# 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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT- April 6, 2014



# SATURDAY, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer

5:00 pm + Victoria Annitti

# SUNDAY, April 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am + Giuseppe, Amalia &

Michele Pierantoni

10:00 am + Josel Denosta Tirol, Jr.

12:00 pm + Rose Moore

# MONDAY, April 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle

7:30 am + Souls in purgatory

12:05 pm + Jimmy Donnelly

# **TUESDAY, April 8**

7:30 am + Docimo Family 12:05 pm + Anthony Greco

# WEDNESDAY, April 9

7:30 am + Maria Fernandez 12:05 pm + Julia and Nicholas

Bamonte

### THURSDAY, April 10

7:30 am + For all the sick

12:05 pm + Bernadette McGehrin-

Feeley

# FRIDAY, April 11 (Day of Abstinence) Saint Stanislaus

7:30 am + People of the Parish

12:05 pm + Gaetano & Sabina

Marra

### SATURDAY, April 12

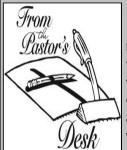
5:00 pm + Christine Sottilaro

# SUNDAY, April 13

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am + Frances Good 10:00 am + Maria Pedoto

12:00 pm + Mimi & Walter Bode



#### Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It was wonderful to see so many people at the parish mission this past week, and to hear the very positive responses. It is difficult to move from our usual activities and yet God calls us, and wants to shake us up to get our attention. Look at the people on

flight 370 or the people living in Oso, Washington. Their life was very normal until recent events.

In the Gospels we go from the woman at the well, to the man blind from birth, and today to Lazarus who is raised from the dead. The intensity of the miracles that the Church offers us as we come closer to the Passover from death to life of Jesus intensifies. Now the issue is not blindness or living water but the main question of life: how do we face suffering and death? Many spend their lives avoiding this question, and society gets better and better at hiding from this issue. However, we do ourselves a disservice by not reflecting about sickness and death, in light of our faith. And the Gospel confirms for us that when we believe in Jesus we never die. Do we believe this? Sometimes, we do, and often we do not, or we do not act like we believe.

Earlier in the Gospel of John, Jesus says that all who lay in the tomb will hear his voice and now He calls Lazarus, who is dead and decaying, from the tomb. On his way to Bethany he says that this sickness is not unto death, but that the glory of God will be served through it. Jesus says that he was glad that he was not there earlier, why? So that you may believe, that you and I may come to have faith. St. John constantly repeats this in his gospel. If Lazarus did not die the faith of the disciples, then, and our faith, now, may not have been strengthened. Do we look at our own sufferings and illness as a means to manifest God's glory? Not so often, I sense.

Lastly, Lazarus was tied with long strips of cloth as any person was in those times. If a person was alive it would have been impossible to walk in such a condition. This tying up shows us the miraculous nature of this miracle and makes a spiritual point as well: our sins and our fears tie us up! They constrain me, and I cannot walk. Let us use these last two weeks of Lent to turn more seriously to God, and ask that we not be afraid to live, or afraid to die.





The Acolyte Candles will burn this week in Memory of **Souls in purgatory.** 

The Wine & Host are offered this week in Memory of

the sick of the parish.

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

### PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Next weekend we will celebrate Palm
Sunday. As we normally do, at the 10 AM mass
we will have an outdoor procession where a
Gospel is read, and this year we will do this from
the front steps of our school and then proceed
to the church singing and waving
palms. Everyone is invited, especially the
children! At the other Masses we will gather by
the baptismal font.

# **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Last Sunday 787 people attended Mass.

**Total Giving: \$ 8,372.00** 

1st Collection \$ 5,655.00 Number of Envelopes 201 \$ 2,989.00 Cash Received \$ 2,666.00

2nd Collection \$ 2,717.00 Number of Envelopes 165 \$ 1,904.00 Cash received \$ 813.00

MUSIC MINISTRY
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: 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 Hirch, 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, 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, 20r3 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 [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."

CAMERON JOSEPH HILDEBRANDT
CAMERON PAIGE WRIGHT
ELLIOT SANCHEZ

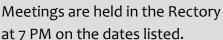
### **BAPTISM DATES AND MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

### **April**

Baptism—April 27 Meetings—Apr 10 & Apr 24

#### May

Baptism—May 25 Meetings—May 15 & May 22





## **UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

### **APRIL**

- 7- RCIA @ 7 PM Rosarian Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 8- K of C business meeting @ 7 PM
- 10- Baptism preparation @ 7 PM
- 12- Rosarian @ 3:30 PM Arc Drive set-up @ 7 PM

### **MARRIAGE BANNS**

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





### **CHURCH CHUCKLES**

A little girl became restless as the priest's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him money now, will he let us go?!"



### **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall

know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle Friday: St. Stanislaus; Abstinence

### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Regular monthly meeting will be tomorrow evening April 7th at 7:30 PM in cafeteria. Plans will be finalized for our Palm Sunday cake sale after all the masses on April 12 & 13. Hostesses for meeting Monday will be Rose Galrian, Jean Ryan, Loretta Siriday and Rose Truscello.

P.S. Rosarians are asked to please bring baked goods on Saturday, April 12th starting at 3 PM. If pick up is needed please call Dolores at 201-939-5163

# SAINT OF THE WEEK St. Stanislaus

Anyone who reads the history of Eastern Europe cannot help but chance on the name of Stanislaus, the saintly but tragic bishop of Kraków, patron of Poland. He is remembered with Saints Thomas More (June 22) and Thomas Becket (December 29) for vigorous opposition to the evils of an unjust government.

Born in Szczepanow near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno,



then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II. The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways.

Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. The latter, enraged, ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed him with his own hands.

Forced to flee to Hungary, Boleslaus supposedly spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiak.

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

Once again Easter will be upon us soon (we hope) and we invite you to bring lilies and azaleas to the church during Holy Week so that we can decorate our beautiful church. We will need some help to decorate everything and will keep you posted as to when.

### **FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY**

We are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2014. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark:

April 6, 2014 @ 3:00 PM 50 years
(All counties)
May 4, 2014 @ 3:00 PM 25 years & 5 years
(All counties)

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society. Those who are interested please call the rectory office.

# LENTEN CHALLENGE 40 Cans of Lent!



Do you sacrifice for Lent? Or contribute to help others? Here is something that allows you to do both!

Sacrifice a few pennies per day and help the less fortunate.

Save a can of food a day for the 40 Days of Lent. This can be a project for the entire family! Food donations are for the benefit of St. Joseph's Food Pantry and St. Francis Inn.

Suggested canned items can be vegetables, beans, fruit, stew, hash, tuna fish or chili.
Cans can be dropped off on a weekly basis at the back of the church or the Knights of Columbus will pick up the cans after 20 days of Lent and also at the end of Lent.

Please contact Joe Egan at 201-842-9262 or Dan Grossano at 201-952-6655.

### POPE SPEAKS OF MEDIA'S SINS

In extemporaneous remarks to members of an Italian association of broadcasters, Pope Francis said that the "sins of the media" are misinformation, calumny, and defamation. The last two, he said, "are grave, but not as dangerous as the first." The Pope said that calumny (which involves falsehoods) "is a mortal sin" and defamation (which involves truths that unjustly damage a person's reputation) "is a mortal sin," but a broadcaster (or a person) can later issue corrections to help repair the damage. But misinformation involves saying "half of things, those that are most convenient for me," preventing viewers and listeners from arriving at a "complete judgment." Pope Francis urged broadcasters to seek truth, goodness, and beauty. In doing so, the broadcaster should avoid the trap of "intellectual becoming without an intelligence." Citing St. Paul, the Pope said that each member of the Body of Christ has its own function, and one is not greater than the other, since all are small before God. "Who is the most important in the Church? The Pope or the old woman who prays the Rosary every day for the Church?" The Holy Spirit, who harmonizes this diversity, is the most important. (These are grave sins for everyone, not just journalists.)

### **NEW CHAIRS FOR CONVENT CHAPEL**

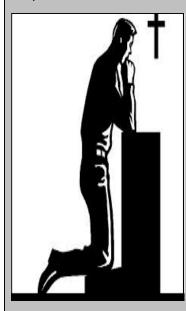
We now have wonderful new clear plastic chairs for the convent chapel and the beauty of the room stands out more and does not appear to be cluttered with metal chairs. Each chair comes from Italy and costs \$75, if someone would like to donate one or more. Also an altar will be fabricated with a glass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

Come and see the chapel soon!

### A SIMPLE AND PUBLIC ACT OF FAITH

Several weeks ago, I had lunch with one of my new clients. Our working partnership had been very business-focused since the beginning, and I wanted to forge a stronger personal connection.

We made small talk about a number of subjects until our food arrived. I said I was going



to say a blessing over our meal and that she was welcome to join me. As I made the Sign of the Cross and started to pray, I noticed that she also made it. I smiled to myself and said a quiet prayer of thanks for the opportunity I had been given.

Between bites of salad, I asked her which parish she attended. She gave me

a funny look before responding with the name, then added, "That's a long story." I told her I would love to hear about it, and for the next half hour, we talked about her faith journey. The awkward business-focused exchange at the beginning of the meal had been replaced by a warm conversation about our shared Catholic faith. I certainly achieved my goal of a stronger personal connection!

As we were preparing to leave, she shared that she never spoke of her faith in business settings and really enjoyed our discussion. We speculated on why Catholics don't discuss their faith. I suggested it may be fear or lack of confidence in defending the teachings of the Church. She suggested that it all came down to simple courage. I asked her to explain, and her response was, "When you made the Sign of the Cross in a crowded restaurant and said the blessing for all to hear, I realized that I never do that. My fear of saying a simple blessing is a clear reminder to me that I don't have the courage to share my faith outside of my comfort zone. I am grateful that you don't have that issue and also for this wonderful conversation."

### **MORNING MEDIATION OF POPE FRANCIS**

In his homily at Holy Mass, Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel from Luke (9:22-25), in which Jesus foretells the sufferings he would undergo in his sacred Passion. The Pope began by noting that the Church "has us read and listen to a message" that "we might call the Christian way: 'If any man would come after me — i.e., be a Christian, be my disciple — let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me'. For the Lord himself was the first to make this journey."

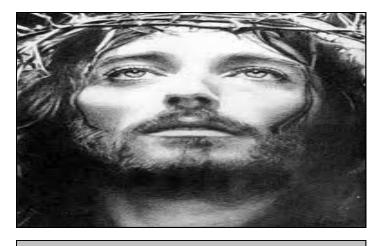
The Pope continued reading from the sacred text: "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." He then remarked that we "cannot think about the Christian life apart from this path, from this journey that he first made". It is "the journey of humility, and of humiliation, of self-emptying." For "the Christian way of life without the cross is not in fact Christian" and "if the cross is a cross without Jesus, it is not Christian."

This is the way of life that "will save us, give us joy and make us fruitful. For this journey of self-denial is undertaken in order to give life: it is the opposite of the journey of egoism ... which leads to one becoming attached to goods for one's own sake." The Christian way is "open to others, for it is the same journey that Jesus has made". It is a journey "of self-emptying for the sake of giving life."

"The Christian way is precisely this way of humility, of meekness, of gentleness. Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. Jesus repeats this idea elsewhere in the Gospel. Remember when he speaks about the grain of wheat: unless the grain dies, it does bear much fruit (cf Jn 12:24)."

Pope Francis noted that this journey is to be made "with joy, for it is Jesus himself who gives us this joy. Following Jesus is a joy." He warned, however, that one needs to follow along his way "and not according to the way of the world." The important thing, he said, is that the journey be made "so as to give life to others and not to give life to oneself. It must be carried out in a spirit of generosity."

This is the path to follow: "humility, service, not a shred of selfishness, not feeling self-important or making oneself out to be important before others, saying: I am a Christian...." Here the Pope quoted the Imitation of Christ which, he said, "gives us this most beautiful counsel: ama, nesceri, et pro nihilo reputari, i.e., 'love being unknown and unregarded'. This is Christian humility, it is what Jesus did first."



### 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 next 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.



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. Parish Pay is completely safe and simple to use. We are pleased to be able to offer our parish family a greener, more convenient way to give. For more information, please visit www.ParishPay.com or pick up a commitment card after Mass. To learn more, please visit: ParishPay.com

# Three Ways to Enroll:

Online » ParishPay.com | By Phone » 1-866-PARISH1 (727-4741) or by calling the parish office to pick up a parishioner commitment card.

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EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE	
Beautiful Easter flowers fill the sanctuary in the church during this holy season. The flowering plants are donated by the parishioners who contribute an offering in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make such an offering, please fill in the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket, with your contribution. The names of those remembered will appear in a Book of Remembrance during the Easter season.	
In memory of:	
Your name:	
Telephone number:	-
Donation: \$10 \$20 \$30 Other	Please print clearly