

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

This is a week of solemnities, or high feast days. The lowest level of a feast is a memorial, and St. Patrick's Day on the American church calendar is only a memorial. This Sunday would be the memorial of St. Patrick (March 17th); however, a memorial cannot override a Sunday, so in most diocese St. Patrick's day is not celebrated this year. The exception is if St. Patrick is the patron of the parish (which doesn't apply to us), or of the diocese- which does apply to us. That means that in the Archdiocese of New York, St. Patrick's Day is not a memorial but a solemnity. Now, for more complication, a solemnity still cannot override a Lenten Sunday, unless it's a solemnity related to Jesus, and despite what some Irish folks may think, St. Patrick is not Jesus. Therefore, the solemnity is moved to the nearest possible day, which is Monday, the 18th. The bottom line is that this year, in the Archdiocese of New York, St. Patrick day is celebrated on Monday the 18th. And because it's a high feast day, you should relax your Lenten penance, as if the day were a Sunday.

The other solemnity this week is the solemnity of St. Joseph, which falls on Tuesday, the 19th. St. Joseph is a solemnity for our parish because he's the patron of our parish. So, at our parish we have 3 solemnities in row! That's like 3 back to back Sundays, all of which we should celebrate.

In other words, enjoy the beginning of this week- it should be 3 days of celebration, a break from Lenten observance. Don't worry, we have a lot of Lenten time ahead, so you'll get in all the penance you want, so enjoy these days without guilt.

God bless, and I hope to see you at the St. Joseph dinner this Saturday after the Vigil Mass,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P

Weekly Collection

March 9th & 10th

MASSES TOTAL -----	\$5,494
SECOND COLLECTION-----	7,272
WeShare -----	\$967
Faith Street-----	\$386
GRAND TOTAL -----	\$14,119



PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for:

Virginia Clines

Mary "Peggy" Milus

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 remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 9am - 5pm.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

12:10 pm

5:30 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 am Rafael Guerra

11:30 am Sarah Hickey

6:00 pm *People of the Parish*

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm Albert Ferretti

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 pm Mrs. Gertrude Nelson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

12:10 pm St. Joseph

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

12:10 pm Dion Dela Serna

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

12:10 pm Colleen Carney

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SCHEDULE FOR THE 2019 TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday Mass:	8:00 pm
Good Friday Passion:	3:00 pm
Tenebrae (Good Friday):	8:00 pm
Easter Vigil:	8:30 pm
Easter Sunday Masses:	9:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm

FLOCKNOTES

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There are two easy ways to connect:

Visit our church at

www.flocknote.com/SJGV (or)

Text SJGV to 84576 from your phone to
subscribe to updates.

INKLINGS: BOOKS AND BREW C.S. LEWIS- "THE PROBLEM OF PAIN"

APRIL 7TH @ 3:15PM

CASSERLY HALL

(lower level of the church)

Join us for a discussion of C.S. Lewis's *The Problem of Pain*. In this book, Lewis tackles a perennial problem for theists, namely, how to reconcile God's existence with the evil and suffering we find in the world. For, it seems, if God is omnipotent, He'd be able to remove all evil, and if God is all-good, he'd desire to do so, so why does evil exist? The answer, Lewis suggests, can be found in a proper understanding of what it means for God to be omnipotent and good, and a reassessment of the role pain plays in our lives. Seeking imaginative-minded spirits to join us for formal, convivial meetings.

Potluck: If you can, bring soda or snacks to share!!!

Email for more information at:

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FRASSATI SPRING RETREAT FRIDAY-SUNDAY APRIL 12TH-14TH

Come join us for the Frassati Fellowship Spring Retreat:

What Do You Want Me To Do For You?

It will take place over Palm Sunday Weekend. The location for the retreat will take place at Villa Maria Guadalupe in Stamford, CT. The weekend will include Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, time of Confession, praise and worship, talks, workshops, discussion groups, outdoor fun and plenty of fellowship.

Registration closes on April 2nd.

For more details contact retreats@frassati.nyc

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frassati-retreat-spring-2019-tickets-56361153728>

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years. The health of our churches depends on all of us giving what we can. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.

To date our parish has received:

27 pledges, totaling \$17,025 towards our goal of \$104,000.

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD @ 5:30 pm

Come join your fellow parishioners, family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate Saint Joseph!!

Celebration will begin with the **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**

Followed by a **Community Dinner**
next door at the Academy of St. Joseph auditorium.

Tickets:

\$10.00 for Adults / Children are Free

Tickets will be available after each mass from
February 23- March 17th.

Tickets can also be purchased online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feast-of-st-joseph-tickets-56251279090>

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

“Brothers and sisters, join with others in being witnesses of me, and observe those who conduct themselves according to the model you have in us... but our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Saint Paul had no trouble in encouraging others to follow his example, clearly saying ‘do as I do, and do as I say.’ Many would hesitate to offer such a directive.

The mount of transfiguration and Paul’s witness can assist us in our commitment to Christ and the church, especially in these moments of scandal and discouragement. Paul knew what he was about and invited others to be part of his mission.

His invitation is extended to us, as we join with Peter, James, and John, to experience the love of the Father and His affirmation of His Son. We descend from the mountain aware of God’s love and our ongoing journey to Calvary and resurrection.

*O, Jerusalem,
how I long
to gather
your children
together.*

