

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Good news! Last Saturday the condenser units for the air conditioning were craned over the church onto the rectory roof- it was something to watch. Now it is just a matter of connecting the units and finishing the ductwork, and then repairing the water damage on the ceiling and the holes cut into the walls for the new system. They will also repaint the interior of the church and install LED lights in the church. It should take a few more weeks to complete everything.

Once the air conditioning project is done, then work will begin on the exterior of the church- installing a new roof, putting new gutters on the church (they will be exact replicas of the current ones, which are rotted out), and repairing the facade of the church. The church should look brand new after this project!

Next weekend RCIA and religious education (CCD) begin. If you have a child you want in CCD make sure to register soon, and if you know someone who wants to become Catholic ask him to join our RCIA program. Please contact Nicole, our director of religious education for details.

### Mass tidbit:

The first room one enters upon walking through the front doors of a church is called the *narthex*. At St. Joseph's it's the room behind the glass wall with the tables, and off our narthex is the confessional and the stairs leading to the balcony. *Narthex* is a classical Greek word (νάρθηκας) that originally signified a giant fennel that was used as a container to hold precious oils and ointments.

During the early Church catechumens, people preparing to enter the Church at baptism, could only enter into the narthex of a church. They were not permitted to go further into the building until they were baptized. The room where they waited was called the narthex because it contained what was precious- the catechumens.

Today catechumens and other unbaptized people are allowed to enter the main part of the church, but the name for the first part of a church is still called the narthex. Sometimes the narthex is called the *vestibule* if it is not separated from the *nave*, the part of the church building that contains the pews where the congregation sits (see next week's Mass tidbit), or a *porch* if it is outside the building.

Have a wonderful Labor Day!

In Christ,

*Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P*



## Weekly Collection

August 24<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Masses Total</b> ..... | <b>\$3,079</b> |
| WeShare.....              | \$370          |
| Faith Street.....         | \$813          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> .....  | <b>\$4,262</b> |



### 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 31

**12:10 pm**

**5:30 pm** Jim, Jimmy, and Tommy Berry

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

**9:00 am**

**11:30 am** *Maria Lu (living)*

**6:00 pm** People of the Parish

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**12:10 pm** Carol and Angelo Conetta

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

*Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

**12:10 pm**

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**12:10 pm**

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

**12:10 pm** Anniversary of Benefactors & Families of the Order

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**12:10 pm**

## RECTORY OFFICE

### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday  
9:00am – 5:00pm  
(212)741-1274

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## PARISH OFFICE

The **Parish Office** will be closed Monday,  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## CATHOLIC CENTER @ NYU

238 Thompson Street  
New York, NY 10012

[contact@catholiccenternyu.org](mailto:contact@catholiccenternyu.org)

## 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](mailto:courtneywhite970@gmail.com) (or)  
Therese Sullivan [dorobekt@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:zspiritualstrength@gmail.com)

Please note there is **NO** meeting on Labor Day  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>

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 (5<sup>th</sup> Ave and 51<sup>st</sup> 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!!!

## Saint Joseph Young Professionals Brunch and Blessings Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>

Join the St. Joseph Young Professionals (21-35) for brunch at the Marlton Hotel (5 W 8<sup>th</sup> St) on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:30 am Mass.

Meet us outside St. Joseph's and walk over to the Marlton, where we will enjoy food and fellowship

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Sirach 3:17 18, 20,28-29**

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

**Second Reading: Hebrew 12:18-19**

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

**Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

**Sunday**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Monday**

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday**

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday**

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

**First Friday**

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday**

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

**FORMED**

*Mother Teresa*

In this week's FORMED Pick, get the full story behind one of the twentieth century's most beloved saints: Teresa of Calcutta.

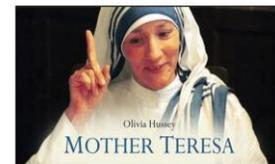
Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch *Mother Teresa*.

**FORMED PICK**

**Mother Teresa**

**An Indomitable  
Force of Love**

One woman founded a religious order, won the Nobel Peace Prize, and became one of the most popular figures of the 20th century. Follow the selfless missionary of Calcutta who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor.



"Amazing! I love it. It lights a flame in your heart that can never be extinguished."

—Jennifer C., St. Louis, MO

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