

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Our capital campaign has taken on new life with the matching fund– please prayer about taking advantage of this great gift and double your money for your parish!

Also, this Monday is the memorial of St. Blaise. We'll be doing the customary throat blessing after the 12:10 daily Mass, so join us for the Mass and receive the blessing!

Finally, please pray for good weather. The contractor working on the exterior of our church tells me that he needs 4 work weeks' worth of good weather to complete the project. That means days over 40° and without rain. I'm praying that this project will conclude soon so that we can see the beautiful facade of our church again.

God Bless,

*Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P*

### Mass Tidbits:

During the procession there is often music. The Church provides an **antiphon** proper to every Mass throughout the year, but it can be replaced with an appropriate **hymn**. During daily Masses the priest often reads the antiphon from the chair, and on Sundays a hymn is usually used with the contemporary choir. Our traditional choir sings a hymn during the procession and then chants the antiphon proper to the Mass, usually while the priest is incensing the altar.

When the priest comes before the sanctuary he genuflects before entering it, and then goes to kiss the altar because a priest is a servant of the altar. He can then **incenses the altar**. A server brings the thurible to the priest, and then the priest bows to the altar. It is proper to bow before incensing anything or anyone. the priest then incenses the front of the altar with three swings of the thurible, either single or double swings. He then walks around the altar halfway, incensing as he goes, and faces the tabernacle. He then bows to the tabernacle and incenses it from behind the altar with the same triple swing. He then completes walking around the altar incensing it with single swings.

Why do we incense the altar? It first marks the holiness of the altar. An altar is a table on which a sacrifice takes place, and the altar in our church is the place where the sacrifice of the Mass takes place. Vatican II teaches us that the Mass is the source and summit of Christian prayer– the holiest action we take part in. Thus, the incense marks the holiness of the place where the Mass takes place and prepares us for the highest of prayers. Additionally, the smoke symbolizes the raising of our prayers to heaven. Our prayers rise from the altar where the Mass takes place to heave

# Weekly Collection

January 25<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup>

Masses Total -----	\$4,747
Special Collection-----	\$1,431
WeShare-----	\$370
Faith Street-----	\$1,920
<b>Grand Total-----</b>	<b>\$8,468</b>



## PRAYER REQUEST



*Please pray for:*

Jill Biddick  
Antonio Crispino  
Caroline Crosby  
Zirka Derlycia  
Erika Gladstone  
Marisa McGordy  
Elizabeth O'Brien  
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, FEBRUARY 1

12:10 pm

5:30 pm

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

*The Presentation of the Lord*

9:00 am

Gilda Courier

11:30 am

People of the Parish

6:00 pm

James Brennan

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

*Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop*

12:10 pm

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

12:10 pm

Lawrence Waterhouse

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

*Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martry*

12:10 pm

*Natalie Swinford (living)*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

*Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

12:10 pm

*For Dominicans Fathers and Mothers*

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

12:10 pm

*Kayla Wolfe (living)*

## RECTORY OFFICE

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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

We have received **92 pledges** for a total of  
**\$336,780**

## Moms' Night Out Group

Please join other St. Joseph's mothers for fellowship and refreshment, as we build community together!

*We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month.*

For more information, please visit:

[www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Moms-downtown](http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Moms-downtown)

## Holy Hour @ St. Joseph Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30PM

*The entire St. Joseph's Parish Community is invited to attend a Holy Hour on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM.*

This is a great way to pray as a parish community and to celebrate the *Feast of Saint Blaise of Sebaste*. There will be an opportunity for confession as well as blessings of the throats.



## Second Collection

### Peters Pence works for the Holy Father February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis.

Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in your donations.

## Divine Mercy and Mary Young Adult Group ages 18-39

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 7:30pm** join fellow St. Joseph parishioners as we trace Mary's role in Divine Mercy.

For more information contact Gene Zannetti  
[zspiritualstrength@gmail.com](mailto:zspiritualstrength@gmail.com)

## Catholic NYC Holy Hour at St. Joseph Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7:00PM

Spend an hour with Jesus and with other young adults of the Archdiocese of New York.

Confessions will be available.

A social will follow after at Oppa.

## Flame of Love Rosary and Prayers Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. 7:30pm-8:30pm

Please join us for the Flame of Love Rosary and prayers group.  
*The next meeting is on February 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*"Blessed Mother spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all of humanity."*

For more information contact Robert Phillips  
[raphillips@gmail.com](mailto:raphillips@gmail.com)

## 2020 New York Encounter February 14-16

The **2020 NEW YORK ENCOUNTER** themed *Crossing the Divide*, will take place at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in Manhattan.

Join us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of New York Encounter with Chris Arnade, Christina Picciolini, Dana Gioia, The Sisters of Life, Patrick Deneen and many more.

All events are free and no registration is required.

These events and many others can be found at [newyorkencounter.org](http://newyorkencounter.org)

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger “to prepare the way” and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.

### Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, “a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.” Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus “is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel.” Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD DAILY READINGS

### Sunday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3; Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

### Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30

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*Jesus is... by Father Mike Schmitz*

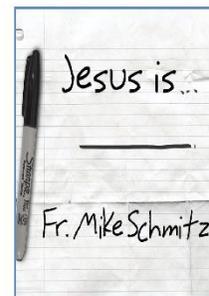
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