

Sunday, February 21, 2021 – The First Sunday of Lent

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 2/21	8:00 a.m.	Deacon Arnie Hyland <i>Req. by a grateful congregation</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Frank Bocchimuzzo <i>Req. by wife & family</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Fr. George Hommel <i>Req. by Mary & Joe Jurofcik</i>
Mon 2/22	8:00 a.m.	Deacon Arnie Hyland <i>Req. by Julie & Kevin Sawchuk</i>
Tue 2/23	8:00 a.m.	Melissa Brazier Bucher <i>Req. by family</i>
Wed 2/24	8:00 a.m.	Anniversary remembrance of Joseph Marino <i>Req. by Kathy Marino</i>
Thu 2/25	8:00 a.m.	Birthday remembrance of Brian Sawchuk <i>Req. by family</i>
Sat 2/27	4:00 p.m.	Joseph Ferraro <i>Req. by wife & family</i>
Sun 2/28	8:00 a.m.	M/M James Noble Sr. <i>Req. by Bannen family</i>
	9:30 p.m.	Walter Hackett <i>Req. by Mary & Joe Jurofcik</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Irene Jasienowski-Argenta <i>Req. by Laurie & Rob Myer and family</i>

WeShare DONATIONS

If you would like to make a one-time donation set up automatic weekly donations, please consider setting up an account through WeShare. You may find further information here:

<https://stmaryofthesnow.churchgiving.com>

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Mon – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Tue – Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you would like something included in the bulletin, please email Alison at smssjrectory@gmail.com no later than 10AM on Wednesday mornings. Submissions will not be accepted after that time.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. If you need to reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 246-4913.

CONFESSION

Father Chris will hear confessions on Saturday evenings at both St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Church. Please see him before Mass to let him know you would like him to hear your confession.

PARISH EVALUATION

This year, Fr. Christopher Berean will be completing his first six-year term as Pastor of St. Mary & St. Joseph.

In keeping the Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun.

Parishioners and staff who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish.

The Office of Priest Personnel

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New York, New York 10022

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Letters should be received no later than **February 28, 2021.**

Any correspondence received after the deadline will NOT be included in the evaluation process.

JACK ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For the next several months we will be collecting loose change at St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and St. John's. This spring we will be accepting applications from graduating seniors from these parishes who will be continuing their education. If you are interested in mailing in a donation, please send it to: St. John's Jack Rose Scholarship, 36 Cedar Street, Saugerties, NY 12477. Thank you!

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CLYNK BAGS

CLYNK Bags ARE BACK! Bags can be found at the main entrance as well as in the foyer of the Parish Center. Thank you to those who have reached out asking for bags. Your support is greatly appreciated!

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH...

Our parish is blessed to have three long standing traditions of music ministry, now combined as one. As we continue to navigate worship in a time of covid, our ministry continues to evolve in order that all may enjoy fully conscious and active participation in the liturgy as we were first called to by Pope Paul VI.

Since last year when we first heard the phrase "a spiritual Communion" and discovered what it meant to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus with our families at home rather than at Mass with our church family, the challenge our parish music ministry has faced has been how to safely complete our call: to encourage you in that "fully conscious and active participation" that liturgy calls for. For us, that has meant following Archdiocesan guidelines that call for the suspension of choirs, and while encouraging all to make a joyful noise to God, doing it with a bit more reserve than normal. As we reopened, we began with singing three hymns instead of the usual four at each Mass. The Communion hymn, sung while the congregation was online, was omitted so that we would discourage singing while moving throughout the church. We've now resumed singing a hymn during Communion although we may often choose a song less well-known intentionally.

Like every part of our daily life, we continue to wait to see what this "new normal" evolves to. Your music ministry looks forward to a time when we can announce the resumption of choir rehearsals, and when we can "shout with a full voice, our God is near!"

In the meantime, we welcome those who are interested in serving as cantors (leaders-of-song) to speak to us after Mass. We always appreciate your feedback - positive and negative - as we work to meet the needs of our now larger parish family. Please let us know how we can help encourage you to "sing a new song unto the Lord."

-Todd, Michelle, and the Cantors and Choirs-on-Hiatus of our Parish



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday at St. Mary's during Lent. Please add this devotion to your Lenten practice. Recall and relive what Jesus did for you because of His great love for you.

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Pope Francis has decreed 2021 the Year of St. Joseph and declared that a Plenary Indulgence may be granted daily to the faithful, through prayer and works which have been established to strengthen the faithful with the help of St. Joseph, in order that they may receive comfort and relief from tribulations. Posters have been positioned at each church entrance, as well as prayer cards which contain an Act of Consecration to St. Joseph. Those who make the Consecration to St. Joseph may also gain a Plenary Indulgence.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Jan vander Poel, Barbara Wismont, Mary Ellen Fuoco, Neil Gallagher, Adrian Lepe, Maryanne DePoala, John Valdata, Melanie Hagan, Darryl Caldwell, SherryAnn Kenjersky, George Dale, Clare Miller, Patricia Robinson, Doreen Churchill, Francis Posavec, Robyn Daugherty, CB Slutzky, Shanna Pesce, Laura Bach, Tony Gallo Sr., Jacqueline McNeil, Miriam Imbierowic, Pam Frost, Amy Schofield, Laurie Simmons, MaryLynn Ceccotti-Cody, Joseph P. DeFozio, Kathy Schmitt, Brian Marshall, Esther Lemmerman, Edward Castinidos, Sr., Dashell Baptista, MaryEllen D'Amico, Giada Pettengill, Allen GianCola, Kathy Trees, John Creegan, Beth Marshall, Charles Visich, Rosa Lattanzio, Fred Lenz, Fr. Joe Lorenzo, Kathleen Brooks, Kenneth P. Sinnott, Florence Snyder, David VanBenschoten, Mary Martino, Rose S. Riozzi, Joseph Veltrie, John Adam, Nick Gasparro, Sister Peggy, Joseph Konopka, Edward Sinnott, Brandon Smith, Genevieve Orbacz, Cindy, Stephanie Lowe, Anonymous Parishioner, Walter Johnson, Taylor Sherman, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Betty Cotich, Mike Leung, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Frances Riccio, Carol Loesch

To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333.

Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.