

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph's Church Family,

I first want to update you about the music situation. This Sunday is **Kyler's** last Sunday at St. Joseph— he's moving to Florida to start a new job next week. We will miss him, and make sure to keep him in your prayers.

We needed to find a replacement for Kyler quickly— we wouldn't want a Sunday Mass with no music! Fortunately, **Jin Krista Kang** is returning to St. Joseph's Church! She will start next Sunday and direct the music for the 5:30 Vigil Mass and the 11:30 Sunday Mass through Christmas. We'll see where it goes from there.

I've now been here for a month, and I've really enjoyed my time here so far. I've especially enjoyed meeting all of you and beginning to know your stories and journeys so far. It is always a challenge getting to know a new pastor, and I feel it myself. I've come from a parish where I knew most of the parishioners very well, and am now starting over again getting to know a new parish. We're on this journey together, and I look forward to all the possibilities we will have together in the years ahead.

For the past month I've been learning about St. Joseph Church. It is a great parish. One ministry that impressed me was **RCIA**— again St. Joseph has a large group in RCIA. God is certainly acting through this parish to call people to Himself. This Sunday is the second week of RCIA, and I'm excited to teach the faith to them. Please keep the candidates and catechumens in your prayers.

There is great potential for St. Joseph's Church to grow in vitality, and together we can make this parish extraordinarily vibrant. Please pray about how God may be calling you to be an active part of the renewal in the Church— how you can help St. Joseph's be an even better parish. I know that this parish can be a place that fosters communities of faith and supports many ministries through which God can reach us and others.

One last thing. Last week's pastor's letter mentioned **Ember Days**. These are days of fasting and penance that occur 4 times throughout the year. This week contains the Fall Ember Days, falling on **Wednesday the 19th, Friday the 21st, and Saturday the 22nd**. They were a part of the old liturgical calendar, but were taken off the current calendar. The friars at St. Joseph will again undertake the Ember days as penance for evil perpetrated by clergy, and in hope of justice and healing. We invite you to join us if you are able. You can fast as you do on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (one full meal, and a snack not equal to a full meal, plus abstaining from meat), or you can choose a different kind of fast, such as skipping one meal, or not eating meat, or fasting from social media, etc. Ember days are not mandatory, so if you take part you can choose any penance you want. I encourage you to attempt fasting of some sort— it will help bring renewal to the Church, and you will also find it spiritually rewarding.

Fr. Scordo wrote some background on Ember Days, so I'll end with his piece: "The Dominican Friars here at St. Joseph will observe the Ember Days, and we invite all of the faithful to join us in the observances. The Ember Days are four separate sets of three days within the same week—specifically **Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday**. These days are marked by prayer, fasting, and abstinence from meat/meat products. The purpose of their introduction was to thank God for the gifts of nature, and to teach men to make use of them in moderation. We here are using them as an expression of our sorrow for abuses committed in the Church and prayers for the purpose of reform.

The Ember Days, dating back to at least the third century, were originally known as the *quattuor anni tempora* (the "four seasons of the year") or formerly as the *jejunia quattuor temporum* ("fast of the four seasons"). Eventually the German word for the season, "Quatember" was corrupted to the current word "Ember". It really doesn't have anything to do with ashes or fireplace embers. These days take place near or at the beginning of each season. **Spring** – after Ash Wednesday; **Summer** – after Pentecost; **Fall** – after the Feast of the Holy Cross; and **Winter** – after the feast of St. Lucy.

May these days of prayer, fast, and abstinence be helpful to our own personal spiritual life and growth as well as that of the Church at large. Please do join us."

Blessing,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P.

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Pastor

Weekly Collection

September 8th & 9th, 2018

Masses Total-----	\$7,007
WeShare-----	\$1,044
Faith Street -----	\$1,171
Grand Total -----	\$9,222

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for:

Victoria Ottomanelli
Barbara Rosenberg
Arthur Bifulco
William Jayne
Carol Gershkowitz
Irena Malashenkova
Brendon Burlich

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will be on for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, Weekdays 9AM - 5PM.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

12:10 pm Sr. Maria Vianney, O.P. (Living)

5:30 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 am John Haggerty

11:30 am Agnes-Marie Desurmont (Living)

6:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 am Mary Granello

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

12:10 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

12:10 pm Michael & Emil Ferforiglia (Father & Son)

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UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. If you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email secretary@stjosephgv.nyc to check your status.

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way! This tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive – via email or text message – from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. There are two easy ways to connect:

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41ST ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY MASS

Monday, October 8th at 9:30 AM

Please join the **41st Annual Columbus Day Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral** with our Italian brothers and sisters. If you would like to reserve free tickets, please visit adnycolumbusday.eventbrite.com. The last day to request tickets is **Monday, September 17**.

MISSING ENVELOPES

We would like to extend apologies for those of you who have not received your donation envelopes. DP Murphy had a glitch in their system with us for our last envelope cycle. This will be corrected for the next cycle.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2018 - JUNE 2019

Children through the age of 3-16 are welcome to attend our Christian Education Program. Please go to our website under the 'Parish Life' tab, then 'Children's Religious Education' to obtain a registration form.



RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you (a) want to consider Christianity seriously or have decided to be baptized, (b) are baptized in another Christian communion and want to be received into the Catholic Church, or (c) are baptized Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, then RCIA is for you! RCIA begins with a period of initial inquiry followed by guided initiation into the fullness of our Christian and Catholic Faith.

The RCIA classes will be held on **Sundays** after the 11:30am Mass in the **Casserly Hall** from **12:30-2:00pm**. The RCIA program begins on **Sunday, September 9, 2018**.

For more information, please call the parish office or email RCIA@stjosephgv.nyc.

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Isaiah describes the willingness of the Suffering Servant to submit to the persecution of his enemies. This willingness stems from true faith in God, and the knowledge that the Lord will always be his help.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

James states that if some one is hungry and you wish them well but do not help them, you have done them no good. He compares this to stating your faith, without backing it up with your actions. He reminds us that we must show our faith through our good works.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus taught his disciples that as the Messiah, he had to suffer much, be put to death, and rise three days later. Peter began to disagree and Jesus reprimanded him for judging by human standards rather than by God's. He told them that whoever would be willing to lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, will in fact preserve their life forever.



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Monday

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm and eat well', but you do not give to them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works is dead. Indeed someone might say 'You have faith and I have works.' Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."

In his exhortation calling us to holiness, Pope Francis clearly shows us how our attitude, responding to needs with faith and charity. Seeing in the one I encounter as a human being with dignity identical with my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian.

The biblical letter of James and Pope Francis' exhortation challenge us to walk the walk and not just talk the talk leading us from complacency to assist the suffering. We have the power to change other's lives from despair and fill them with hope. To follow Him requires my self denial, acceptance of the cross and action.

