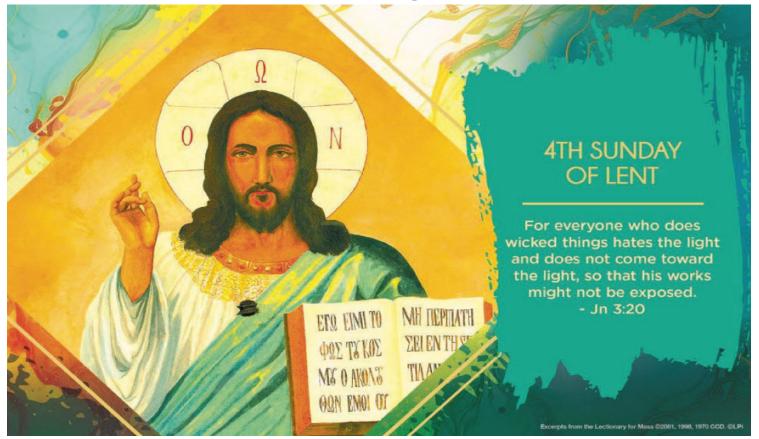
# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

## March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent



#### WEEK AT A GLANCE

AC-Adoration Chapel, C: Church, CH-Church Hall, CL-Choir Loft, Sa-Sacristy, Sc-School, WH-White House (aka Parish Ctr.)

#### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 9:30am St Joseph Table Planning Mtg 6:00pm Grief Ministry Mtg (CH)

MONDAY, MARCH 11 7:00pm Cursillo Rosary (AC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 6:30pm OCIA (WH)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 6:30pm Women's *Genesis to Jesus* study (CH)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 9:00am Bible Study (CH) 4:30pm Fish Fry (CH)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 7:30am Men of Christ (CH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17



LITURGICAL/DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE

MASS	Saturday Evening Vigil Sunday Morning	4:30pm 8:30am 10:30am
	Monday through Friday	8:00am
	Tuesdays (school year) 1st Saturday	9:00am 8:00am
CONFESSION	Saturday 1st Thursday 1st Friday 1st Saturday 3rd Thursday Every Friday in Lent	3:00pm-4:00pm 6:00pm 12:00pm 8:30am 6:00pm 6:00pm
ADORATION	1st Thursday 1st Friday 3rd Thursday	6:00pm 9:00am-Midnight 6:00pm
ROSARY	1st Saturday 4th Wednesday	8:30am 6:00pm
ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION	3rd Thursday	7:00pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Every Friday in Lent	7:00pm

	Mass Intentions *		
Saturday		Friday	March 15, 2024
4:30pm		8:00am	Katherine Wallace by Paul & Laura McGuire
	Helen Highfill by Kathie	Saturday	March 16, 2024
	Geraldine Byar by Rosemary Pritchard	4:30pm	People of our Parish
	Jerry Siadek by Carole Chambers	Sunday	March 17, 2024
	Bob Struthers Birthday by Bonnie	8:30am	Don & Jane McCoy by Denny Hachenberg & Sheila McCoy
Sunday	March 10, 2024		Jake Stevens by Jack & Nancy Errthum
8:30am	Deceased Member of Kestel & Olah Families by Eleanor Kestel		Dan Murray by Steve & Maureen Smolinske
	& Family		Robert H. Waters by Family Friend
	Justin Honeycutt Birthday by Family		Richard Gerat by Family
	Donald & Dolores Lindsey by Fr. John	10:30am	, , ,
	Tom Robbins by Ed Mate Family		John Keigher by Jim & Mary Baskerville
	In Memory of Kay Weglarz by Jake & Kelly Meyer		Jerry Siadek by Nancy Hlebasko
10:30am			Donald & Dolores Lindsey by Fr. John
Monday	March 11, 2024		Phil Nagel by Thomas Family
_8:00am			
Tuesday		*MASS INT	ENTIONS Offering Mass for a particular intention is a long-standing tradition
8:00am	5 5 5		olic Church. A Mass offered for someone is for them to receive special graces.
9:00am			
	ay March 13, 2024	Masses are	said for the souls in Purgatory, in memory of the deceased or to honor a
8:00am	5 5 5	birthday or	special anniversary. If you would like a Mass, please stop by or call the Parish
Thursday 8:00am	•		
0.00am	Din Nermeuy by Faul & Laura McGuile	Office at 81	5-478-3341 for available dates/times. A stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.

#### IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT A WEEKEND MASS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

WE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord

And may perpetual light shine upon them.

#### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Diane Leff, Patrick Deloian, Diana Sereik, Brian Wellen, Kristin Wellen, Mariann Whitemiller, JoAnn Hayden, Sarah Traser, Beverly Landry, Wayne Landry, Jim Bishop, Elaine Bishop, Mary Pycz

> SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING Sanctuary Candle

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** Richard Gerat by Family & Dan Berg St. Joseph Candle Jim Thomson by Kathleen

WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Matthew Cook, Scott Gerdes, David Newtoff, Christopher Vavouleas, Teresa (Kozak) Bissonnette, Bobby Dyer, Jeffrey Merritt, Wade Lander, Mark Keough, Matthew Pirc, Jack Broderick, Dale Clark, Luke Ruggiero

**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLE INTENTIONS** "Personal Intention" (through March 31) "Personal Intention of Diana Sereik" (through March 31) "Peace in our marriage and family" ( (through March 31)



#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION MARCH: FOR THE NEW MARTYRS

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm ..

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR. 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1 -2.10.25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53 Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## ATTENTION MILITARY FAMILIES

If your child is currently serving in one of the branches of our Military, we would like to acknowledge them and keep them in our parish family's prayers.

The St. Joseph Rosary Makers group is in the process of renewing and redecorating our parish Military board, usually on display in the south vestibule. We



would like to honor those presently serving. If you would like your child included on this board, please send a photo and short bio to beth@beaujamesphoto.com.

Thank you and God's blessings on all those in the military who service and

## **REMAINING LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE**

EVERY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - MARCH 22 6:00pm Confession

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 11 & 12, PARISH PENANCE SERVICE 6:00pm Reconciliation with Several Priests Available

#### MARCH 28 HOLY THURSDAY

8:00am	Morning Prayer
7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30pm	Adoration
11:30pm	Tenebrae

#### MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY

8:00am	Morning Prayer
3:00pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00pm	Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

#### MARCH 30 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00am	Morning Prayer
12:00pm	<b>Blessing of Easter Baskets</b>
7:30pm	Easter Vigil Mass

#### MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30am	Mass
10:30am	Mass

## NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH OUR PARISH PATRON SAINT

#### STARTS TODAY! MARCH 10 THROUGH MARCH 18



FR. MIKE AND JOSH WILL BE POSTING DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR THIS NOVENA:

- > YouTube
  - ⇒ St. Joseph Parish Website www.sipmanhattan.org
  - ⇒ St. Joseph Parish FaceBook Page

# **PASTOR'S COLUMN**

Dear Parish Family,

First of all, another reminder, today starts the Novena to St. Joseph. Please see the bulletin insert so that you and your family can join. Josh and I have recorded these brief videos so that the whole parish can pray together in preparation to welcome our feast day!

Last week at the 10:30am Mass began a series of three rituals known as "the scrutinies." The scrutinies have ancient origins as ritual preparations for the baptism of catechumens. I ask you to keep our parish's catechumens, Rachel Deloian and Antonio Ramos in your prayers as they draw near to their baptism date.

In the early Church the whole season of Lent began as a period of intense preparation for catechumens to be baptized. Only later were the Lenten disciplines taken up by all the faithful as an annual renewal of their baptismal commitments made earlier in life or as infants. Before the legalization of Christianity, most baptisms were of adults; they were primarily performed on the Easter Vigil by the bishop. These adults, coming out of a pagan world, received a series of prayers for deliverance from the effects of original sin, including temptation, habitual sin and oppression by the evil one. Therefore, the scrutinies fall under the category of prayer known as exorcism.

Do not be alarmed! When we hear the word "exorcism" today, we tend to imagine the dramatics of Hollywood or the rather rare situation of demonic possession. The Church has another kind referred to as "minor exorcism" which is intercession and prayer aimed at the spiritual, moral and physical freedom of a person. Even the ritual for the baptism of an infant contains a minor exorcism. You might say to yourself, "why would a baby need such a thing?" Remember that exorcism is the kind of prayer which has freedom as its goal. Though an innocent baby has no moral agency to sin or to choose spiritual slavery, much like the plight of the Hebrews in Egypt or the children of enslaved peoples throughout history, we are not really born free. The plight of original sin is that human nature inherits spiritual slavery as a result of a primordial fall. Secular (post-Christian) convention would have us believe that we are born either as blank slates (unaffected by history) or that our only inhibitions are the result of genetic inheritance (nature) or bad environments (nurture). Christian anthropology recognizes a third reality. Aside from a person's genetic inheritance, or social environment, the immaterial or spiritual component of the human person is wounded too, it also needs liberation. This liberation comes from surrender to Christ Jesus. When we allow Jesus to find for us, to heal us, and to adopt us into His own person, there we find true freedom and unencumbered life!

Please remember that Christ longs for us to be truly free, to be human in a way that is not dominated by the world, our own fallen desire, or even by the Devil himself. As we all strive toward Easter engaging in self-denial to reassert our freedom, for those of us who have already been freed by baptism, the renewal of our baptismal dedication is the goal. The Sacrament of Reconciliation returns us to our baptismal resolve. When we acknowledge our sins, the occasions we have returned to slavery before Christ the High Priest, He in turn restores us to our liberty through absolution at the cost of His death and resurrection. Our Lord is willing to go the distance for our freedom, I pray that we will respond with the same dedication.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

# From WEATHERING THE STORM To ABIDING IN THE CALM

Thank you to the Women of the Word & the Men of St. Joseph for hosting our Parish Lenten Mission. Katie Choudhary did a fantastic job providing many thoughtful ideas and solid Catholic resources for finding and remaining in peace.













## L.I.F.E. MINISTRY PRESENTS...

## **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Friday, May 3, to Sunday, May 5, 2024



If you are suffering from grief after having had an abortion, remember that God always offers forgiveness. Nothing is unforgivable and the Church is the hospital of healing. Just as the father ran to the prodigal son

when he came home, so too is God waiting with open arms to receive you back home!

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressure of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process.

The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held locally from Friday, May 3, to Sunday, May 5. For more details or to register, please scan the QR code or visit **qrco.de/RVMay2023** 



#### LIVING WITH THE LOSS **OF A LOVED ONE**

#### SUNDAYS at 6:00 pm **Church Hall (Basement)**

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Please contact Jen Christiansen if you have any questions: 815-478-4068.



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YOU CAN STILL REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE Cost: \$20 for Participant Guide & Streaming Access

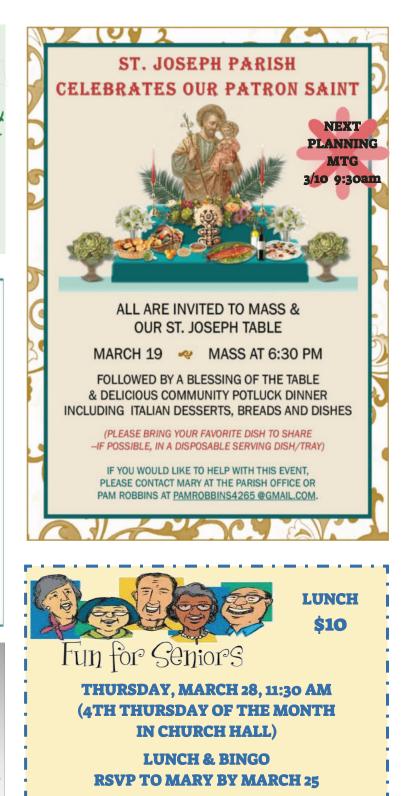
**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT MEGAN** meg.zach87@gmail.com

**EXPERIENCE NEW FREEDOM IN CHRIST** BOUND CONFERENCE March 15-16, 2024 St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield

> "My experience with an Unbound Freedom in Christ Seminar changed my life forever. It has introduced me to a freedom and joy that is beyond anything I could have ever imagined."

"I felt relieved, loved, understood, and forgiveness from a Father who loves me... there was a peace I have never felt before that I took with me."







If you are interested in an in-home prayer service with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, please call Carla at 708-228-8078.



### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

**MARCH** 

3/19
3/20
3/29
APRIL
- 4/1-5

Feast of St. Joseph 11:00 Mass & Spaghetti INEXT church hall (Tentative) School Board 6:00 Pm Parish Center Good Friday - NO CLASSES

**Easter Break** 

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Thanks to everyone for participating in Trivia Night 2024! The Church Hall was packed, and everyone had a great time!

Congratulations to our winners!

And thanks to all who helped with planning, set-up and clean-up.



**RELIGIOUS ED.** 



# **Attn 2nd Grade Parents!**

**Our Parish Reconciliation Service is THIS WEEK: Monday or Tuesday,** March 11 or 12, starting at 6:00pm (students will have an opportunity to go during class.)

## **FAMILIES INVITED!!**

## **REMINDER:**

The First Communion Retreat takes place Sunday, April 14; we start at 10:30 Mass and end by 2:00 (lunch is included). One guardian must attend with the student.



(Latin for "Rejoice") /le1'ta:ri/

is the fourth Sunday of Lent. The counterpart of Gaudete Advent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words (incipit) of the traditional Latin entrance (Introit) for the Mass of the day.



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

## MARCH 3

Collection (at Masses)	\$ 6,841.00
Collection (online giving)	<u>\$ 4,445.20</u>
Total Collection Amount	<u>\$11,286.20</u>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## PLEASE HELP US PAY DOWN OUR LOAN

## **RENOVATE MY CHURCH**

Total Cost Less: Payments Received Balance \$237,000.00 <u>\$ 82,001.00</u> \$ 154,999.00

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