

# 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

Emergency Line: 201.939.0391

Parish Fax: 201.939.4196

Faith Formation: 201.939.3441

Parish website: [www.stjosepher.com](http://www.stjosepher.com)

Parish email: [StJoseph@aol.com](mailto:StJoseph@aol.com)

[SJBulletin@aol.com](mailto:SJBulletin@aol.com) is the e-mail address to use if you wish to place an article in the bulletin. Articles are due by Monday before the published date.

## 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  
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 — 1:30pm  
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.

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – June 30, 2013**

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, June 29**

**Sts. Peter & Paul**

5:00 pm + Adolph & Joan Trause

**SUNDAY, June 30**

**Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time**

8:00 am + Cyril & Helen Gerweck

10:00 am + Maria Cagas

**(Holy Hour for Life- After 10am mass)**

12:00 pm + James Patrick Donnelly

**MONDAY, July 1**

12:05pm +

**TUESDAY, July 2**

12:05 pm + Antonio Caromaccee

**WEDNESDAY, July 3**

**St. Thomas, Apostle**

12:05 pm +



**THURSDAY, July 4**

**Independence Day**

12:05 pm + Theresa Malone



**FRIDAY, July 5**

**St. Anthony Zaccaria**

12:05 pm + Patricia Flanagan

**SATURDAY, July 6**

**St. Maria Goretti**

5:00 pm + Rosa Nicolo Izzo

+ Joseph Cassella

**SUNDAY, July 7**

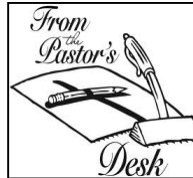
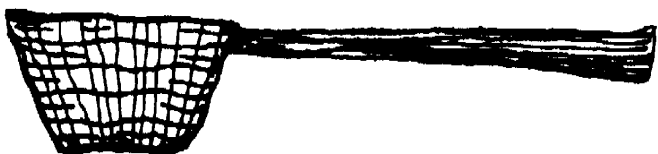
**Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time**

8:00 am + Martha & Faruccio Verga

10:00 am + Mario Pedoto

12:00 pm + Owen O'Conner

# Weekly Offering



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The readings today help us to see the urgency of our mission as Christians in the service of God and men. Elijah in the first reading was

sent by God to anoint Elisha as the new prophet. He found Elisha as he was plowing the field and as a sign of his calling he threw his cloak over him. Elisha responded immediately and slaughtered the pair of oxen that he was using to plow the field. He made a fire with the wood of the plow, cooked the oxen, fed his men and then followed Elijah. He did not waste any time.

St. Luke tells us about three men in the gospel who have in mind to follow God. Jesus tells the first new disciple who is eager to follow Jesus wherever he will go, that he will be following one who has no where to lay his head. This will be the life of those who follow Jesus Christ. They need to be free, detached from all things, to be a disciple.

The second would-be disciple is called directly by the Lord, but he says he has some family business to attend to. He is like us. He does not realize that when God calls, the best time is *now*. God has a wonderful plan for us and we need to respond everyday to his call. God has prepared everything in our life so that we will respond to his call and fulfill our mission. The answer to God's call ought to be prompt, and cheerful. When God passes and inspires us to give ourselves in some way, don't delay, act soon, otherwise the inspiration flees.

The third disciple wants to turn back and take leave of his people at home; he needs a little more time with his family. He puts his hand to the plow even though he is sincere about following Jesus Christ. The call of the Lord is always urgent. Let us not put conditions on the call that the Lord makes to us everyday. At times he whispers to us to make a call to a friend or relative, to find a few moments to pray, to ask someone for forgiveness, to help the poor in a small or not so small way. Let us always be attentive to the call of God and answer with all our hearts.



*Father Joe*

## CHURCH CHUCKLES OF THE WEEK!



“Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He’s going to be up all night anyway.”

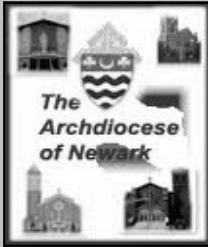


### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Michael Brockway (Afghanistan)  
Lt. Patrick Stevens (Iraq 2<sup>nd</sup> tour)  
Lance Corp. Kevin Murphy (Afghanistan)

## ASSESSMENT COLLECTION

The Archbishop has given us permission to have one collection a month to set aside money to pay the assessment to the archdiocese. An assessment is a tax that each parish needs to pay for fixed costs and services of the archdiocese. Each parish pays twelve percent of our first collection based on last year’s numbers. We have had a separate collection, on the first Sunday of the month, to pay for this assessment. We cannot use this money for any other purpose. It then frees up our ordinary money to continue to restore our parish.



## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 827 people attended Mass.

Total: \$6,488.00

1st Collection	\$4,248.00	
Number of Envelopes	205	\$3,061.00
Cash Received		\$1,187.00

2nd Collection	\$2,240.00	
Number of Envelopes	186	\$1,743.75
Cash received		\$496.25

AIR CONDITIONING

The Lord will bless you for your generosity!

## PRAYER LIST...

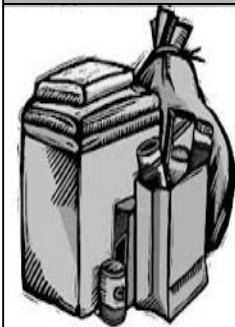


As a community of faith, we offer the support of our prayers for one another. Anyone who asks to be on this prayer list will be listed for six weeks. After that time, his or her name will be placed in our Intention Book, which is in the church on the altar rail in front of the tabernacle. These people are in acute need of our prayers:

*Hasan Mahmud, Patrick Chapman, Philip Smith, Stanley Sudol, Gianna Dilemme, Lenore Papale, Daniel Leach, Claire Palmieri, Joe DiGradina, Kathy Szedlacik, Linda Judge, Bryan Consulmagno, Carol Gonda, Lourdes Taveras, Marianne Clancy, Geraldine Litter, Angie Rasmus, Rich Hirsch, Nancy Skwiat, Eleanor Surowiec, Joseph Halloran, Audrey Frey, Frank Antonini & Lorna Schweer.*  
(Please call the Parish Office @ 201-939-0457 if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.)

## ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is short of many of the foods and supplies that are needed during the summer months. Our inventory has run extremely low. **We are in urgent need of Cereal, Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Stew, Rice, Mac & Cheese, Soup, Canned Fruit, Evaporated Milk, Coffee, Stew, Potatoes, Rice, Iced Tea and Lemonade.**



Food Pantry

Many thanks for your generous response with toilet tissue during the month of June. We are now well stocked in that department. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

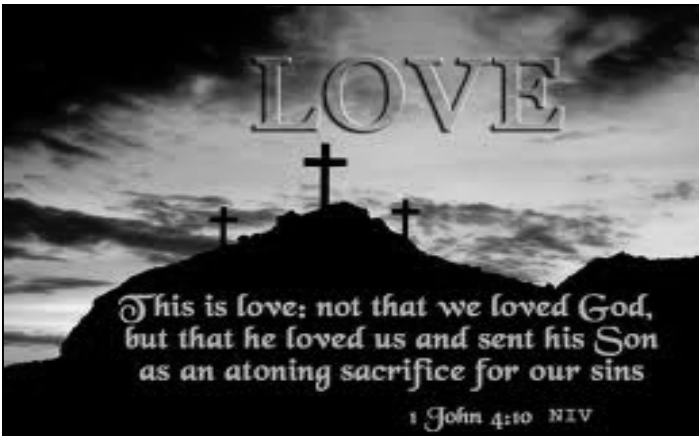
Remember the inspiration from the gospel. "And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." Mt 10:42

## ST. FRANCIS INN

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

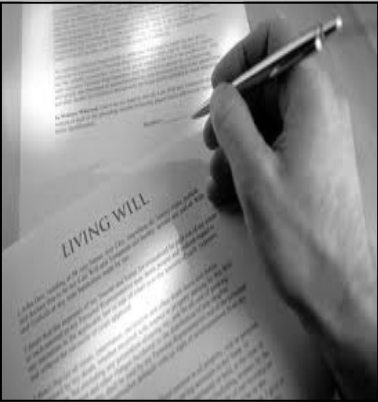
**Sugar**

Your donations may be left at the Giving Tree. (For information please visit [www.stfrancisinn.org](http://www.stfrancisinn.org))



**REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

Do you have a will? A wonderful way to help our parish and to save taxes is to remember St. Joe's in your will. There are still many large renovations that will be needed to reopen the Lyceum and the Convent. Some small steps make it possible to leave a legacy for decades to the place that has nourished you for many years. If you need more information in setting up a will, please call the parish office. It is possible to arrange for some practical help on this and related topics.



The Wine and Host will be Offered this week in **Memory of Peggy Plunkett**, as requested by Barbara & Hugh Wynne.



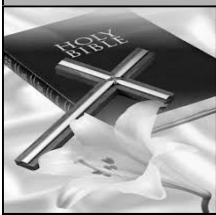
**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Beware that you are not consumed by one another (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

**Gospel** — Go and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 9:51-62)



**MASS BOOK**

*The 2013 Mass Book is open.*

There are numerous ways in which we can remember and pray for the deceased and/or a special intention for a family member or friend. Please contact the parish office.

<b>Mass</b>	<b>\$9.99</b>
<b>Wine</b>	<b>\$24.99</b>
<b>Hosts</b>	<b>\$24.99</b>
<b>Acolyte Candles</b>	<b>\$9.99</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	<b>\$14.99</b>

## PARISH GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

### BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE:

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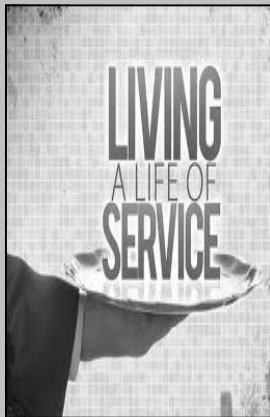
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USHERS- ED BULGER



## RENOVATED LIGHTS & PIETA

The remaining light fixtures in the entrance of the church are being renovated to match the larger ones. If anyone would like to make a donation to help in this work the cost is \$150 each. The Pieta statue is nearly completed thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners.



## NEW PROJECTS

Our sound system needs to be upgraded and improved so we can better hear the Word of God. It is a \$21,000 project and we can pay over two years without interest. Monte Brothers is one of the best firms in the business and is upgrading their earlier work here.



The plaster and painting of the church is complete. We have more roofing work to do unfortunately as you can see from the stains in the side aisles. I hope the insurance coverage we have with the Archdiocese will cover most of this and then we can complete the painting. Our church is looking beautiful!

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

A next meeting of the Holy Name Society will be on Sunday, July 14, 3012 at 9 AM. All are welcome to attend. Thank you.

Richard Janusz  
President

## Faith Formation Registration

Registration for Sunday Classes for 2013-2014 is now in process.

Registration for these classes must be completed by July 31.

Forms and the program calendars are available to download from the website:

[www.stjosepher.com/ffo](http://www.stjosepher.com/ffo). They are also available in the vestibule of church. When completed they may be mailed or dropped in the collection basket during Masses on the weekend or in the faith formation office. (Please place in envelope and mark CCD on outside of envelope.) The faith formation office hours are: Monday to Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Please return forms ASAP but no later than July 31. Thank you.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

As summer is here, we will not have children church during the months of July and August. The children church will resume in the month of September. Thank you and have a wonderful summer.

## TD BANK

We thank TD Bank for visiting us last weekend and speaking about their Infinity Program. The program works on existing and new accounts and a small fee is paid to the parish for each account and as a percentage of the balances. This fee is not taken from the personal accounts but is paid by the Bank as a help to the community. Forms to sign up for the Infinity Program are at the back of the church.



## THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Today's readings promise that if we could escape from the shackles of our attachments we would be happier, freer, more peaceful. Luke's Gospel begins, "When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem." Aware of the opposition and danger awaiting him, Jesus went forward.



Naturally, brave people volunteered to join him. But Jesus cautioned them. Could they give up their attachments to home and possessions, friends and family, conventional responsibilities? A tough challenge, but not unprecedented. Centuries before, Elijah had criticized Elisha for wanting time just to kiss his parents good-bye before following Elijah.

Just where would such a path take Elisha? Or Jesus' followers? Or us? Paul tells us, "For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery." The outcome is freedom, but if the requirements don't give us pause, then maybe we're not paying close enough attention.



## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2013 AAA

Our Goal is \$28,000.00

How We Are Doing:

Total pledged to date- \$24,165.00

Number of Donors- 125

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. We would like everyone to do something! May the Lord bless you and keep you.

## OKLAHOMA TORNADO RELIEF

The parish sent ten percent, \$800, of its Sunday collection a few weeks ago to the Oklahoma Tornado Relief Fund in the Archdiocese. The Lord always gives us back 100 fold in this life, and as a parish we aim to be generous with others.



## ST. JOE'S TRADITION

A very practical and helpful tradition has been to say the 3 Hail Mary's after Mass for the following intentions: first, for parents living or dead, second, for priests who minister the sacraments to us and third, for someone in your family who has fallen away from the faith. We invite you to follow this tradition in your own lives as well.



## Saint of the Week- St. Maria Goretti

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization—250,000—symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti.

She was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, had no chance to go to school, never



learned to read or write. When she made her First Communion not long before her death at age 12, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class.

On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped

outside, and a neighbor, Alessandro, 18 years old, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

She was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer (she had been in fear of him, but did not say anything lest she cause trouble to his family) and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Her murderer was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria, gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to go to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her mother (then 82), two sisters and a brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at her canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.

*The Son of Man has*



*nowhere to rest his head*

# CURRENT THREATS TO RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

## *An Overview of Specific examples*

Pope Benedict XVI spoke last year about his worry that religious liberty in the United States is being weakened. He called religious liberty the “**most cherished of American freedoms.**” However, unfortunately, our most cherished freedom is under threat. Consider the following:

- *HHS mandate for contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs.* The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services forces religious institutions to facilitate and fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty.
- *Catholic foster care and adoption services.* Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the State of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.
- *State immigration laws.* Several states have recently passed laws that forbid what they deem as “harboring” of undocumented immigrants—and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to these immigrants.
- *Discrimination against small church congregations.* New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses. Litigation in this case continues.
- *Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services.* After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.
- *Christian students on campus.* In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.

*Forcing religious groups to host same-sex “marriage” or civil union ceremonies.* A New Jersey judge recently found that a Methodist ministry violated state law when the ministry declined to allow two women to hold a “civil union” ceremony on its private property. Further, a civil rights complaint has been filed against the Catholic Church in Hawaii by a person requesting to use a chapel to hold a same-sex “marriage” ceremony.

**Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat?** Yes, Pope Benedict XVI recognized just last year that various attempts to limit the freedom of religion in the U.S. are particularly concerning. The threat to religious freedom is larger than any single case or issue and has its roots in secularism in our culture. The Holy Father has asked for the laity to have courage to counter secularism that would “delegitimize the Church’s participation in public debate about the issues which are determining the future of American society.”