

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph's Church Family,

I have important news to share with you. On Labor Day, Kyler Brown emailed me his resignation. He wrote that after much consideration he has decided it's time for him to move to Florida. His last Mass at St. Joseph Church will be September 16th. We will begin looking for a new music director for the Vigil and 11:30 Masses—I'll let you know how it goes.

I wish to thank Kyler for the three years of service he provided to our parish. I noticed his dedication and professionalism even in the short time that we overlapped. Please keep him in your prayers as he makes his transition to Florida.

Additionally, I'm including my letter from last week in case you missed it. The letter outlines a path toward reform and renewal in the Church in light of the current scandal.

In today's second reading James implores us to "*Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.*" (James 1:22) Going forward, we as a parish must be doers of the Word. In the current circumstances, we must be a place of reform in the Church. The whole Church is being called to reform— God revealed what is sick in the Church in order to heal it. We must accept the graces offered in this pivotal moment, embracing the Holy Spirit and where He is leading us. However, we ourselves cannot reform the whole Church that is a task much broader than a single parish. Yet we can seek reform here in our parish.

A first step was last Thursday's Eucharistic Adoration. What is the next step? The antidote to evil and infidelity is goodness and faithfulness. We must be like Christ when faced with evil. We must embrace the holiness God calls us to. We must be like the saints. Reform within the Church has always come from the saints, and so we must be a parish that provides the rich soil from which saints arise. We must dedicate ourselves to holiness. Even faced as we are with infidelity and wickedness, we must redouble our efforts to seek the holiness for which God created us. Holiness is marked by the virtues that baptism grants us: faith, hope, and love. Thus the next step is be a parish where these virtues are cultivated.

Faith is believing in Jesus Christ, who He is and what He has revealed to us as the Word of God. Therefore, Fr. Scordo will present a series of talks this Fall to help us better understand our Faith in Jesus Christ. Also, in faith we rely on the help of the Communion of Saints, and so we will begin to call upon their aid and protection by praying the Prayer to St. Michael after daily Mass.

Hope is our trust and eager expectation for the fulfillment of God's promises of salvation. We often grow in Hope when we see how God has acted in our lives, especially when we can see His mercy at work in our lives. Therefore in Advent we will offer confessions before every Sunday Mass. It is in the Sacrament of Confession that we encounter Christ and His mercy most intimately, and learn to hope in that divine mercy. Also, we hope in those we have come to know most closely. As we come to know Jesus not simply as a concept but as a friend, then our hope truly starts to grow. Therefore we will begin offering Eucharistic Adoration every Friday after the 12:10pm Mass so that people can come before Jesus and experience a deeper friendship with Him.

Love is seeking the good of another— giving of one's self. Penance is a form of love when we offer our penance for another. Therefore the friars are going to undertake the traditional Ember days of penance and fasting throughout the year. We encourage everyone who is able to join us in this practice. We'll provide more information about Ember days when the first one approaches. Also, love is found in community because it is there that we encounter those to whom we are called to give ourselves. Thus we will encourage ministries and community within the parish. We will renovate Casserly Hall in order to have the space to welcome new ministries and encourage the whole parish to deepen our unity and community together.

It is my hope that as we begin this path of renewal together that we can be a light and example for the wider Church—that we can be a place of goodness and holiness and a sign of God at work among His people. Let us all strive with God's grace to be saints together!

Blessing,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P.

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Pastor

Weekly Collection

September 1st & 2nd, 2018

Masses Total-----	\$4,478
WeShare-----	\$360
Faith Street -----	\$499
Grand Total-----	\$5,337

FAITHSTREET

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WESHARE

To create online giving account, please visit stjosephgv.churchgiving.com and click "**Give Online**".

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for:

Victoria Ottomanelli
Barbara Rosenberg
Arthur Bifulco
William Jayne
Carol Gershkowitz
Irena Malashenkova
Brendon Burlich
Lourdes Tanglao
Margaret Sotomayor
Keiko Taylor
Peggy Milus

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will be on for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, Weekdays 9AM - 5PM.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 pm Winfred Kysley

5:30 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 am Carl & Angelo Conetta

11:30 am Brendon Burlich (Living)

6:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

12:10 am

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:10 pm Fr. John P. McGuire, O.P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

12:10 pm Mars Custodio

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12:10 pm

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UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. If you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email secretary@stjosephgv.nyc to check your status.

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way! This tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive – via email or text message – from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. There are two easy ways to connect:

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www.flocknote.com/SJGV (or)
Text SJGV to 84576 from your phone to
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SHEEN CENTER

At the back of the church are new brochures for the fall season of **The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Center for Thought & Culture**. Located in East Village, The Sheen Center offers wonderful events in theater, music, talk and film! For more information, please visit SheenCenter.org. Use the special discount code **ARCH** and get **20% off** selected tickets!

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC PROGRAM



Eliza Poehlman, Director, welcomes all who desire to serve in the Contemporary Music Program. *No auditions required*. Join us in the sanctuary for rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings before the 6:00 p.m. Mass. If you have any questions please E-mail me at: info@gsusband.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2018 - JUNE 2019

Children through the age of 3-16 are welcome to attend our Christian Education Program. Please go to our website under the 'Parish Life' tab, then 'Children's Religious Education' to obtain a registration form.



RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you (a) want to consider Christianity seriously or have decided to be baptized, (b) are baptized in another Christian communion and want to be received into the Catholic Church, or (c) are baptized Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, then RCIA is for you! RCIA begins with a period of initial inquiry followed by guided initiation into the fullness of our Christian and Catholic Faith.

The RCIA classes will be held on **Sundays** after the 11:30am Mass in the **Casserly Hall** from **12:30-2:00pm**. The RCIA program begins on **Sunday, September 9, 2018**.

For more information, please call the parish office or email RCIA@stjosephgv.nyc.

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018**

"And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue. Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, 'Ephphatha' that is 'Be opened' And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'"

Jesus the healer. People sought Him out bringing the needy person to Jesus. They requested the laying on of hands. They knew Jesus was the answer.

This experience of Jesus' healing is a bit different. Jesus takes him apart, touches, uses saliva, groans and speaks. The result is clearly indicated. Evidently he returned to the crowd who expressed their amazement at what took place.

When we were baptized the minister also touched our ears and mouth saying 'As Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, so may He open your ears to hear His word and your mouth to proclaim His praise.' The gesture can easily get lost. Have I heard the word? Do I proclaim His praise?

Maybe I can be more attentive as I listen to the Word of God proclaimed at mass. Maybe I can take what I hear and learn, and bring it to someone else, telling them what the Lord has done or is doing in my life. Jesus continues to do miracles through us today.

