

Healed Through His Wounds

Jesus refers to the story that Michelangelo painted into a corner of the Sistine Chapel. It is about the time the Chosen People were attacked by serpents and many were dying. God instructed Moses to place two serpents on a staff and lift it up over the people. All they had to do was look at the serpents to be miraculously healed of their bite wounds.

We have all been bitten by sin. This can be our own self-destructive choices and attitudes, or we can be victims of other's sins. Yet sin and suffering doesn't need to have the last word. We can overcome if we choose to look at Christ crucified and learn his lesson of love. Jesus teaches us to not be defined by our ugly choices or the wounds we suffer. Our wounds and weaknesses can become the place of our healing. Jesus wants to heal us. That is why he let himself be lifted up!

To embrace this healing is simple yet challenging. First it requires simple faith to believe you are loved by the Father, no matter what. Second we need a constant, often-denied effort on our part to sincerely repent and work with

God's grace to transform self-limiting attitudes and habits into virtues.

Even if you feel dead in your transgressions now, Jesus has already secured your path to life. Grace awaits you. The first step is to accept the love from he who is lifted up with arms outstretched to receive you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I have any unspoken beliefs that, in some way, I am unlovable?

Do I need to repent from whatever attitudes or actions distance me from that love?



Piece: *The Brazen Serpent*, 1508-1512
Artist: Michelangelo
Location: Sistine Chapel

*[Jesus said,] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."
John 3:14*

Calendar

Monday

March 12

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday

March 13

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday

March 14

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8–15

Jn 5:17–30

Thursday

March 15

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7–14

Jn 5:31–47

Friday

March 16

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday

March 17

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

Sunday

March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31–34

Heb 5:7–9

Jn 12:20–33

Dear Padre,

A friend said he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. Can you explain that word to me?

The word *triduum* is Latin meaning “three days.” In the early part of the 1900s, most major feasts of the Church were preceded by three days of prayer and pious exercises in preparation for the feast at hand. Today we use the word to refer to the paschal Triduum. These three days celebrate Christianity’s most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends in somber stillness, as the tabernacle is emptied and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence.

Good Friday is a day of somber quiet, as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by the spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. The Triduum ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, he reveals himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

—Angelus, February 8, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 10

8:00 a.m. + Walter Dobranski by The Dobranski Family
5:00 p.m. + Barbara & Buddy Sokolowski by Mary & Tony Dorrzapf

Sunday, March 11

7:00 a.m. - Living & Deceased Parishoners of St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. + Grace & Philip Grant by Kitty Diplacido
10:00 a.m. - Maria D'Antonio by Maria Linck
11:30 a.m. + Jack Ward by Neville Ward
1:00 p.m. - Christopher Hunt by His Aunt
3:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
5:00 p.m. + Eddie Hurley by The Hurley Family

Monday, March 12

6:30 a.m. - Fr. Alberto Bueno, TOR by The Proctor Family
8:00 a.m. + Edward Frey Delaney by Elizabeth Frey Delaney & Family
12:15 p.m. + Carol Chabra by The Hurley Family

Tuesday, March 13

6:30 a.m. + Ethel Mallery by Mike Holleran
8:00 a.m. + Rodney di Girolamo by The Jaisle Family
12:15 p.m. + Ramona Pinto by The Manetto Family

Wednesday, March 14

6:30 a.m. + Jerome Legua by Chris Legua
8:00 a.m. + Janine Marie Jakubick Hall by Ann D'Agostino
12:15 p.m. - In Thanksgiving by Pat & Patti Lynch

Thursday, March 15

6:30 a.m. + Walter Pary by Phyllis Pary
8:00 a.m. + Wilma Belmont by John & Barbara Belmont
12:15 p.m. + Edmond P. Cahalane by Mary Cahalane

Friday, March 16

6:30 a.m. + Mrs. Irene Lisaius by Michael & Cindy Foley
8:00 a.m. + Clayton Barbin by The Theriot Family
12:15 p.m. - Ashley Darang In Thanksgiving

Saturday, March 17

8:00 a.m. + Edmond P. Cahalane by Mary Cahalane
5:00 p.m. + Kathaleen Holmes by Tom Keppel

Sunday, March 18

7:00 a.m. + William Tohill by The Arnwine Family
8:30 a.m. + Venancia Reyes
10:00 a.m. - Living & Deceased Parishoners of St. Joseph Parish
11:30 a.m. + Neville Worthington by Neville Ward
1:00 p.m. + Ramona Pinto by Mrs. Karcz's 3rd Gr Class
3:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
5:00 p.m. + Gerry Rosenberg by your staff at FUMC

New Altar Server Training - Training for interested rising sixth graders and older will begin in March. Please join us in the church. The dates are:

March 13, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
March 20, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
March 27, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

There will be a mandatory parent meeting at the end of the last session from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call Mrs. Kirby to sign up at 703-880-4302.



"Living in Faith – Giving in Gratitude."

2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA)

Peace and good! I wish to thank the parishioners who have made their pledges and donations to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). Your pledges and donations will assist Bishop Burbidge in his commitment to provide the means for the diocese to share the "works of mercy" to those in need. For the parishioners who are still reflecting upon their pledge/donation to the BLA, I invite you to reflect upon several reasons to support the BLA. Bishop Burbidge shares:

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) supports programs and ministries that provide spiritual, educational and charitable assistance to thousands of men, women and children across our diocese. The theme for the 2018 BLA is Living in Faith ~ Giving in Gratitude, which encourages us to be grateful for the many blessings we have received from God, including our Catholic faith!

The BLA offers us an opportunity to share in critically important programs and ministries of our diocese and helps address the needs much larger than one parish alone could provide. The success of the BLA depends upon being faithful stewards and generously giving according to the measure by which we are blessed. I ask you to reflect with gratitude upon the gifts you have been given and to pray for Our Lord's guidance as you consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal.

Let us embrace the challenge of "living in faith and giving in gratitude."

In the peace of Francis of Assisi,

Fr. Tom, TOR

The St. Lucy Lenten Food Collection during the weekend of March 3-4 was a huge success. In the spirit of Lenten Almsgiving, the people of St Joseph's donated 12,060 pounds of food and \$5,743 in monetary donations to the food challenged families of the Diocese. We are grateful for your generosity. A special thank you to the volunteers from the St. Joseph's Men's Society and Knights of Columbus who helped in making this charitable offering possible.



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The Parish staff wishes to thank the following parish ministries:

We thank **our parishioners** who donated to the **St. Lucy Food Drive** conducted by the **Men's Society and Knights of Columbus**. Thank you for participating in this "work of mercy."

We thank our **parishioners** who participated in the **Diocesan Men's Conference 2018** this past weekend. We also thank our **altar servers** who assisted Bishop Burbidge during the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist during the conference. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and direct you this Lenten Season.

We thank the **Kitchen/Event Manager and staff**, as well as, the **Director of Facilities and staff** for their oversight and work for the **Diocesan Men's Conference 2018**. A special thank you to the **men of the parish who volunteered** to assist the staff throughout the day. Bishop Burbidge and the Office of Family Life thanked the parish community for our Franciscan hospitality.

We thank **our parishioners** for welcoming the **Daughters of St. Paul** to our faith community and for the parishioners who supported their mission with their purchase of Catholic religious goods. May we continue to learn about our faith and deepen our prayer lives.

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

Collection:

The weekend of March 4, 2018

Offertory - \$21,879 plus Faith Direct \$ 15,367

Second Collection - Parish Facility Fund

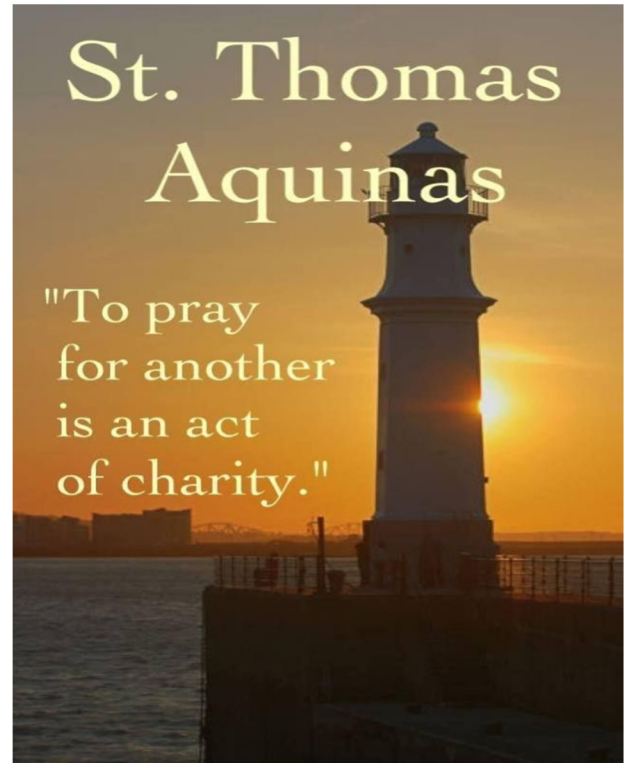
\$ 9,700 plus Faith Direct \$ 7,051

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and kind generosity.



Cub Scout Pack 913 will be selling Easter Flower Dedications at all Masses this weekend, March 10-11 and March 17-18.

Cost is \$15 per dedication. Donations will be used to purchase flowers for the altar for Easter Masses.



Blood Drive is Sunday March 18th 7:45-12:30.



The Inova Blood team uses our registration numbers to determine staffing. Please register to donate using sponsor code 0116 at www.inova.org/donateblood, at the registration table this weekend, or contact Paul Mich

at SJCBloodDrive@aol.com. Please support this Knights of Columbus sponsored event.



There is a need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs).

We only need help at help at the 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses.

Four workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held this year on **Saturday, April 21, 2018 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (in the upper Church)** in Frederickburg, MD. **Saturday, May 5, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist (in the Knight's Hall)** in Warrenton; **Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More (in the upper Church)** in Arlington; **Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Our Lady of Hope (in the upper church)** in Potomac Falls; **The time frame for all workshops will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.**

If you are interested in becoming an EM please contact Mary Kirby in the parish office at 703-880-4302 or email: mkirby@sjcherndon.org.

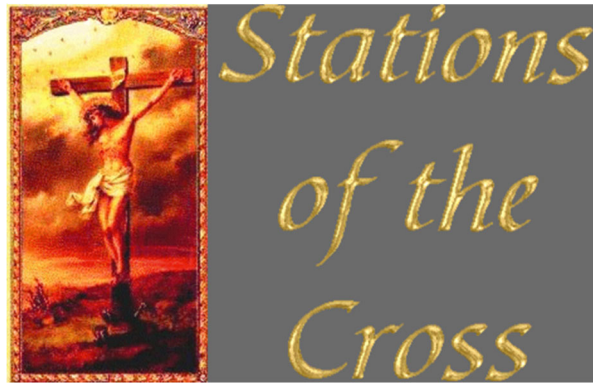


You are invited to join the **friars and the Ladies' Society** at the Lenten Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross!

Friday, March 16, 2018 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall (School Entrance)

Stations of the Cross – The Stations of the Cross and Peace Prayer led by the Franciscan Friars in Formation from Washington, DC in the Church at 7:00 pm.

“The Cross of Christ is not a defeat: the Cross is love and mercy. Christian hope means trusting that Jesus’ cross can transform our hardened hearts into hearts of flesh capable of dreaming, forgiving and loving.” – Pope Francis



Friday, March 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross and the Peace Prayer

Led by

The Franciscan Friars, TOR
St. Louis Friary (Washington, DC)

Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 8:00 p.m.



Confirmation Retreat Day

This retreat is for all Year Two students who are in the 8th grade or above attending our Confirmation classes on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays, together with the Special Sacraments and RCIC classes held on Sundays and Tuesdays. The retreat will be on Thursday, March 22nd from 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall A.

Confirmation Mass

On Saturday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde, former bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, will be confirming our 8th grade and above (Year II) students. Rehearsal will be on Tuesday, April 10th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. starting in Parish Hall C (cafeteria) and ending in the church. Please arrive early and with your sponsor or proxy.



Text@64ghk6to 81010
For Updates

The Youth Ministry Corner

Tonight Sun March 11th we will be having a youth night @ 6pm in Parish Hall C – there will be food and we will be playing the greatest game ever!

Any teen can come next week **March 18, 6-8pm** in Parish Hall C to a youth night focused on Prayer.

For more information email Fr. James at:
youthministry@sjcherndon.org

St. Joseph Ladies' Society News:

Thank you to those who supported and ordered Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy.

You can pick up your candy outside Parish Hall A on March 12th between the hours of 3-6 pm. If this is not convenient for you, please call Sharon Page at 703-478-9372.

Our next Ladies Society Meeting - March 15, 7:30 pm.

An Evening with Senator Rick Santorum

March 15, 2018 at 7 p.m.

St. Catherine of Siena, Great Falls

Topic: "The Impact of Catholics on Government and Elections:"

Books available for autograph and purchase.



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. (Bilingual)

(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) 8:30 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. (Midnight)



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

Observe the Gospel



St. Joseph Parish Men's Society
Herndon, VA

FRI Mar 23 7:00 pm

**NCAA Basketball Tourney -
Carpool Herndon (Dutch)**

Appreciate an **RSVP** to Phil Curley;
email: curleyphila@aol.com, as
we'll need an approx. headcount.