

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 14, 2021

### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart:

Watching the news briefly, I remembered this Southern politician saying, "Everything here in Washington is just a conversation; but what we really need to pay attention to, is what they do, not so much what they say." Amen to that. Actions speak louder than words indeed.

### **Psalm 137**

**Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you...Jerusalem.**

Many scholars say that this is one of those Psalm of Lamentation. It is an outburst of sadness of an exiled people, the Jews exiled in Babylon, away from their native land, culture, and religion. They expressed their sadness in prayer to God, words coming from the depths of their hearts, their deep longing for God, their desire to go back home and worship God again in Jerusalem.

Many centuries later, when God's plan has come to fruition, the Lord chose Joseph the Carpenter to be part of the Holy Family wherein the Messiah was to be born into. In Scriptures, there are no recorded words of St. Joseph, only his humble and great deeds of obedience to God. The silence of St. Joseph is palpable. But, in this seeming silence, his desire to fulfill and complete God's holy will is manifested in his humble and courageous actions. His seeming silence is not a sign of his forgetfulness or disregard for God; on the contrary, his actions speak louder than any recorded words: faithful love for God and neighbor. Let us therefore imitate St. Joseph, and let our actions speak: speak of our need to reciprocate God's great love for us, and to obey God's holy will by learning to love those who are near and distant from us.

Allow me to offer you a prayer form that we can pray together during this month of St. Joseph, and in this Year of St. Joseph. The shorter version goes on in this way:

**O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
St. Joseph, defend the chosen children of Jesus  
Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us every  
contagion of error & corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us & from  
heaven assist us,  
In our struggle with the power of darkness.**

**As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly  
peril,  
So now protect God's Holy Church from the snares  
of the enemy & from all adversity;  
Shield too, each one of us by your constant  
protection,  
So that, supported by your example & your aid,  
We may be able to live piously,  
To die in holiness,  
And to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.**  
[Pope Leo XIII, 1889, *Ad te, beate Ioseph*]

*Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR*  
*Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR*  
*Fr. John Gruben, OAR*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS at 7:00pm**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30PM**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**(SPANISH)**  
**THURSDAYS at 7:00PM**

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**RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup> / 4:00pm to 8:00pm**

## SECURITY TRAINING FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT

If you are a retired Law Enforcement Officer and would like to assist the parish with security, the Archdiocese has a newly developed program. All interested must attend before proceeding. If you are interested, please call the Rectory Office, and speak to Mrs. Schnabel. 845-357-0035.

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - \$9,720.**  
**Last Year's Collection - \$11,023.**

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 14**  
**Monday, March 15**  
**Tuesday, March 16**  
**Wednesday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day**  
 RCIA in the Rectory 7pm  
**Thursday, March 18**  
 St. Joseph's Mass (Spanish) 7pm No Stations  
**Friday, March 19**  
**Stations of the Cross – 7pm**  
**Saturday, March 20**  
**12:00pm – Holy Rosary**

### LENTEN MITE BOX CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES

Please consider incorporating the "MITE BOX" into your Lenten Almsgiving efforts. All the parishes in our county are being asked to join together in support of the charitable efforts of CCCSR. This year, as you might imagine, the need is greater than ever.

You can also incorporate a Virtual Mite Box by just sending a check made payable to Catholic Charities Community Services at the end of Lent and just put it in the regular collection basket at Mass.

*"Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me."*

### BOOSTER CLUB WINNERS SPECIAL DRAWING FOR MARCH 14, 2021 CONGRATULATIONS!

**First Prize: \$1,000.00 – Bill & Nancy Moran**  
**Second Prize: \$500.00 – Gloria Strehl**  
**Third Prize: \$250.00 – Gerald Rourke**  
**Fourth Prize: \$100.00 – Tom & James Wood**  
**Many thanks to all who participated!**

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### CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021

Your donations help the entire Archdiocese in so many ways. It is only through your generosity that the Archdiocese can help so many, here in our own area and the entire Archdiocese of New York. Even the smallest amount helps. Please consider donating. As always, we graciously thank all our parishioners for their continued generosity. To date \$30,094. has been pledged. Our goal is \$112,500.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY EASTER BASKETS

We are asking for donations of Hams and trimmings for Easter Baskets.

**Obviously CoVid is still an issue so we will again have drive by donations on the date listed below.**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am to 2:00pm**

**We will have drive in to pick up Easter Baskets on: Saturday, March 27 from 10am until 12:00pm** in the parking lot (drive through only). Please contribute if possible. This event is to help the needy in our midst with the help and support of the Suffern Community Foundation. Thank you for your help!



### SISTERS OF LIFE

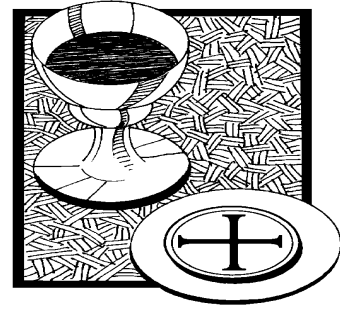
**Providing Life-affirming choices for women:** Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://www.visitationcenterus.org) or call (877)777-1277.

**"Have you suffered an abortion?"** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

**ROMEO JUNIOR GONZALEZ GOMEZ**  
and  
**CRYSTAL GONZALEZ GOMEZ**  
Children of Santos and Nuvia



*Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna*

Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, The Cosentino Family, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Charles Lynch, D. Pat Lynch, Kathy Masserano, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joyce Miller, Mary Lou Oldfield Napolitano, Barbara Neilson, Michael Noonan, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Gerry Roemer, Daryl Pack, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Jerry Rourke, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing. (Recollect Friars of Union City New Jersey).



### FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

### ALTAR MEMORIALS MARCH 14, 2021

Altar Candles In Memory of  
**LESTER BERNSTEIN**

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of  
**PALMA & HENRY HECK**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**  
**9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)**  
**SUNDAYS**  
**8:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM AND 5:30PM**  
**10:00AM – (SPANISH)**

**LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:**  
[WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG)

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass**  
Andrew Tina / Anne Lynch

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

8:30am – Dianne Messina  
10:00am – Spanish  
11:30am – Donna Charitable  
1:00pm – Lester Bernstein  
5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 15**

9:00am – Henry Lee Song

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 16**

9:00AM –

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 St. Patrick's Day**

9:00am – Margaret (Peggy) Ramos

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 18**

9:00am – Michael & Josephine Califano  
7:00pm – St. Joseph's Mass – (Spanish) No Stations

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 19**

9:00am – John Daniello  
7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 20**

12:00pm – **Holy Rosary**

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 20 VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Frank Salveggi / Patricia Diamond

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 21**

8:30am – Michael Fettet  
10:00am – Spanish  
11:30am – Glenn & Dylan Pape  
1:00pm – Concordio & Magdalena Penafior  
5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones: