

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Please keep the St. Joseph **capital campaign** in your prayers– and if you haven't pledged already, please pray about what God is calling you to give to support your parish.

I'm sad to report that the **Soup Kitchen** will be moving to a new location. The soup kitchen is independent of St. Joseph Church; they are an independent 501(c)(3) organization. One of the reasons necessitating us to renovate Casserly Hall is that the kitchen currently in Casserly Hall seriously violates city building and fire codes. Most significantly, the commercial range and ovens lack venting, and feet above the range's open flame is the 200-year-old wood frame of the church. Additionally, an illegal gas line runs over the range. And there are a number of other code issues. Because of the landmark status of the church building, there is no legal means to remedy these code violations.

I have worked extensively with the soup kitchen to find a solution to these violations. However, there no legal means to remedy these violations because of the landmark status of the church building. We cannot make any exterior modifications to the church, which would be necessary to make the kitchen legal. We have worked with many architects, contractors, our insurance company, and the soup kitchen to find a solution– but there is none. The bottom line is that there is no legal means to install a kitchen in the basement of a landmark building after it has been designated landmark. The kitchen in Casserly Hall was put together after the building became landmark, and there is no means to get it up to code.

My desire was for the soup kitchen to continue to serve meals in the new McGuire Hall; however, they wouldn't be able to cook the meals on site. We looked into possible ways to reheat previously prepared food here, having a food truck on Washington Place, and other options. Weighing all their options, the St. Joseph Soup Kitchen has decided to move their operation to First Presbyterian on 5th Avenue.

I am sorry to see them leave, but I'm happy that needy people will continue to receive hot meals nearby. Let us wish them all the best and pray for their success. They have provided an invaluable service for many decades, and I hope that their service will continue for many more.

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P

Mass Tidbit:

In the sacristy we keep the **Holy Oils**. The bishop blesses new Holy Oils every year at the Chrism Mass, held during Holy Week. Pastors bring the holy oils to their parishes after the Mass, and, yes, the bishop blesses a huge amount of oil! The bishop blesses 3 kinds of holy oil: **Oil of the Catechumen, Oil of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism**. The Oil of the Catechumen is used in the sacrament of Baptism, the Oil of the Sick is used for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism is used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders

Weekly Collection 

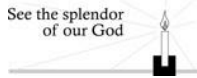
December 7th and December 8th

Masses Total -----\$ 6,612

WeShare-----\$937

Faith Street-----\$324

Grand Total----- \$7,873



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, DECEMBER 14

Saint John of the Cross Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm *Laura del Rosario (Cortes Taborga) (living)*

5:30 pm *Sophia Swinford (living)*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 am Carl and Angelo Conetta

11:30 am Phil Siculietano

6:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

12:10 pm Nino Sechi

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:10 pm Anthony Meringolo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:10 pm *Sarah Canny (living)*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:10 pm Mr. and Mrs. Janczuk

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:10 pm Francis J. Kelly

RECTORY OFFICE

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
9:00am – 5:00pm
(212)741-1274

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PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed for
Christmas Holiday:
December 25th -27th
December 31st and January 1st

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New York, NY 10012

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Gifts large and small will have an impact on our parish and beyond. The cumulative power of giving will allow us to further our ministries. We humbly ask you to consider supporting the St. Joe's Capital Campaign. *Our goal is to raise \$700,000 in pledges by January 12th, the Baptism of the Lord.*

Capital Campaign Goal: \$700,000
Pledges Received: **\$137,250**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

On Monday December 23rd we are in need of volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas.

If you are available during the day and would like to help, please contact the Parish office.
(212) 741-1274 or email
office@stjosephgv.nyc

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. Contact Gene Zannetti zspiritualstrength@gmail.com

Second Collection

Retired Religious Collection December 14th and 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 is the first year that the combined proceeds of the collection will be distributed through the national office in Washington, DC.

Advent Reconciliation Monday

Advent Reconciliation Monday is December 16, 2019. Confessions will be heard from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church.

Missionaries of Charity and The Foundling Christmas Giving Tree

This Advent season the Religious Education program have partnered with the Missionaries of Charity and the Foundling to give gifts to those in need. The ornaments on the Christmas tree in the narthex have labels on them indicating which gifts to buy. Please attach the ornament on what you bring and do not wrap the gifts.

The toys and board games (for The Foundling) are due by 12/10. Clothes and shoes (for The Missionaries of Charity) are due by 12/20.

Thank you for your generosity in advance. If you have any questions please contact Nicole Bogatz at
nicole@stjosephgv.nyc

Christmas Mass Schedule at St. Joseph's

Christmas Eve on Tuesday December 24:

12:10 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Children's Pageant and Mass
10:00 p.m.
**Note: There will be no midnight mass*

Christmas Day on Wednesday December 25:

9:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
**Note: There will be no evening mass*

New Year's Eve on Tuesday December 31:

12:10 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Vigil for Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day on Wednesday January 1:

12:10 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Note: This is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of Mary

**GAUDETE SUNDAY
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

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DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Friday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45



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Join Dr. Scott Hahn in preparation for Advent by listening to *Prepare the Way of the King* on formed.org. This talk by Dr. Hahn invites us to journey deeper and further into the season in order to truly be prepared for the coming of Christ.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



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Dr. Scott Hahn

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The Greatest Gift We Can Ever Receive

Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind – Jesus Christ.

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