

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

We're in the doldrums of August and there is not much new to report this week. Perhaps it's the calm before the storm of all the ministries (RCIA, CCD, etc.) starting up?

The projects continue, with the end in sight. Currently we're waiting for a permit we filed for over a month ago that will allow us to put a crane on Washington Place to lift the remaining air conditioning equipment in place. The workers are doing everything they can in the meantime, but the air conditioning project won't be completed until we can use the crane. Please keep it in your prayers.

On a different note, I'm going to add something to my bulletin letters. I'm going to add a little tidbit about the Mass every week. We'll see how it goes.

Mass Tidbit

Catholic churches are traditionally built with the altar facing east (on the east side of the church), meaning that the front entrance was on the west side of the building. The congregation would thus face east during the Mass. This arrangement was called *ad orientem*, meaning towards the rising (of the sun). What that symbolizes is Christ's return— the congregation is awaiting the return of Christ.

Before Vatican II the priest faced with the people towards the altar, all facing the place of Christ's return, and this was called *ad orientem*, as opposed to the current practice where the priest faces the people (*versus populum*). The west, where the sun sets, symbolizes the end of the world.

Therefore, in many old churches the carvings above the entrance to the church, on the west side of the church, feature the Last Judgment or other end of the world themes. Of course, sometimes a plot of land didn't allow the altar to face east; such as is the case at St. Joseph's, where the altar faces west. In that case the altar was said to face 'liturgical east.'

In Christ,

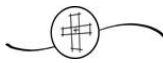
Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P



Weekly Collection

August 17th and August 18th

Masses Total	\$2,768
Assumption.....	\$880
Second Collection.....	\$1,225
WeShare.....	\$550
Faith Street.....	\$4,240
Grand Total	\$9,663



PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for:

Geraldine Arbuiso

Camille Moglia-D'onofrio

Helen Gehm

Stephen Grillo

Poppy Kate Kent

Luisa Latorre

Albert Latorre

Mary "Peggy" Milus

Jo-Anne Pignataro

Dennis Quinn

Zoila Vallo



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, AUGUST 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

12:10 pm

5:30 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 am

11:30 am

People of the Parish

6:00 pm

Helen Gehm (living)

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

12:10 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

Saint Monica

12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm

Elizabeth Lucy Motnik

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

12:10 pm

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THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years.

To date our parish has received: **79** pledges, totaling **\$88,340** towards our goal of **\$104,500**

St. Joseph's Play Group

**First and third Fridays of every month
from 11-12 pm.**

Come join the new play group for little ones ages 0-4 in the parish rectory.

For more info please contact: Courtney White
courtneywhite970@gmail.com (or)
Therese Sullivan dorobekt@gmail.com

Mercy Through Mary

**First and third Mondays of the month
at 7:30pm**

Join fellow St. Joseph parishioners as we trace the origin of Divine Mercy from Creation to the revelations to Saint Faustina. Discover Mary's role in Divine Mercy.

We will follow the book
"7 Seven Secrets of Divine Mercy."

If you are interested please contact Gene Zannetti and David Annunziato
at zspiritualstrength@gmail.com

Please note there is **NO** meeting on Labor Day September 2nd.

WELCOME WEEK @ NYU CATHOLIC CENTER AUGUST 25- SEPTEMBER 1

Are you new to NYU? Are you Catholic? Do you desire to learn more about the Church?

Come and join the Catholic Center at NYU (238 Thompson St) for **WELCOME WEEK** - a week of faith, fun, and fellowship!!!

For more information about Welcome Week Events please visit <https://catholiccenternyu.org/>



The St. Joseph's Church Praise Band at St. Patrick's Cathedral Wednesday September 4th

The St. Joseph's Church Praise Band will be providing the music for the **Young Adult Mass** hosted by Catholic NYC at St. Patrick's Cathedral (5th Ave and 51st Street)

Holy Hour begins at 6:30pm
The mass directly follows at 7:30pm

We will be premiering a new psalm setting by
Andrew Sotomayor

We hope you can join us!!!



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

Second Reading: Hebrew 12:5-7 11-13

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.

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

Sunday

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mk 6:17-29

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

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Restless Heart

In this week's FORMED Pick, watch the conversion of Saint Augustine unfold, aided by his mother, Saint Monica, and friend, Saint Ambrose.

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The Story of an Iconic Saint

Watch the conversion of Saint Augustine, a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass—and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth and follow Christ fully.



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