



# The Parish of ST. JOSEPH HOMewood, IL

*Fostering Christ's Love in Our Lives*

17951 Dixie Highway • Homewood, IL 60430

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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Kyfes .....Pastor  
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 John Ligda.....Director of Music  
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 Eileen Santschi.....Financial Manager  
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 Kevin Kulchawik.....Maintenance Engineer

## WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday Mass..... 5:15 PM  
 Sunday Mass ..... 7:30, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

## WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday Communion Service..... 6:30 AM  
 Monday through Saturday Mass ..... 8:30 AM  
 Saturday Communion Service ..... 6:45 AM

## Holy Day Masses

Evening Before Holy Day..... 7:00 PM  
 Holy Day ..... 8:30 AM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... 4:30-5:00 PM

## Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

First Thursday ..... 9:00 AM-12:00 noon

## OTHER SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Arrangements can be made for any Sunday after attending a Baptismal Preparation Session.

### Marriage

Contact the Rectory at least six months prior to the wedding. Please call the Rectory for available times and dates.

## REGISTRATION

New parishioners are invited to register at the rectory as soon as possible.



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

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## CONTACTS

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**Office Hours Tues. & Thurs**.....8:00 am - 7:30 pm  
**Office Hours Sat**.....9:00 am - 1:30 pm  
**Office Hours Sun**.....9:00 am - 11:30 am

# From Our Pastor

## WELCOME.....

.... To all who come to celebrate these days of Christmas-time at St. Joseph. We're grateful to all who are here week in and week out and we hope that those who join us only from time to time will return often in 2020 to experience and celebrate the Lord's saving presence in this community of faith. May the God who chose to be revealed in a humble home in Bethlehem find a welcome home in all our hearts during these Christmas days and throughout the coming year. And remember that, for us Catholics, Christmas doesn't end today but continues through the Feast of the Holy Family on December 29, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1, the Solemnity of the Epiphany on January 5, concluding with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12—so much to celebrate, so many days in which to rejoice. So leave those Christmas decorations up until January 13<sup>th</sup>!

## THANKS.....

....To all who have contributed in any way to our celebration of the days of Christmas, especially to those who minister so faithfully in all aspects of our liturgy and prepare the environment for worship, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. We are so richly blessed by your gift of generous service.

Fr. Bob and the entire Parish Staff.



For upcoming parish events, news, articles, funeral notices and bulletin archives, please visit our website:  
[www.stjoehomewood.org](http://www.stjoehomewood.org)



If you would like to donate to St. Joseph Parish online, donations can be made using **credit or debit card** through **GiveCentral**.

Please visit GiveCentral at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) and click on "Start Giving" button → type our zip code 60430 or *St Joseph Homewood* → click on *St. Joseph* (Make sure it is St Joseph in Homewood) → click on "Sunday Collections" → make a Contribution → add to the basket → go to "checkout."

You can make one-time donations or sign up for weekly or monthly automatic donations. You can return to GiveCentral at any time to make changes to your donations.

Please contact the rectory office 708-798-0622 for more information. Thank you for your continued support!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE AT 708-798-0622.

## ◆ STEWARDSHIP ◆

**My TIME**

**My TALENT**

**My TREASURE**

**My PARISH**

The purpose of Ministry is to continue Christ's work in the world. To learn more about parish ministries, please visit our website [stjoehomewood.org](http://stjoehomewood.org) or call the rectory office.

### THE PARISH OF SAINT JOSEPH/ ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE SOUTH SUBURBAN PADS INITIATIVE



We are still looking for more volunteers specifically to support the team at the beginning of each session. Specifically, the team arrives at St. Lawrence O'Toole at 5:30pm on the assigned Wednesday. We need 2-3 students and/or young adults to help carry the food, water and other supplies down the stairs to the staging area and help with the dinner set-up. This should take no more than 1 hour per session. And of course we can always find other duties to share!

Also, we invite anyone interested to come and observe an evening of service at the PADS facility on our assigned night. I promise you will be inspired by the dedication and commitment of our team members. I certainly am, each and every time I am in their presence!

If you would be interested in joining our team, make monetary donations and procure food and supplies, please contact Jim Bova at 708.625.2188 or [jamesbova@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamesbova@sbcglobal.net).

# Around the Parish

## PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2020

We are honored to have **Dr. Paulino Viviano** with us this coming March to lead us in our parish Lenten Mission. Dr. Viviano is widely known throughout the country as a lecturer, Mission presenter and author of books and articles too numerous to mention. Her presentations from the perspective of the Old Testament will provide us with a unique lens for viewing our Lenten journey in the coming year.

Dr. Viviano will give a reflection at all the masses on Saturday, March 14 and Sunday March 15. The Mission presentations will take place on **Sunday, March 15 and on Monday, March 16 at 7:00p.m.** in the church.

Here is a very condensed curriculum vitae for Dr. Viviano:

### CURRENT PROFESSIONAL STATUS

Loyola University Chicago  
Associate Professor Emerita  
Department of Theology

### EDUCATION

St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. Ph.D. in Biblical Languages and Literature, 1981.  
St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. M.A. in Philosophy, 1971.

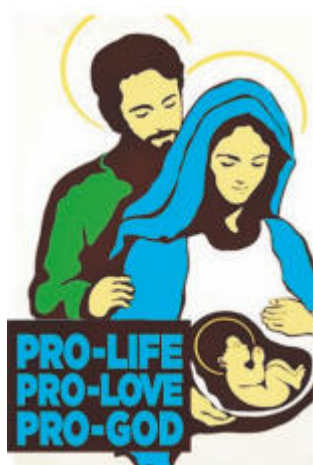
### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Hebrew Scriptures with specialization in the areas of Deuteronomistic History (Books of Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings), Biblical Poetry (especially the Book of Jeremiah), and the Book of Genesis.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Loyola University of Chicago, as of 2015 Associate Professor Emerita.  
Loyola University of Chicago, 1980-2015. Associate Professor of Theology.

We hope you will mark those dates on your calendar now and plan to be here at St. Joseph's on March 14 and 15, 2020 at 7:00p.m.



## THE REALITY OF AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

**January 21, 2020 at 7pm**

*St. Joseph Church, 17951 Dixie Hwy, Homewood, IL*

The Respect Life Ministry is thrilled to be hosting an evening with Belinda Guyton, the Director of Southside Pregnancy Center.

Belinda will be speaking on "The Reality of an Unplanned Pregnancy." Look for More information in the near future.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many parishioners who have participated in the special collection for Christmas flowers. Here are the names of those loved ones especially remembered during the Christmas season:

**Mary Jule Begley**  
**Helen Bock**  
**Toni Bruni**  
**Tim Goldenstein**  
**Thomas & Mary Halleran**  
**Genevieve Hayes**  
**John P. Hayes**  
**Mike Kinney**  
**Bernard Leo**  
**Irene Leo**  
**Bob Schablaske**  
**David Woyner**

*Christmas Flowers offering envelopes are available at the church exits until New Year's Day. You will notice that the envelopes have a line for "given in memory of..." so that you can remember a departed loved one with your flower offering. We will print the names of those being remembered in the bulletin each week as they are received. So please return your flower offering in the regular collection or drop it off at the rectory anytime before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.*

## MEN'S FAITH SHARING

*Saint Joe Men Fostering Faith (MFF) is a faith sharing group for men in the parish, held on the last Saturday of each month. Its purpose is for men to look at the scripture readings for that Sunday and to share with other men our faith journey as Catholic men. **The next meeting will be on Saturday, December 28th** in the Burke Center (directly south of the church), from 7:00am until 8:00am. This provides an opportunity for those who wish to attend to come to either the 6:45am Communion Service beforehand or head over to church afterwards for the 8:30am morning Mass. For more information, please visit: [TinyLetter.com/stjoehomewoodmen](http://TinyLetter.com/stjoehomewoodmen).*

# Around the Parish

## ONE WAY TO PRIORITIZE EXERCISE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

By: Vicki Martinka Petersen

Workouts are often the first thing to go when the holiday to-do list gets too long. But the hustle and bustle of this time of year doesn't necessarily mean you need to abandon workouts completely. In fact, with a little multi-tasking, you could work in being active while spending time with your family.

"Too often, we get into the mindset that if we can't walk on the treadmill for an hour, we won't receive any physical benefits. The truth is you can stay fit even if you break up that hour into 15- or 30-minute segments throughout the day," says Dr. Jennette Berry, a family medicine physician at Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest, Ill.

You also don't need to sacrifice time with your family to stay in shape. Instead, Dr. Berry suggests inviting them to get moving with you. Here are some fun family fitness ideas to help you and your loved ones stay active throughout the holiday season.

- Turn active time into a friendly competition. For those with fitness trackers, challenge each other to see who can get in the most steps during the week leading up to your family gathering. The person with the least number of steps has to help the host clean up after dinner.
- Sign up the family for a 5K or other holiday races. Even better, if everyone lives nearby, you can train together in the weeks leading up to the race.
- Need a job for family members who offer to help while you're making dinner? Have them lead the kids in jumping rope. Not only will the family get a workout, but it will keep your littlest "helpers" occupied and away from a hot stove in the kitchen.
- Do mini workouts between courses at your holiday dinner. After salad, get up from the table for some mild stretches and planks. After dinner, take a walk around the neighborhood or play outside in the snow before coming back in for dessert.
- Hit the mall for some post-holiday retail therapy. It's warm place for getting in some exercise if you live in a colder climate.

"Whether you park further away from the stores or host an impromptu dance party after your holiday feast, any physical activity you and your family do together all adds up to helping keep everyone healthy," Dr. Berry says.

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Wishing you joy and good health,

Mary Bohlen RN  
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