

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Private Mass Intentions for the week:

Monday, March 30th

6:30AM Tom Gaffney

8:30AM Ronald Goryl

Tuesday, March 31st

6:30AM Thomas Daly

8:30AM Susan Myers

Wednesday, April 1st

6:30AM Antonio Luis Ramos

8:30AM Frank Kapsha

Thursday, April 2nd

6:30AM Covell Family

8:30AM Boeggeman Family

Friday, April 3rd

6:30AM John Ryan

8:30AM John Kelly

Saturday, April 4th

8:30AM Rick Owsley



Please remember in your prayers all our sick:

Brian Allison, Dakota Almeiva, Jim Bakey, Bob Belczyk, Marie Biddle, Bernice Bonsmann, Jack Boyette, Theresa Bucella, Paul Bufano, Sophia Bufano, Virginia Burbage, Dennis Burns, Greyson Burke, Cathy Carrol, Susan Crowley, Anne Davis, Barbara DeLeon, Thomas Duggan, Amanda Durkholder, Kelly Eberz, George Edelmann, Joseph Eichinger, Sharon Feist, Janice Ford, Fr. Mike Freynes, MHM. Laurie Frost, Kim, Fry, Daniel Garvin, Krysten Gentile, Heidi Goldberg, Karen Gormley, Anne Hagg, Margaret Hardy, Robert Harron, Helena Hart, Conall Harvey, Charles Hee, Tony Iacone, Sylvester Jenifer, John Johnson, Rosemarie Johnson, Regina Johnson, Jennifer Kelly, Lizzy Kelly, Shyla Kelly, Donald Kester, Karen Kester, Ralph King, Danielle Lever, Thomas Luke, Debra Mallon, Bob Magolon, Brenda Magolon, Barbara Magozzi, Margaret Mahoney, Robert Malin, Ann Manco, Patricia Marconi, Tom Marley, Florence Marshall, Thomas Marshall, Mary Mascioli, Deacon Paul McBlain, Cameron McCarthy, Megan McDevitt, Nan McGroary, Dan McKenna, Joey McLaughlin, Cesar Montalvo, James Moran, Susan Mullen, Phyllis Myers, Christina Nesmith, Julia Newell, Anthony Oswald, Louisa Pacubas, Thom Parker, Edward Piccara, Sr., Charles Piccara, Jr., Eileen Posner, Claire Powers, Larry Price, Helen Raftovich, Loretta Ricciardi, Paul Riggs, Bill Robb, Joseph Romasko, Jr., Ernie Rink, Sharon Rowles, Claire Salvi, Christine Samuels, Candy Santos, Patricia Schmidt, Diane Shaefer, Kathy Shiels, John Smith, Rosemary Smith, Thomas Smith, Kathleen Stacklass, Jerry Sullivan, Kayla Taylor, Robert Taylor, Jose Tavaréz, Lauren Thomas, Virginia Tracy, John Tully, Mary Walls, Diane Weverling, Nancy Williams, Hana Yago, Michelle & Robert Yanuzzi, Angie Zuccarino

Please pray for our beloved deceased.

a letter from the pastor

Let us see this time of crisis and isolation as a tremendous opportunity for:

PRAYER

Pray for all the victims of this virus, especially those who have died from it. Remember also those in the medical field, first responders and those working to keep food and other necessities available to us.

GENEROSITY

Please remember the many families without and income at this time because of this virus. Be open to sharing what you are able with them.

SERVICE

Reach out to your elderly neighbors, those who are alone during this crisis. Share what you have, make a phone call.

I am sure any generosity and acts of kindness will be appreciated.

This is an opportunity to put our faith in action. Be kind to one another, be patient with each other!

Let us pray for each other!

Mesgr. Vogan

ALL Public MASSES are SUSPENDED!



SATURDAY, MARCH 21st 5PM MASS
will be LIVE STREAMED go to the parish website and click on the link!

Faith over Fear
Wisdom over Worry
Prayer over Panic

**ALL Facilities ARE CLOSED!
ALL Events ARE CANCELLED!**

The rectory office is **CLOSED**.
PLEASE CALL the RECTORY if there is a need.

We will respond to emails and be available by telephone. All business that can be conducted by phone or email is the best course of action at this time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Priests will continue to offer the sacrifice of the Holy Mass privately during this period and to honor all requested Mass Intentions.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS must be made through your funeral director.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Priests will continue to anoint those in danger of death.

SICK VISITS

In conjunction with directives already in force in hospitals and institutions, all visits to the sick are suspended.

Although our Church is closed the chapel will remain accessible for prayer from 9AM until 4PM.

PLEASE remember the many families without jobs who are struggling financially at this difficult time – share what you can!



FEED THE HUNGRY

PLEASE continue to use the poor boxes in the chapel and bring non-perishable food goods to the red box in the lower church vestibule.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING HOPE TO ALL

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to tens of thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You may mail your gift in the envelope mailed to your home.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT



LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS



PROJECT H.O.P.E. is SUSPENDED!

NO rides are being given at this time.



EASTER DINNER DONATIONS

We will be collecting money/gift cards to help defray the cost for Easter dinners provided by the Missionaries of Charity. **Please send your donation in by Monday, April 6th.** Please stop by the rectory and purchase your gift card if possible!



BEREAVEMENT Ministry

Since February 1999, St. Joseph's Bereavement Ministry has provided emotional support and encouragement to those who have lost a loved one. Each November, we celebrate a Mass of Remembrance, commemorating the lives of those we have lost. In the spring and fall, we host a support group facilitated by professional grief counselors. We call, visit or correspond with those who are grieving. If you or someone you know has suffered a loss and we can be of service, please call the rectory at 610-497-3340. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, to be present for our families who are navigating their grief journey, please call Marge at 610-485-8213.



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Today's readings are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in our daily lives.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians begins, "...You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talents and treasure, gives us a guide to help ensure we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use — or misuse — of time, talents and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.



PREP sessions last week, levels 2 through 6, went to confession. The students were respectful and prayerful. In Wednesday's 6:00 session, Mrs. Hunt's class, Santino told us that they learned that while Jesus was carrying the cross he fell three times and Padraig told us that Simon helped Jesus carry His cross.

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun."

Saint Josemaría Escrivá

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH LENTEN



Road to the Resurrection



Monday, March 30th
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

A Lenten event for the whole family!

LIVE STREAMED!

Adults and children will enjoy Lenten reflections presented by Father Mullan including quiet time for contemplation.