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March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Entrance: **How Great Thou Art #422**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

First Reading: **2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23**

Responsorial Psalm

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Second Reading: **Ephesians 2:4-10**

Gospel: **John 3:14-21**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

Offertory **The Glory of These Forty Days #127**

Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread;
Here shall all hungers be fed.
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured,
Love is the sign of our Lord.

Communion: **Hosea #655**

I give you a new commandment:
"Love one another, as I have loved you,
As I have loved you."

Recessional: **Glory and Praise to Our God #546**

*Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done
in every heart that sings. *R./*

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. *R./*

March 14th - March 21st

Sunday, March 14th -

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
5:00pm Vigil Decd Neal Moynihan (20th Anni)
8:00am Decd James J. Ryan & Family
9:45am Decd Maggie McCue
11:30am Sp Int For Our Parish Family

Monday, March 15th -

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
8:30am Decd Michael Courtien (Anni)

Tuesday, March 16th -

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
8:30am Decd Patrick & Agnes Fitzgerald

Wednesday, March 17th -

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
8:30am Decd Francis Patrick Cavanaugh
7:30pm Sp Int

Thursday, March 18th -

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
8:30am Decd Joseph Welsh

Friday, March 19th -

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18,22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
8:30am Decd Paula Soto (30th Anni)
7:30pm In Honor of St. Joseph

Saturday, March 20th -

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-43
8:30am Decd James & Jenny Buckley

Sunday, March 21st -

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
5:00pm Vigil Sp Int Nolan & Roberts Families
8:00am Sp Int For Our Parish Family
9:45am Decd Enid Bagalio
11:30am Decd Patricia Gaugler

Week of March 14th

Bread and Wine
Decd Larry & Anne DePalma

Sanctuary Lamp
Decd Michael Courtien



Parish Office Hours

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Thursday 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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From the Pastor's Desk

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Laetare Sunday

As it always does, time is taking us quickly through this holy season of Lent. It is hard to believe that we are already at the fourth Sunday. Of course you will notice that the Church marks this Sunday, as it does the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, by wearing rose colored vestments. For those catechumens and candidates participating in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, their expectation and joy rises as we draw closer and closer to celebrating the sacred mysteries by which we are saved. May their joy and excitement be contagious and renew in us, already baptized, the gift of salvation in Christ.

This fourth Sunday is called "Laetare Sunday" and it takes its name from the opening words of the entrance antiphon (the Introit) of the Mass, which come from the Prophet Isaiah (66:10-11): "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who that love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast." We, too, are called to be joyful, even in the midst of Lent, in the midst of our extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

In our first reading we hear of God's compassion on His people; He sent messengers to them, but they were mocked by the people. How do we experience the compassion of God in our lives? Who are the messengers that God has sent into our lives that call us to a more authentic living out of our part of the Covenant with God? How do we treat those messengers? Do we scoff at these "prophets," easily dismiss their words?

In our second reading today Paul reminds the Ephesians of God's great love and mercy. He recalls that despite being "dead in our transgressions," God has brought us to life with Christ, raised us up with him and has seated us with him in the heavens. All of this is through God's gift of grace. How have we experienced the great love and mercy of God in our own lives? Have we experienced the power of resurrection amidst death-like experiences in our lives? How have we been raised up by Christ?

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to Nicodemus about his death by crucifixion, although he does so by recalling an important figure and an important experience in the life of one of the great heroes of the Jewish community: Moses. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Recall that Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus appears three times in the Gospel of John. He first visits Jesus one night to discuss his teachings; then Nicodemus reminds his colleagues in the Sanhedrin that the law requires that a person be heard before being judged; and thirdly, Nicodemus appears after the Crucifixion to provide the customary embalming spices, and assists Joseph of Arimathea in preparing the body of Jesus for burial. He was not a likely candidate for this candid discussion with Jesus, but he became a disciple and in so doing took the risk of being identified as one of Jesus' disciples. What are we willing to risk to demonstrate that we are disciples of Jesus? Do we just "go at night" so no one else will see or recognize us as a disciple? Are we willing to stand up to relatives, friends, and colleagues in defense of our faith?

John 3:16 is among the most referenced passages of the Scriptures; but unfortunately, only by its biblical reference and not by its words! "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." Do I believe and live my life as one who has been saved by Christ? Am I quick to condemn the world, to condemn others, even when God does not?

Let's take some time to reflect on this week's Scriptures as we prepare to enter into the Fourth Week of Lent. Of course, in the spirit of Laetare Sunday, let us do so in a spirit of joy and consolation.

Some Lenten Assistance

How is your Lenten journey going so far? Time sure flies by quickly, doesn't it? Hard to believe we are already entering the fourth week of Lent! I continue providing a little extra food for thought by asking you to reflect on the following words, phrases and images during the coming week. What thoughts come to mind as you consider them? I hope they have been helpful in at least some small way. If so, please continue using them.

Monday, March 15: Father, forgive me.

Tuesday, March 16: I will forgive their evildoing.

Wednesday, March 17: Renew me, Jesus.

Thursday, March 18: God so loved the world.

Friday, March 19: God is rich in mercy.

Saturday, March 20: Rejoice, be joyful.

Sunday, March 21: I want to see!

Please join us THIS Friday, March 19th – Solemnity of St. Joseph

Please join us for Mass at 7:30 PM on Friday, March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), our Holy Father Pope Francis described St. Joseph as a “beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, a father in the shadows.” The Pope’s Apostolic Letter marked with 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. This special “Year of St. Joseph” began last calendar year, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th) and continues until the same solemnity is celebrated this year.

Help us to celebrate our Patron of the Universal Church, but attending Mass on that day. The evening Mass will include music and a cantor. As we continue to confront all the effects of the coronavirus (and continue to pray for its end), we need his intercession more than ever. Pope Francis wrote his Apostolic Letter with the pandemic in mind. He stated that the pandemic “has helped us to see more clearly the importance of ‘ordinary’ people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, ‘the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,’ who nonetheless played ‘an incomparable role in the history of salvation.’”

As we consider these words of our Holy Father, let us keep in mind and pray for all those in our lives who resemble Saint Joseph and live their lives in imitation of him. Throughout the year we will continue to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph in a variety of ways. Let us consider praying the following prayer with which our Holy Father concluded his Apostolic Letter.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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The Green & Gold, an independent 501(c)(3) organization, was formed for the charitable purpose of raising and donating funds to, and otherwise supporting the mission, programs and students of Sacred Heart High School. Grants will be provided to Sacred Heart High School subject to the submission and approval of grant applications that will periodically be submitted by the school in accordance with the Fund’s Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws as amended from time to time.

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2021 Cardinal’s Appeal Update

The theme for this year’s Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal is “*What You Do For the Least of These, You Do For Me.*” As mentioned at the Masses last weekend, many of you have already participated in the Cardinal’s Appeal by making a gift or a pledge toward our goal of \$81,000. (That goal is established by the Archdiocese of New York.)

2020 Results: Goal was \$81,000.

Amount Pledged	Amount Paid	Number of Gifts	Average Gift
\$46,157	\$45,202	155	\$297.79

2021 Results: Goal is \$81,000.

Amount Pledged	Amount Paid	Number of Gifts	Average Gift
\$11,635	\$8,480	57	\$204.12

We conducted the **In Pew Phase** of this year’s Appeal last weekend. Envelopes remain in the pews this weekend for those who were not here last week or for those who have been praying about their gift this year. (No payment is required at this time; the Cardinal’s Appeal Office will send you monthly reminders to fulfill your pledge. You may take a pledge envelope home with you, consider your gift/pledge and either mail the envelope to the Cardinal’s Appeal Office or include it in the parish offertory collection.) On behalf of His Eminence and all those who will be the recipients of your kind generosity, please accept my sincere and humble thanks.

Fr. Bob

Young Adult Mass - This Sunday

March 14, 2021 - 7:00 PM

All Young Adults (Ages 18-39) of the Parish and Neighboring Community
Are Invited and Welcome

Bring a Friend, Pray with Us, Be Inspired,
Go Forth and Preach the Gospel!



First Pot of Gold Winners Announced!

- March 1st - Joseph Tutoni
- March 2nd - Deanna Holowczak
- March 3rd - Madeline Bendick
- March 4th - Patricia Heslin
- March 5th - Neil Pellone

Watch for next week's winner!
Not too late to get in for the second half of
the month...call the office!



Sacred Heart High School Golf Outing!

Save The Date!
Friday
June 11, 2021

at
Dunwoodie Golf Course

Details Coming Soon!

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Puzzle Time

Match the key to get today's verse.

<u>4 1 20</u>	<u>18 1 9</u>	<u>16 1</u>
8 1 19 3 9	5 7 3	12 1 20 8 9
<u>5 7 2 5</u>	<u>7 3</u>	<u>18 2 19 3</u>
<u>7 23 16</u>	<u>1 6 8 25</u>	<u>16 1 6</u>

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
2	11	15	9	3	4	18	7	23	17	26	8	21

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
6	1	10	14	20	16	5	24	19	12	13	25	22

High School Seniors

North Yonkers Community Fund Scholarship

The North Yonkers Community Fund is pleased to announce the 2021 Walter "Goose" Ineson College Scholarship. There are 3 scholarships available. First prize is a \$2,000 per year, 4 year award. Second is a \$1,500 1 time award. Third is a \$1,000, 1 time award. All are available to incoming college freshmen in the 2021-2022 school year. Deadline for application is May 7, 2021 Please email Tony Giannelli nysf10@gmail.com to request an application.

Eighth Graders

North Yonkers Community Fund Scholarship

The North Yonkers Community Fund is also pleased to announce the 2021 Thomas M. Goff High School Scholarship. The Scholarship is \$1,000 per year for 4 years. The Scholarship is available to incoming High School Freshmen from our Northwest Yonkers Community entering parochial or private school for the 2021-2022 school year. Deadline for application is May 14, 2021 Please email Tony Giannelli nysf10@gmail.com to request an application.

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