

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

We are now on our Lenten journey! I hope that all of you have a blessed Lent and that it's a time of great spiritual growth and renewal. We play a part in making Lent meaningful in our lives– we can open ourselves up to God and seek repentance and deeper conversion.

One way to open ourselves to God in Lent is through taking on personal penances. In choosing penances pick ones that will help you open your soul to God. Pray about what most leads your mind and life away from God and choose a penance that will help you mitigate that blockage, such as fasting from social media or television or surfing the internet. We need to open ourselves to God in order to hear His mercy and love in our lives.

The Church as a whole also has penitential practices during Lent. All Catholics aged 18-59 are called to abstain from meat every Friday in Lent, and to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are called to do penance every Friday of the year, but in Lent we are also called to abstain from meat.

This Lenten Season can bring great blessings– take advantage of all the graces God wants to give you this Lent.

In Christ,

*Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P*

### Mass Tidbit:

On feast days, after the Penitential Rite, we sing the *Gloria*. It begins "Glory to God in the Highest" and is based on Scripture. The *Gloria* is based on the infancy narrative in the Gospel according to Luke, where we find three different hymns of praise to God. There is the *Benedictus*, Zechariah's hymn of praise when his son John the Baptist is born (Lk 1:67-79), the *Magnificat*, Mary's hymn of praise when Elizabeth her cousin comes to visit her while she is pregnant with Jesus (Lk 1:46-55), and the *Nunc Dimittis*, Simeon's hymn of praise when Jesus is presented in the Temple (Lk 2:29-32). In the Church's official prayer book, the Liturgy of the Hours, these three hymns are sung every day– the *Benedictus* during morning prayer (*lauds*), the *Magnificat* during evening prayer (*vespers*), and the *Nunc Dimittis* during prayer at night (*compline*). Also, in Luke's infancy narrative is the angels' hymn of praise (Lk 2:13-14) which the *Gloria* starts with and then amplifies and expands upon.

The *Gloria* is a doxology, which is a fancy term for a prayer of praise to God. It is thus similar to the 'Glory be' prayer but it's more elevated and fuller. The *Gloria*, being based on Luke's infancy narrative, recalls the mystery of the Incarnation (God become man) and gives praise to God by recalling His greatness and worthiness of worship. Pope Benedict preached that the "Church, in the *Gloria*, has extended the song of praise, which the angels sang in response to the event of the holy night, into a hymn of joy at God's glory– 'we praise you for your glory.'" (Homily at Midnight Mass, Christmas, 2010). During the Mass let us remember that we are first



## Weekly Collection

February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Masses Total** -----\$5,510

WeShare-----\$360

Faith Street-----\$1,494

**Grand Total**-----\$ 7,364

### 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 29

12:10 pm

5:30 pm Thomas Piluso

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 am Daniel and Rachael Lacorazza

11:30 am Mary Margaret (Peggy) Milus

6:00 pm People of the parish

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

12:10 pm

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

*Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

12:10 pm

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

*Saint Casimir*

12:10 pm

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

12:10 pm Alexander B. McKeveny

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

*World Youth Day of Prayer*

12:10 pm

### PRAYER REQUEST



*Please pray for:*

Laura Brotodihardjo . 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)

## CATHOLIC CENTER @ NYU

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## Coronavirus Threat

Due to coronavirus threat we will only be giving communion under one species (Precious Body) until further notice.

## 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 **122 pledges** for a total of  
**\$476,085**

## 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)

## Holy Hour @ St. Joseph Monday March 2 @ 7:30PM

The entire St. Joseph's Parish Community is invited to attend a Holy Hour on *Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM*. This is a great way to pray and grow during the Lenten season as a parish community. There will be an opportunity for confession.

## Stations of the Cross

### Friday's in Lent at St Joseph's 7:00 pm

*Starting Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>* St. Joseph's Church will be offering Stations of the Cross on Friday nights. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in prayer during the Lenten season as we prepare for Easter. All people in the parish are welcome.

## St. Joseph's Parish Dinner

**Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**after the 5:30 pm Mass**

Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with food, fellowship and trivia on Saturday, March 21. Dinner will be catered from Monte's Trattoria. Dinner will immediately follow the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Adults are \$20, kids are free.

Tickets available for purchase after Masses.

## 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)

## Young Adult Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral 5th Ave with his Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan Wednesday March 4th

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 Danielle Rose. **Mass begins at 7:30 p.m.** A social will follow.

## 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>.*

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

## St. Joseph's Young Professional Brunch (ages 21-35) Sunday March 8th

Please join The St. Joseph's Young Professionals for Brunch. We will head over to Rosemary's restaurant located at 18 Greenwich Ave after the *11:30am Mass*. please RSVP. Email Alessandra by **March 6th**. [Alessandra.Santopietro@gmail.com](mailto:Alessandra.Santopietro@gmail.com)

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:7-1

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

### Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

### Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT DAILY READINGS

### Sunday

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

### Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

### Frist Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

### First Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



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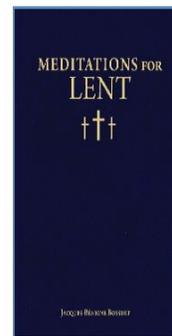
### *Meditations for Lent by Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet*

In honor of the beginning of this Lenten season, join us in reading "*Meditations for Lent*" by Bishop Bossuet. This eBook, along with many others, can be downloaded without cost on [formed.org](http://formed.org). Sign up for your free subscription by simply selecting our parish's name at [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup).

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## PICK OF THE WEEK

### Meditations for Lent by Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet



Dr. Christopher Blum has selected fifty remarkably powerful meditations from Bishop Bossuet's works that complement the daily readings at Mass during the Lenten season, thus offering to us the perfect companion for a thoughtful and fruitful Lent.

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