

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am - 6:00pm

Friday: 8:30 am- 3:00pm

If you cannot make our office hours, please call  
and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We are closed Saturday and Sunday.

## Parish Directory

Parish Office: 201.939.0457

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## Parish Registration

Registration forms are available at the parish  
office and at the parish web site.

## Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please contact Parish Office for pastoral visits in  
the hospital or at home. Pastoral ministers are  
available to visit the sick and homebound.

We offer a warm welcome to all our guests &  
newcomers! We at the Catholic Community of St.  
Joseph are pleased to have celebrated liturgy  
with you and we hope you will join us again.



## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

8:00pm to 9:30pm Neo-Catechumenal Mass

Sunday: 8:00am 10:00am 12:00 pm

## Monday thru Friday

7:30am and 12:05pm IN THE CONVENT CHAPEL

Civic Holidays—8:30am

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday — 11:00am - 12:00 Noon

Other times by appointment.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of the month — 1:00pm

For information regarding baptisms  
please contact the parish office.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Plans are usually made one year in advance to  
prepare for marriage. Please call the parish  
office to schedule an appointment.

Devotions follow the 12:05 pm Mass

St. Anthony Novena—Every Tuesday

St. Joseph Novena—Every Wednesday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Every  
Thursday.

# EASTER SUNDAY— April 20, 2014

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, April 19**

*Easter Vigil*

8:00 pm + People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, April 20**

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

8:00 am + People of the Parish

10:00 am + People of the Parish

12:00 pm + People of the Parish

**MONDAY, April 21**

12:05 pm + Endio Abreu

**TUESDAY, April 22**

12:05 pm + Salvatore Anselmo

**WEDNESDAY, April 23**

12:05 pm + Patrick Monaghan

**THURSDAY, April 24**

12:05 pm + People of the Parish

**FRIDAY, April 25**

12:05 pm + Dominick and Florence  
Rendenna

**SATURDAY, April 26**

5:00 pm + Ann Peeters

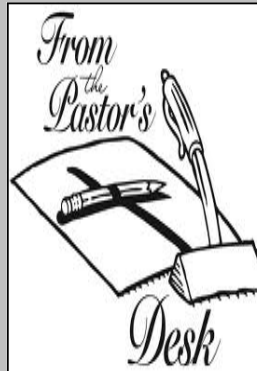
**SUNDAY, April 27**

*Second Sunday of Easter Sunday*

8:00 am + Maria Fernandez

10:00 am + Joel Denosta Tirol, Jr.

12:00 pm + Paolo Landolri



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Christ is Risen, Truly Risen! As is said in the Eastern Churches today. Let us rejoice that Christ comes to save us. I am always moved by the women saying to one another, "who will roll away the stone for us?" Don't we always ask the same type of

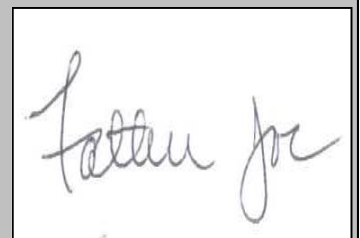
question? Who will help me in my difficulties, in the recent death in my family, with my spouse's character, with this problem I have with my mother, or with one of the kids?

Rejoice, brothers and sisters! The women in all the Gospels are the first to see the evidence of the Resurrection. They experienced a violent earthquake and an angel of the Lord was present. The guards were completely shaken up, as we cannot imagine. And the angel comforted the woman and told them to go ahead to Galilee, and they will see Him! Let us go to Galilee, which is the middle of the world, this area, a stone's throw from New York City, and there we will find Jesus Christ! We do not have to go very far to find the Lord. He is very close to us these days of Easter and wants us to experience the Resurrection.

In the next fifty days we are able to celebrate this life changing event: Christ died for us and rose again. He has overcome death, all kinds of death that we also experience every day. We have no reason to be afraid. Jesus Christ is the only one who solves the riddle of death, and so we can rejoice.

This Easter, with Pope Francis, can be very special for us and for our parish! Let us ask the Lord to help us to be his disciples in a more concrete way, and to have a personal know-how of this Passover mystery, where we can experience new life today!

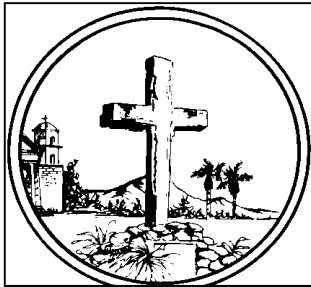
***Dear Friends, may God grant you and your family a blessed Easter!***



The *Acolyte Candles* will burn this week in  
 Memory of  
**Helene Capone,**  
 as requested by  
**John and Pam Hansen.**

The *Wine & Host* are offered this week in  
 Memory of  
**the people of the parish.**

The *Sanctuary Candle* will burn  
 this week in Memory of  
**unborn children.**



## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 864 people attended Mass.

**Total Giving: \$ 9,111.00**

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| <b>1st Collection</b>          | <b>\$ 6,354.00</b> |
| <b>Number of Envelopes</b> 244 | <b>\$ 4,029.00</b> |
| <b>Cash Received</b>           | <b>\$ 2,325.00</b> |

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| <b>2nd Collection</b>          | <b>\$ 2,757.00</b> |
| <b>Number of Envelopes</b> 184 | <b>\$ 1,131.00</b> |
| <b>Cash received</b>           | <b>\$ 1,626.00</b> |

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**  
**The Lord will bless you**  
**for your generosity!**



**THE PRAYER CORNER**  
**“Like burning incense, Lord,**  
**let my prayer rise up to you.”**

As a community of faith, we offer the support of our prayers for one another. These brothers and sisters are in **acute** need of our prayers:

**Filomena Cannarozzi, Rosemary Montagna Landers, Rosa Ramirez, Thomas Sanders, Patrick Chapman, Stanley Sudol, Gianna Dilemme, Lenore Papale, Daniel Leach, Claire Palmieri, Joe DiGradina, Kathy Szedlacik, Linda Judge, Bryan Consulmagno, Lourdes Taveras, Geraldine Litter, Rich Hirsch, Franziska Maria Taba Karu, Frank Antonini, Lillian Danscuk, Beth Bodnar, Christine Taueras, Lorna Schweer, Maybelle Desiongco, Linda Berenger, Carolyn Novello, Dolores Pezzolla, Eden Azor, Mike Moran, Deborah Ravettini, Jonna Calvanico, Steve Danos, Don Stein, Nancy Schumann, Trish Spittler, Ingrid Bayard, Audrey Frey and all who are sick and suffering around us.**  
 (Please call the Parish Office @ 201-939-0457 if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.)

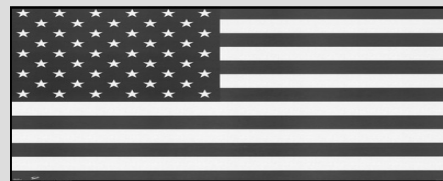
## **FOR OUR COURAGEOUS SOLDIERS**

**“O Lord, we pray for all the national and world leaders, for the safety and well being of all the military personnel defending our freedom”**

Michael Brockway (Afghanistan)

Lt. Patrick Stevens (Iraq 2<sup>nd</sup> tour)

Lance Corp. Kevin Murphy (Afghanistan)



## **RESTING IN THE LORD**

**“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”**





### SOCIAL CONCERNS

*"In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."*

### FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to all parishioners for your continuous support of the Food Pantry, your donations are great and so necessary.

A special thanks to the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS who are always helping with their donations.

Now we would like to wish all of you a happy, long waited spring and at the same time take advantage of your generosity by asking for the following everyday needs:

**JELLY, TUNA, COLD CEREAL, CANNED VEGGIES, BEEF STEW/CHILI, CANNED BEANS, 2or3 LBS RICE, COFFEE/TEA, CANNED FRUIT, EVAPORATED or POWDER MILK & TOILETRIES.**

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**2014 AAA**

**Our Goal is \$28,000.00**

*How We Are Doing:*

*Total pledged to date- \$18,880.00*

*Number of Donors- 80*

*Many thanks to the Parishioners who gave so generously to the AAA. Don't delay in giving anything that you can to the Archbishop's appeal.*

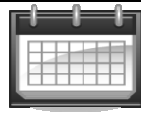
*Thank you for your generosity.*

### ST. FRANCIS INN

During the month of **APRIL** we are collecting

**TEA BAGS.**

Your donations may be left at the Giving Tree.  
(For information please visit [www.stfrancisinn.org](http://www.stfrancisinn.org)  
[or] call Tony Pierantoni 201-933-4850)



### CALENDAR SECTION

#### BAPTISMS

*"In all truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born through water and the Spirit; what is born of human nature is human; what is born of the Spirit is Spirit."*

#### BAPTISM DATES AND MEETINGS SCHEDULE

##### April

Baptism—April 27

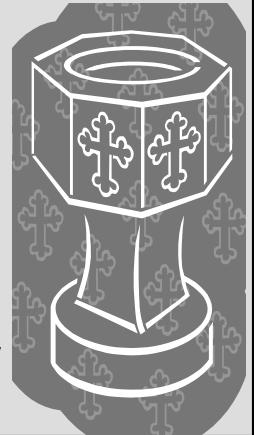
Meetings—Apr 10 & Apr 24

##### May

Baptism—May 25

Meetings—May 15 & May 22

Meetings are held in the Rectory at 7 PM on the dates listed.



### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

#### APRIL

24- Baptism meeting @ 7 PM

25- Membership Drive/K of C @ 6 :30 PM

26/27- Summer Plus Days @ 3:30 PM

Membership Drive/K of C @ 9:00 AM

28- RCIA @ 7:00 PM

2- 1st. Penance Rehearsal @ 5:00 PM

3- 1st. Penance @ 9:00 AM

### MARRIAGE BANNES

*"This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and they become one flesh."*



**JARETT FOOTE &  
JENNIFER HENKELMAN**



**CHURCH CHUCKLES**  
 Drive Carefully! It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).  
**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

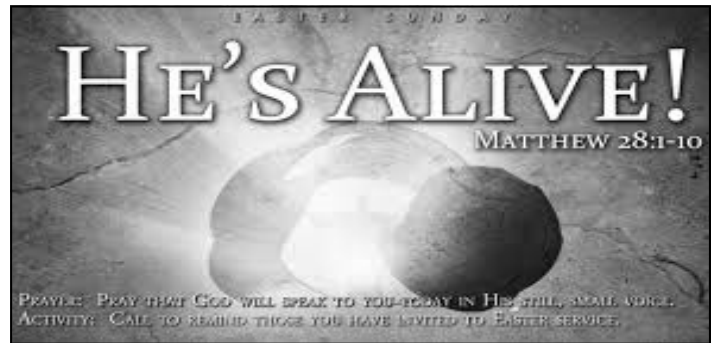
**SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
- Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Administrative Professionals Day
- Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; National Arbor Day
- Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR!**

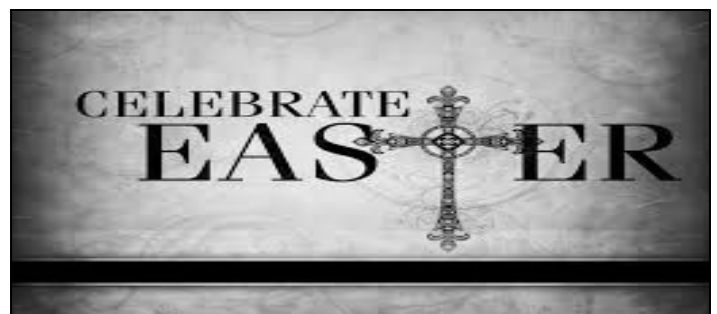
Our five young members did a very wonderful job singing for the first time last Sunday. AND we need many more children (especially older grades) to sign up! Preferable age range 3rd - 9th grade.

The children will sing next for the parish First Communion celebration on May 17. We rehearse on Thursdays 4-5pm. Please contact me for more info [StJoesMusicBel@gmail.com](mailto:StJoesMusicBel@gmail.com) or see me after any Mass! Candidates for Confirmation, this would be a great service to our parish!  
 Diana Belkowski (Director of Music)



**New Music Books**

We are planning to order new hymnals, hard-covered, and including the Sunday readings for the three year cycle. In this way we have a much better and updated music book and there will be no need to order the small missalettes every season. The *Breaking Bread* song book would remain for some of our favorites and the new hymnal would be our primary book. We need four hundred of the new books and twenty-five for the choir. If anyone would like to contribute to this wonderful improvement of our music ministry, we would be very grateful.



## SAINT MARK



### NEW CANTORS

This month not one but two new cantors joined the Music Ministry here at St. Joes, **Chris Carrico** (a former member of the NY City Opera) and **Mark Jacobus**, also a guitarist and parishioner.

Welcome! We are also always looking for new choir members. Many in our choir have devoted years (even decades) of service to St. Joes; we would like to see "the next" generation of parishioners come forward and further develop our youth music ministry, especially at the Noon Mass! Please consider this wonderful ministry if you love to sing.

Contact Music Director Diana Belkowski at [StJoesMusicBel@gmail.com](mailto:StJoesMusicBel@gmail.com)

### NEW CHAIRS FOR CONVENT CHAPEL

We now have wonderful new clear plastic chairs for the convent chapel and the beauty of the room stands out more and does not appear to be cluttered with metal chairs. Each chair comes from Italy and costs \$75, if someone would like to donate one or more. Also an altar will be fabricated with a glass top that will cost about \$2,000, and a new presider's chair. Come and see the chapel soon!

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### *Saint Mark*

Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. (When Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.) Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus' rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written for Gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah.

Evidently a friend of Mark, Peter is only one of the Gospel sources, others being the Church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots) and the Church at Antioch (largely Gentile).

Like one other Gospel writer, Luke, Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains.

A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures to the evangelists.





St. Joseph Parish asks you to consider utilizing the many benefits of Electronic Giving through ParishPay. EGiving provides you the opportunity to make prayerful, consistent gifts to our parish without using checks. Much in the same way you may use the Internet to pay your mortgage, car and other bill payments, you can now use the same technology to help you fulfill your stewardship intention to our church using electronic checks or credit cards.

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**SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTER**

Several Sources Shelters, a prolife shelter for mothers who seek to give God’s blessed gift of life to their children, rather than sacrifice them through abortion, will ask parishioners for their



assistance this weekend. A representative will speak at the masses. Your assistance can help save the life of a child. Jesus said of children, “Their angels do behold the Face of

God in heaven daily.” Can you be a child’s earthly Angel? Please assist with their work on May 10 & 11, 2014.

**Dutch Missionary Priest in Syria Shot Dead**

A priest helping Christians find shelter in Syria’s Old City of Homs has been murdered. Dutch Jesuit Father Frans van der Lugt was shot twice in the head this morning, April 7, by an unknown sniper who killed him while he tended his small garden. Speaking from Syria, fellow Jesuit Father Ziad Hillal said, “Father Frans was apparently killed execution-style with shots to the head. We have received a phone report from a Christian who was with him in the Old City.” The 75-year-old Van der Lugt, who had worked in Syria since 1967, had been looking after 89 Christians trapped in the Old City who had sought shelter in an old monastery.

Fr. Hillal spoke with Father van der Lugt, via Skype, from Brussels, and discussed, among other things, the possibility of a modest celebration of the Dutch priest’s birthday. He was due to turn 76 on April 10. Fr Hillal said: “For me, [Fr van der Lugt] represents Christ in the world who is willing to lay down his life for his friends, who always gives us hope. He always asks how I am and does not talk much about himself.” He added: “He was a ray of joy and hope to all those trapped in the Old City of Homs, waiting for yet another UN permission to evacuate. God have mercy on us, who could not save him from sniper fire.” Fr. Hillal also said that at present it is not possible to reach the Old City to recover Fr van der Lugt’s corpse.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM**

Many thanks to a very generous parishioner who has donated the cost of the new hearing assistance system, which we will have installed before or after Easter!

## THE 'CASSET CATECHESIS' OF JOHN PAUL II (2933)

**When the term “catechesis” is used in reference to Blessed Pope John Paul II, most people think of topics such as Marian devotion or the sacrifice of the Mass. Wayne, Pa., native Marcus Daly, however, thinks of caskets.**

It was during John Paul II’s funeral on April 8, 2005, that Daly, a 45-year-old father of six, first made the casket-catechesis connection. Amid the grandeur of St. Peter’s Square and the presence of numerous kings, queens, presidents and prime ministers, the late Holy Father’s body had been placed in a simple wooden box. This made a deep and lasting impression on Daly, who began his business, Marian Caskets, in 2009.

Daly, who lives on Vashon Island, Wash., has found that caskets, death and eternity are not topics people usually want to start talking about. However, if they do start, they can’t seem to stop. Daly recently spoke of his role in burying the dead, the seventh of the corporal works of mercy, with Register correspondent Trent Beattie.

### ***Have you been woodworking since childhood?***

Actually, I grew up near Philadelphia, Pa., in a family with more of an intellectual bent than a



manual one. We had a lot of lawyers in the family, but not any woodworkers. Throughout childhood, I always yearned to work with my hands, though.

It wasn’t until my late teens that I put something together from wood. I taught myself carpentry, which allowed me to do some home projects in my early 20s. I remodeled houses and apartments with a few friends in Seattle.

After the remodels, I continued laboring manually as a fisherman, and then got back into woodworking — this time with boats. I moved from Seattle right across the Puget Sound to Vashon Island with my wife, Kelly, in 2001. I had the intention of starting my own wooden-boat manufacturing company. That turned out to be difficult financially, so I got into landscaping.

### ***Then you were influenced by Pope John Paul II’s funeral in 2005.***

It really struck me how, amidst all the splendor of St. Peter’s Square, John Paul II had this simple wooden casket. There was nothing fancy about it; the only decoration it had was a Marian cross. It was profoundly beautiful and honest, because it pointed to the passing nature of this world. John Paul II had been lauded by millions, a good number of whom were actually present at the funeral, and yet he had chosen to be buried in a plain wooden box.

That was what I call a “casket catechesis”: The casket itself taught us so much about the Catholic faith, because it brought eternity to mind. Unlike the ornate caskets that mask the reality of death, this one made it clear that you can’t take material possessions with you to the next life, but you can take the grace you’ve gained.

I loved the Marian cross on the top, which symbolizes the truth that any grace we receive comes through the cross of Christ and Mary’s intercession. Jesus bequeathed his Mother to all of us Christians when he was dying on the cross.

The company is called Marian Caskets because it was through Mary’s simple and pure faith that Our Lord came, bodily, into the world, and because she was at the foot of the cross for the death that destroyed death. I build caskets to make a clear proclamation of faith for those who are carried within them.