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2024**

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. FRANCIS & ST. JOSEPH LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE with individual Confession and Absolution

**March 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM
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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis
Wednesday | No Mass today
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
6 pm St Francis (5/25 & 6/29 - 8/30/24)
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis
10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community
of St. Francis of Assisi and
St. Joseph's are called to live
the Gospel message of Jesus through Hos-
pitality, Worship, Faith Formation and
Service to others.

St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Saturday (2) 4 pm

Our parish family

Sun (3) 10:30 am

Erma Blackwood

Happy birthday Joe Furman & Fr. Jun

Cecilia U. Tameta

+ Joan Raven

+ Barb & Joe Furman

+ Fr. Jun

Mon (4) 8:30 am

Jack & Mary Gagliardo, Mike Molloy, Neal & Olympia Pisanti,
deceased Benazzi family members

+ Mary Pisanti

Fri (8) 8:30 am

Msgr. Augustin Surprenant, Rev. George Rennie, Rev. Jesus De
Corcuera, Rev. William Flannigan

Saturday (9) 4 pm

Karol Krajewski

+ Barbara Jones

Sun (10) 10:30 am

Erma Blackwood

+ Penny Szumowski

Gary Olmstead

+ Jim & Diane Jankowski

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (3) 8:30 am

Julia Scifo

Healing of Liam Boyd

+ Julie & Todd Whitney

+ Marlene Junquera

Tuesday (5) 8:30 am

Rev. Bernard J Lannon, Rev. Edwin Mihalko,
O.F.M.Conv., Rev. Thomas M Powers

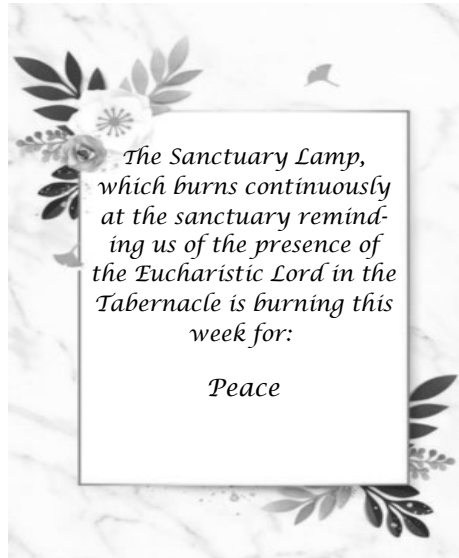
Thursday (7) 8:30 am

Rev. James Harrigan, Rev. Edward A McManus, Rev.
Morris R Dwyer, Rev. Francis P Cianti

Sun (10) 8:30 am

Healing of Liam Boyd

+ Ginger Driscoll



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day ~ Today we hear God deliver the 10 commandments to Moses & the Chosen People. The commandments provide a way for them to live up to their part of the covenant. We face the same challenge today. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to examine our consciences & recall times when we have failed to follow one of God's commands & determine which commandments we find difficult to obey consistently. Particularly during this penitential season, let us repent of our sins, reconcile with God & those we've wronged, and pray for the grace to do better.

WORD OF LIFE ~ The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (The Gospel of Life 5)

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. - Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time - if not the greatest - was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics. ~ Father John Muir ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2024 ~ Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42; Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30; Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35; Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19; Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23; Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34; Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14; Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

SJ Lector

3/9/24 J Naple

3/10/24 STUDENTS

SF Lector

3/10/24 G Bubniak

Fridays
February 16 -
March 22
@ noon

Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph

Exposition and Benediction Of the Blessed Sacrament

"Sacrificial Meal"

CRS Operation Rice Bowl

Upcoming Events

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8am, pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting
Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Each Friday in Lent Stations SJ @ noon; SF @ 6pm
Sacrificial meal SJ @ 12:30; SF @ 6:30 pm

March 5 - SF - SF & SJ Lenten Communal Penance Service
March 10 - SJ - 10:30 Mass as a class grades 1-5
March 28 - **Holy Thursday** - SJ - Potluck @ 5pm, Mass @ 7pm
March 29 - **Good Friday** - SJ - 7 pm
March 30 - **Holy Saturday** - SJ - 8PM
March 31 - **Easter Sunday** - SF 8:30 am SJ 10:30 am

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Diocesan Appeal

Our diocesan family lifts us together in responsibilities, aided through ministries funded through the Diocesan Appeal:

Caring for Family: Allowing all 126 parishes to focus on spiritual ministry rather than administrative duties – Nearly 30 specialty departments serve each parish.

Future Shepherds: Nearly 1/3 of annual Diocesan Appeal revenue pays for the education expenses of the seminarians (deacons and priests) who currently are 40 in number.

Transformative Learning: Professional administrative services supplement small-scale on-site school staff plus financial assistance provided for each of the 4 Diocesan high schools.

Impact on Vulnerable Neighbors: Support of Catholic Charities programs like CC MOVE & the Emergency Assistance Program. Be an active investor – join your fellow Catholics through generous support of your parish offertory AND the Diocesan Appeal at a level reflective of the role your faith has in your lives and your legacies!
(NOTE: Gifts to the Diocesan Appeal are NOT used for the settlement of legal cases as they must be utilized to fund the operating budgets of those Diocesan departments per your intent as a donor to the Diocesan Appeal.)

What is the meaning of Lent? As Catholics, the spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving guide us in daily reflection on our own lives as we strive to deepen our relationship with God and neighbor—no matter where in the world that neighbor may live. Lent is a time of personal and spiritual growth, a time to look outward and inward. It is a journey in mercy.

How to Fast for Lent The Catechism invites Catholics ages 18 to 59 to abstain from meat and to fast during Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, as well as abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent. Preparing meatless meals—like the ones we collect from countries around the world—is a great Lenten activity for families, offering an experience of global solidarity. In addition to meatless Fridays, Catholics are also invited to offer daily sacrifices. By giving up little things—like coffee or candy—we make room for God to act in our lives in new ways, and we have the opportunity to meatless meals to those most in need.

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Fire of Faith

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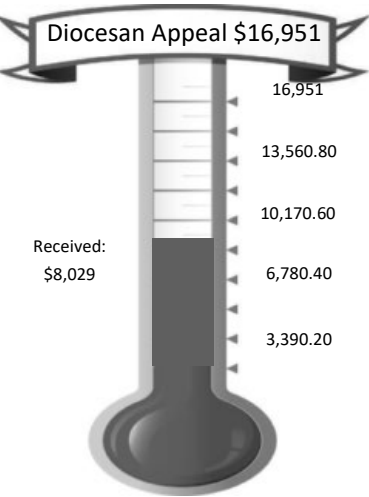
Fire of Faith: Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 - 9 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church - 39 St. John Street in Amsterdam
6:30 - 7:30 PM: A Visit with St. Paul: A performance by Glenn Smith
7:30 - 9 PM: Adoration and Benediction, Faith Sharing / Reflection by Dcn. Tom Fallati
Light Refreshments provided

Faith Formation

Grades 1-5: 3/3/24 Class
3/10/24 Mass as a Class
3/17/24 Class

Grades 6-10:
3/2/24 Confirmation Class 12:30-5 @ Holy Spirit in school building
3/4/24 Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45
3/11/24 Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45
3/18/24 No Class-Emmaus Retreat weekend

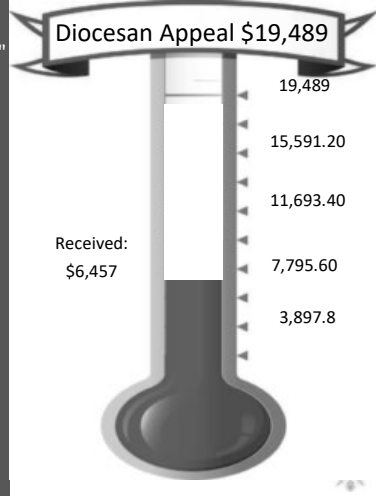
The Village Wide Garage Sale weekend will be the weekend of May 4th. St. Francis is looking for someone to chair our garage sale on Saturday May 4th. Please help us with this fundraiser. In the past this has been a successful event and we are hoping to continue, but cannot do so without help.



Our Giving:
"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."
Matthew 6:21

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	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
2/18/24 Attendance	44 / 95	83
Contribution	\$558 / \$1,112	\$1,968
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