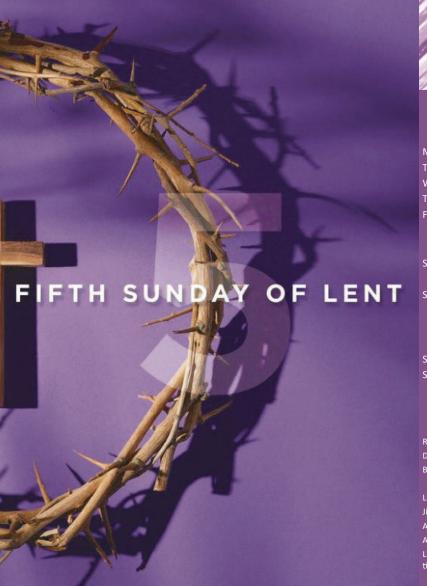
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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We, the Roman Catholic community
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St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Saturday (16) 4 pm

Susan Lasher Naple + John & Linda Naple

Sun (17) 10:30 am

Erma Blackwood + Roxanne Aery Healing of Brian VanNostrand + MaryBeth Moran

Mon (18) 8:30 am

Msgr. James E Duffy, Rev. Thomas H Kay, Rev. Charles Lockwood

Fri (22) 8:30 am

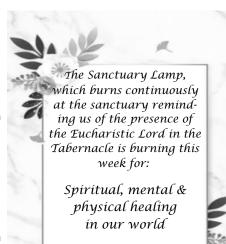
George H Pilch + The family

Saturday (23) 4 pm

Patricia Slezak + Theresa Ferguson

Sun (24) 10:30 am

George Lee + DelliVeneri family



St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (17) 8:30 am

Br. Gregory Galligan, CFX + Betty Richardson
Healing of Liam Boyd + Rick Koval
Healing of Fr. Jun + SF Rosary Society

Tuesday (19) 8:30 am

Rev. Patrick McLaughlin, Rev. Anthony P Ludden, Rev. Francis X King, Msgr. Charles J McCormack, Rev. Joseph R Sise, Rev. Donald Doyle

Thursday (21) 8:30 am

Rev. Francis X Ryan

Sun (24) 8:30 am

Genevieve Koval Peter Veltri + Rick Koval + Ann Veltri

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day ~ As we celebrate the final scrutiny and approach the holiest week of the year, we face a fundamental choice. We can live as we are used to or we can choose to live in the spirit of Christ, with the Holy Spirit giving new life by dwelling in us and guiding us to the One who gives eternal life. Let us use this opportunity to look into our hearts to find the attitudes, habits, and drives that bind us to our mortal, sinful selves and resolve to break these "burial bands."

Word of Life ~ "To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office & recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third & final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, & then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it & will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God & boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

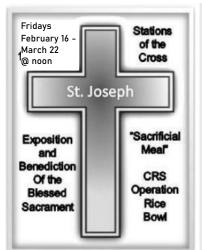
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024 ~ Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45; Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11; Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a; Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42; Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59; Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42; Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56; Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

SJ Lector SF Lector

3/23/24 N) P Cardone V) A Sargalis

3/24/24 N) D Jankowski V) J Raven 3/17/24 Y Gifford, A Frank, J Ferguson



We have seen Christ in you during this holy season-in your prayers, sacrifices & almsgiving. As we near Holy Week, we reflect on the Eucharist as the sacrament of unity that ignites in us the desire to get out of our comfort zone & become Jesus' hands to care for our neighbors. Let us continue to imitate Christ in how he offers himself for us on the Cross & in the Eucharist. In this way, may we generously give of ourselves to honor & uphold the dignity of our sisters brothers around the world.

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

March 19 - SJ ~ 8:30 am Patron Saint Mass followed by breakfast in FSC

March 20 - SJ ~ 5:45pm Festival meeting

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

April 21 - SJ Mass as a class grades 1-5

May 5 - SJ Mass as a class grades 1-5

July 18, 19 & 20 ~ SJ Festival



Pope Francis has asked our parish to <u>parish?</u> The Diocesan Appeal prosupport the pontifical Good Friday vides funding for a large amount of ministry and program resources & expertise on which parishes rely & the Holy Land. Your support helps the

church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools & offer religious education, It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest & instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to this Collection, you become an instrument of peace & join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Appeal are NOT used for the settlement of legal cases as they must be utilized to fund the operating budgets of those Diocesan departments to the Diocesan Appeal per your intent as a donor.)



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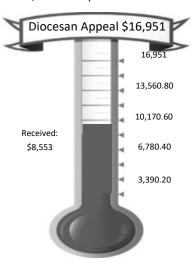
peal if I already give to my parish? The Diocesan Appeal provides funding for a large amount of ministry and program resources & expertise on which parishes rely & which no one parish could fund or operate on its own. The Appeal also makes investments in the work of Catholic Charities, Diocesan Vocation & Catholic Schools, all critical to the health & well-being of our faith community. (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 to the Diocesan Appeal per your intent as a donor.)

St. Joseph's Feast Day welcomes you! You are invited to join our Parish Family to celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint. There will be a Feast Day Breakfast in the Fr. Smith Center, following morning Mass on Tuesday, March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Freewill offerings are welcomed at the breakfast. Please RSVP by calling the office of St. Joseph's Church at 518-883-3774.

SYNOD VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSION

If you don't have Zoom on your phone/tablet or computer, come to <u>St. Francis of Assisi on Monday,</u> <u>3/18/24</u>, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm to participate in this session.

This round of sessions focuses on church structure, organizations, leadership & church life.



Faith Formation

Grades 1-5: 3/17/24 Class

3/24/24 Class

3/31/24 No Class, Easter Sunday

Grades 6-10:

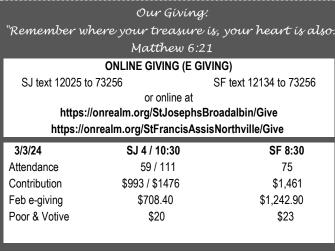
3/18/24 No Class-Emmaus Retreat weekend

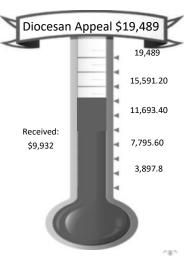
3/25/24 Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45

3/31/24 No Class, Easter Sunday

The Village Wide Garage Sale Weekend will be May 4th. <u>Bill & Debbie Saksen</u> have agreed to cochair our garage sale - we heartily thank them!

Please <u>volunteer to work</u> at fundraiser. If you have <u>saleable goods</u> to donate, please bring them to the garage behind the church.





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