

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

I often get the question 'what do you do all day?' Many people think that the friars simply say Mass each day, hear some confessions, and then not much else. However, our lives can be quite hectic. We start our day with prayer, chanting the Liturgy of the Hours, the official daily prayer of the Church. Throughout the day we continue to chant the prayers from the Liturgy of the Hours. We also spend time in meditation and pray the rosary each day. We first need to strive for holiness ourselves, or everything we do is in vain. During the week we of course do celebrate the Masses and hear confessions at St. Joe's, but there is much more.

We have a very active wedding preparation program here– most of Fr. Pier Giorgio's and my evenings are spent with couples preparing for marriage. We also meet with parishioners to provide spiritual counsel and meet with people seeking help. We prepare couples for baptism and to be godparents, and of course celebrate the baptisms. We also visit the homebound when they desire communion and go to hospitals to anoint the sick. We plan the liturgies coming up (Holy Week and Easter require a lot of planning!) and help coordinate the ministries here.

There is also the administrative work– the maintenance of the buildings, overseeing the parish staff, planning the parish budget, working with the parish and finance councils, interacting with the Archdiocese, etc. Additionally, we are currently managing all the construction and renovation projects currently underway and planning the ones coming up soon, as well as the capital campaign that is helping fund these projects. So, what do our days look like? It often is a mix of running between prayer and work. I always strive to make my daily prayer the foundation of everything else– to see even in the most tedious administrative tasks the work of God and to serve Him in everything.

I've really enjoyed my time at St. Joe's so far– and I'm excited for the years to come! I've been privileged to see God at work here and to be given the opportunity of serving all of you. Being a parish priest can be very busy, but it's also very rewarding. One note– often the work the friars do here is unseen, especially the more spiritual side of our lives. However, we will soon be able to share more with you. When the perpetual adoration chapel is completed, we will pray the Liturgy of the Hours there so that people can join us in those prayers. I look forward to praying with the parish more closely!

In Christ,

*Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P*

### Mass Tidbits:

After the greeting at the beginning of Mass ("The Lord be with you...") we then go into the **Penitential Rite**. At the beginning of Mass, we ask the Lord to forgive us our sins. We come repentant to the Lord, and through His mercy and forgiveness we are made worthy to stand before God and give Him worship. This rite even forgives venial (minor) sins if said in faith. The priest says, "Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." We are thus preparing ourselves for the rest of the Mass– our fundamental stance with respect to God is that of repentant sinners, hopeful because of God's mercy and love. After this first statement, the priest pauses and gives himself and the congregation to call to mind what they would like God to forgive. Then the priest starts the *Confiteor*– I confess... We confess first to God, then to our brothers and sisters standing with us, that we have "greatly sinned." We admit that we need God's mercy, and that we have sinned in thoughts and word, for what we have done and what we have failed to do. We then go further and admit that our guilt is through our fault, repeating that fault three times, while striking our breast. The third time we go further saying "my most grievous fault." There is no ambiguity here! We are echoing Peter's undoing of his triple denial of Christ when he later answered Christ that he loved Him three times. We know that sin is not the final word in our lives, but rather God's mercy is, and so we end on a note of hope– asking Mary, the angels and saints, and our fellow Christians at the Mass to pray for us. The priest then says, "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." Having received God's mercy, we can now move closer to God– as we will through the Mass. We have been forgiven our sins, and can now properly worship God, joining with Jesus in word and deed, and following Him to eternal life.

## Weekly Collection

February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>

<b>Masses Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 4,490</b>
<b>Second Collection</b> .....	<b>\$1,120</b>
WeShare .....	\$937
Faith Street .....	\$422
<b>Grand Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,969</b>

### Donating to St. Joseph's Church

For the parish to perform its daily operations, consistent donations are needed. Your donations allow the parish to maintain and grow the mission of the Church.

#### 1. Weekly Envelopes

When you register as a parishioner, you have the option of receiving weekly envelopes. You will be assigned an envelope number. Envelopes with your assigned number are sent to you quarterly. You can place your envelopes in the collection basket during mass or you can mail them to the parish office.

#### 2. Faithstreet

Faithstreet is an online giving program that allows you to give a one-time donation or setup recurring gifts. You can give via credit card, debit card, or bank account. To register, go to our website and chose the Donation tab. Click on "Faithstreet" and fill out the form. Also, Faithstreet allows you donate **via text message**. You can donate via text by messaging the amount to (646) 832-4848. (E.g. "25" to send \$25). Click the link you receive and input the code: *stjoseph* and to complete the one-time setup.

#### 3. WeShare

WeShare (formerly ParishPay) was the first online giving program used by our parish. It allows one-time and recurring gifts. It does not provide "text to give" options. There is a one-time registration process. To register, go to our website and chose the Donation tab. Click on "We Share" and fill out the form.

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

12:10 pm

5:30 pm Anthony Dilworth

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:30 am *Anthony and Carole Spinelli (living)*

6:00 pm

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

12:10 pm

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

12:10 pm Mary Higgins Clark

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:10 pm

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:10 pm *Maria Swinford (living)*

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

*Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

12:10 pm Joseph Bromirski

### PRAYER REQUEST



#### *Please pray for:*

Antonio Crispino  
Caroline Crosby  
Zirka Derlycia  
Erika Gladstone  
Marisa McGordy  
Anthony Spinelli  
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.

## RECTORY OFFICE

### Office Hours:

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

[Office@stjosephgv.nyc](mailto:Office@stjosephgv.nyc)

## PARISH OFFICE

The **Parish Office** will be **closed** on  
**Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
*for Presidents Day*

## CATHOLIC CENTER @ NYU

238 Thompson Street  
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

We have received **105 pledges** for a total of  
**\$365,912**

## Monthly Moms' Night

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

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

For more information, please visit:

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



## St. Joseph Parish Coffee & Donuts Social Sunday February 23rd

Join the St. Joseph Parish Community for coffee and donuts in the parish hall after the *11:30 am Mass on February 23rd.*

All are welcome with an opportunity to learn about the various ministries going on at St Joe's.

If you have questions, please email Trevor Sorensen at [sorensen.trevor@gmail.com](mailto:sorensen.trevor@gmail.com)



## 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)

## 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 March 12<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)

## St. Joseph's Young Professionals Little Way of Lent Day Retreat at the Catholic Center at NYU Saturday March 7

Join St. Joseph's Young Professionals (ages 21-35) on Saturday from 9am-4pm for a day retreat as we to enter into the penitential season of Lent with a day of prayer, fellowship and reflection by the Dominican friars of St. Joe's.

Join us as we discuss the role of suffering in our everyday lives and how we can look for the beautiful in the ordinary during this time.

Please RSVP to Olivia Swinford  
[swinford.olivia@gmail.com](mailto:swinford.olivia@gmail.com)

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

### Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DAILY READINGS

### Sunday

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,

### Monday

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday

Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

### Thursday

Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

### Friday

Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34–9:1

### Saturday

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19



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*Peter: Peter and the Keys – The Primacy of the Church*

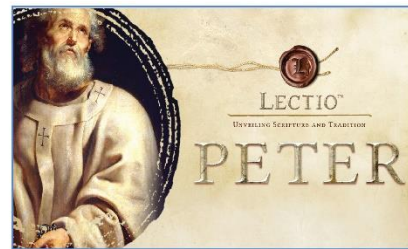
This Friday, we celebrate the Chair of Peter the Apostle. Pope Benedict XVI described *the chair* as “a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his successors to tend Christ’s flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity.” Dr. Tim Gray walks us through the significance of Jesus giving Peter the “keys of the kingdom,” and how through Peter’s mission, He was restoring and perfecting his Church.

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## PICK OF THE WEEK

### Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys -  
The Primacy of the Church



Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the “keys of the kingdom.”

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