

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Hopefully by this weekend the air conditioning work has been completed! The scaffolding will be coming down, and the new air conditioning system tested and set up. What comes next is the exterior repairs– a new roof, new gutters, and repairs to the facade of the church building. It will be great to no longer have construction on the inside of the church!

Also, this week is the first week of Religious Education (CCD) classes. Please pray for all our students. And it's not too late to enroll your children. Additionally, it's not too late for someone to enroll in RCIA, so if you know of any adult wishing to convert to Catholicism, or an adult Catholic who still needs first communion or confirmation, much sure to refer him to our RCIA program.

Finally, this week contains Ember days, this Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The friars at St. Joe's fast on these days for reform and renewal in the Church. We invite you to join us, either fasting from food as on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, or in any way that you feel called.

### **Mass Tidbit:**

Traditionally in the back of the nave, where the people first enter the section of the church with the pews, is placed the baptismal font. Sometimes there is a room dedicated to the baptismal font, a baptistry, which is usually off of the narthex. In our church the baptismal font is now at the back of the nave where the back pews are.

The baptismal font is placed where people physically enter the church building to symbolize baptism as the sacrament by which someone enters the mystical Body of Christ, the Church. We enter the Church, ie: become a Christian, through baptism. In baptism we are joined to Christ and the Holy Trinity comes to dwell in our souls, and we become adopted children of God. Thus, baptism enters us into eternity.

That is why baptismal fonts traditionally have 8 sides, such as ours does. The number 7 represents the 7 days of the week, and the 8th day represents that which is beyond our time, the entrance into eternity. As baptism enters us into eternity, the baptismal font has 8 sides.

If a church has a baptistry, the room usually has 8 sides as well. The current 'work sacristy,' the room just before the bathrooms, was the baptistry at St. Joe's, and had 8 sides before it was remolded when the new rectory was built in 1954. That room has a beautiful stained glass window of the baptism of Christ, where Jesus instituted the sacrament of baptism.

In Christ,

*Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P*

## Weekly Collection

September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>

Masses Total -----\$4,988

WeShare-----\$937

Faith Street-----\$412

**Grand Total**----- **\$6,337**



### PRAYER REQUEST



*Please pray for:*

Geraldine Arbuiso

Camille Moglia-D'Onofrio

Helen Gehm

Stephen Grillo

Poppy Kate Kent

Luisa Latorre

Albert Latorre

Mary "Peggy" Milus

Paul Gallagher

Dennis Quinn

Zoila Vallo

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 remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 9am - 5pm.

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

**12:10 pm** Norma Bike Geronimo Villamar

**5:30 pm** Dolores M. Ewanow

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**9:00 am** Alexander Rotteveel

**11:30 am** People of the Parish

**6:00 pm** Edward Marotta

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

*Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

**12:10 pm**

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

*Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**12:10 pm**

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**12:10 pm** W. Roger Backus

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

*Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

**12:10 pm** Colleen Carney

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

*Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

**12:10 pm** Jay Patrick Kennedy

### RECTORY OFFICE

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### THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

#### CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years.

To date our parish has received: **79** pledges, totaling **\$88,340** towards our goal of **\$104,500**

### St. Joseph's Play Group

**First and third Fridays of every month  
from 11-12 pm.**

Come join the new play group for little ones ages 0-4 in the parish rectory.

For more info please contact: Courtney White  
[courtneywhite970@gmail.com](mailto:courtneywhite970@gmail.com) (or)  
Therese Sullivan [dorobekt@gmail.com](mailto:dorobekt@gmail.com)

### Mercy Through Mary

**First and third Mondays of the month  
at 7:30pm**

Join fellow St. Joseph parishioners as we trace the origin of Divine Mercy from Creation to the revelations to Saint Faustina. Discover Mary's role in Divine Mercy.

We will follow the book  
*"7 Seven Secrets of Divine Mercy."*

If you are interested please contact Gene Zannetti and David Annunziato at [zspiritualstrength@gmail.com](mailto:zspiritualstrength@gmail.com)



### Fresh Food Bag Program for Seniors

Every two weeks, order a bag of fresh food for just \$8 (Reminder: cash only).

Sign up at **West Village Houses**

642 Washington Street, Community Room (Entrance on Christopher Street)

SIGN-UP HOURS: 9AM-12PM or call (212) 255-2527

#### **The next sign-up dates are**

**Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Food Delivery Date -Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information contact 212-564-7757 or email [SpeakerJohnson@council.nyc.gov](mailto:SpeakerJohnson@council.nyc.gov)

### The Academy of St. Joseph Open House

The Academy of St. Joseph invites you to visit our school to meet our faculty, tour the facility, and learn more about our programs.

Please join us for one of the following Open House Dates:

*September 26*      *PreK, K, 1*

*October 3*            *Lower School: PreK-4th grade*

*October 17*          *All grades (6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.)*

*November 7*        *Upper School: 5th-8th grade*

*November 14*      *Lower School: PreK-4th grade*

*April 23, 2020*     *All grades*

Please call the school office to confirm your attendance.

If you have any questions or would like to visit our school on another day, please contact Angela Coombs at [acoombs@aosj.us](mailto:acoombs@aosj.us) or 212-243-5420.

We wish all students in our parish a year filled with much learning and many opportunities to develop the gifts that God has blessed them with.

### Columbus Day Mass with Timothy Cardinal Dolan St. Patrick Cathedral Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> @9:30am

To request tickets for the Columbus Day Mass, click the "Register" button and complete the online form. Ticket requests will only be accepted online.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/columbus-day-mass-registration-65176720325>

**The last day to request tickets is Monday, September 23 at Noon.** If you have any questions please contact: [specialevents@archny.org](mailto:specialevents@archny.org)

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11 13-14**

God became very angry with the Israelites for worshiping a molten calf and making sacrifices to it. The people had so quickly violated his commandments that he planned to destroy them. But Moses pleaded with God for mercy and God relented.

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

Paul considered himself a former blasphemer and persecutor, and expressed his gratitude for the mercy Jesus showed him. Paul felt that he was a perfect example of Jesus' patience toward sinners and his desire to reconcile them with God.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-32**

The Pharisees grew angry because of the Jesus' compassion toward sinners. In response, Jesus tells of a son who squandered his inheritance, then returned to his father and asked to be treated as a hired hand. The father rejoiced, angering his older and more obedient son. The father explained that everything he owned belonged to his older son; but he had to rejoice for the son who was lost and had been found.

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

**Sunday**

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**Monday**

1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday**

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday**

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday**

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday**

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

**FORMED**

*Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrow*

Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn, shares how she came to know and love Mary as an example of drawing closer to Christ through suffering.

Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and listen to *Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows*

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PICK OF THE WEEK

**Drawing Strength from  
Our Lady of Sorrows**

by Kimberly Hahn



"Speechless ... I have cried so many tears hearing this."

—Charity L., Anderson, SC

[LISTEN ON FORMED.ORG](http://formed.org)

**Walk with Mary**

Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



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