will be infused with the grace to discern God's call for their lives. Please remember to pray for vocations especially during this season of lent.

The SJS Annual Dinner and Auction will take place on Saturday, March 19th. The theme is "March Madness" and the festivities will tip off at 6:00 p.m. More information regarding the Spring Fling may be found at www.sjschoolva.org, click on the link "Spring Fling".

SJS is accepting applications for Kindergarten. Please contact our Admissions Coordinator, Mrs. Mary Lewis at 703.880.4315 for more information. We welcome families to make an appointment for a tour to see firsthand what makes our school special and observe our professional staff, our creative 21st century learners and our state of the art facilities.

Congratulations to the following parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church who have been named to the second quarter Honor Roll at Bishop O'Connell High School: **Distinguished Honors:** Colum Bergeron, Brandon Horwath, Allison Boboltz, Lucie Drahozal, Michael Hails, Sophia Marra, Justin McClure, Luke Stievater, Jennifer Fabian, Sarah Grasmeder, Stephanie Fernandez, Alexander Hails, and Venise Trinh; **First Honors:** Anthony Dyson, John Grasmeder, Andrew Janis, Agatha Tatang, Caroline Diebler, Francis Gionfriddo; **Second Honors:** Diego Garcia, Elizabeth Matney, Kelly McLaren, Albert Ujevic, Grace Valcicak, Jake Asuncion, Susana Juarez Rodriguez, Ashley Wilson, Serena Davis, Nicholas Roewer, Alexander Samuel, Patrick Tessier, Maximilian Babka, Miguel Badia, Claudia LeBoeuf, Devin McKibbin, Olivia Salazar, Julia Stievater, and Christopher Williams