

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

As you may have noticed, there's been a lot of construction at St. Joe's this year! Not only have we repaired much of the church building and shored it up for another generation, but most importantly I've felt the Holy Spirit at work throughout these projects. Indeed, I know that God desires our parish to flourish and thrive, and has therefore been empowering a transformation at St. Joe's.

St. Joe's parish is the oldest Catholic church building in Manhattan, and has a celebrated history. Together we are taking our place in that history and are blessed with continuing the legacy handed on to us. Even more importantly is that St Joe's, our spiritual home, helps the wider community, the wider city, the wider Church, to be a better place. Our parish has an important role in the city and the Church, and as such our generosity to St. Joe's will reverberate beyond ourselves.

Today we are embarking on a capital campaign to raise funds to renovate Casserly Hall, to be renamed McGuire Hall after the renovation. This renovation will not only remedy serious code issues and delayed maintenance problems with the space, but also transform our lives in the parish.

A new and renovated parish hall will allow ministries at St. Joe's to have the space to flourish. We will be able to host retreats, talk series, bible studies, social events for the parish, and much more. Our children's religious education program will be greatly enhanced, and we'll be better equipped to form the next generation of Catholics.

This space will build our community and improve our lives together. It will allow us to expand our outreach to the wider Church and community. In addition, your generosity will also allow us to put a new elevator in the rectory, which, along with a lift in the renovated Casserly Hall, will provide disabled access to the whole property and therefore not only serve a wider community but also continue our mission of spreading the Word to everyone who seeks spiritual guidance.

St. Joseph's has always been a pivotal parish in the Archdiocese and in New York City, and McGuire Hall will help us continue that legacy into future generations. In renovating the physical church at St. Joe's we are also renovating our spiritual home for us and future generations– and beyond.

As we embark in our goal to raise \$700,000 in pledges by January 12th, the Baptism of the Lord, we humbly ask you to consider that no matter the size of your gift your donation will have an outsize impact.

In Christ,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P

Mass Tidbit:

St. Joe's not only offer Holy Water in baptismal font and the holy water fonts in the narthex, but you can also find in the hall leading to the sacristy a large holy water dispenser that you can use to fill up your holy water containers. That way you can take holy water home for use anywhere.

Weekly Collection

Please note:

Because of the publisher's holiday deadline schedule, the collections for the weekend of *November 23rd - November 24th* will be posted in next week's bulletin.



PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for:

Geraldine Arbuiso
Carlos Burgos
Camille Moglia-D'Onofrio
Paul Gallagher
Stephen Grillo
Terry Hauck
Poppy Kate Kent
Luisa Latorre
Albert Latorre
Mary "Peggy" Milus
Bill Murphy
Annie Mac-Evans
Elizabeth O'Brien
Dennis Quinn
Jillian Kerner Ramirez
Barbra Rose
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, NOVEMBER 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

12:10 pm

5:30 pm

Mary V. Rahilly

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 am

People of the Parish

11:30 am

Alexander Meeker Clark

6:00 pm

Araceli Ante

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:10 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

12:10 pm

Umbeerto P. Gronello

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

12:10 pm

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PARISH OFFICE

The **Parish Office** will be **closed Monday December 9th** for the Immaculate Conception

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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 **\$89,840** towards our goal of **\$104,500**

Divine Mercy and Mary Young Adult Group ages 18-39

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30pm
Join fellow St. Joseph parishioners as we trace Mary's role in Divine Mercy from Creation, through the revelations of St. Faustina, to today.

If you are interested please contact Gene Zannetti and David Annunziato at zspiritualstrength@gmail.com



Pregnancy Help Inc., in need of volunteers

Can you spare 2-3 hours/week? We need volunteer peer counselors (we will train you), to work with women in crisis pregnancies; as well as writing and computer savvy volunteers - (Spanish bilingual is a plus).

Please call Nicole at (212) 243-0970 or send an email to nmoorephi@gmail.com.

Second Collection

Retired Religious Collection December 14th and 15th

There will be a **Second Collection** at all masses the weekend of *December 14th* and *December 15th*.

Each year in December, an offering is collected for the retired sisters and brothers who staffed our schools, hospitals and agencies throughout the country.

This offering from our people will be collected on the Sunday, December 15, including the anticipated Mass on Saturday evening December 14th. This is the first year that the combined proceeds of the collection will be distributed through the national office in Washington, DC rather than locally and independently. This will better assist religious communities and insure their quality care.

Holy Hour @ St. Joseph Monday December 2nd @ 7:30PM

The entire St. Joseph's Parish Community is invited to attend a Holy Hour on *Monday December 2nd at 7:30PM*. This is a great way to pray and to celebrate the Advent season as a parish community. There will be an opportunity for confession.



Young Adult Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral 5th Ave with his Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan Tuesday December 3rd

Young Adult Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan **Saint Patrick's Cathedral 5th Ave**. Adoration with praise and worship and Confessions will be available from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with music by Audrey Assad. **Mass begins at 7:30 p.m.**
A social will follow.

Saint Joseph Young Professionals Christmas Party Friday December 6th

Celebrate Christmas with fellow St. Joseph Young Professionals (21-35) at The Spaniard 190 West 4th Street in the West Village. The party starts at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Come whenever you get off work. *Tickets are 30 dollars* and includes entry and snacks. Drinks will be available for purchase.

Tickets are be purchase here:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-josephs-young-professionals-christmas-party-tickets-77746368481?fbclid=IwAR0WgqH7Ctz6XL0CaK1v0033_o6A6KIpoVoiiAsGEiskl57vLwmYjEj47w4

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



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Lectio Mary: Episode 1, The New Eve

Today marks the first day of the holy Advent season. We invite you to join us on a journey through Advent with Mary. Each week, we will be diving into an episode of Lectio: Mary with Dr. Brant Pitre. This week's episode is about the new fulfilling the old. As Jesus is the New Adam, *Mary is the New Eve*.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Lectio: Mary

Episode 1 - The New Eve

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The New Fulfills the Old

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."

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