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Where every saint and sinner has a place at the table

OUR VISION

All Saints Parish is a growing community of believers—challenged and supported by the example and prayers of our parish patrons—who glorify God in all that we do.

OUR MISSION

Gathered in community and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, All Saints Parish seeks to glorify God through strengthening worship, fellowship, service to the poor, and evangelizing the unchurched.

The Parish Vision and Mission Statements were adopted by the All Saints Parish Council on January 28, 2020.

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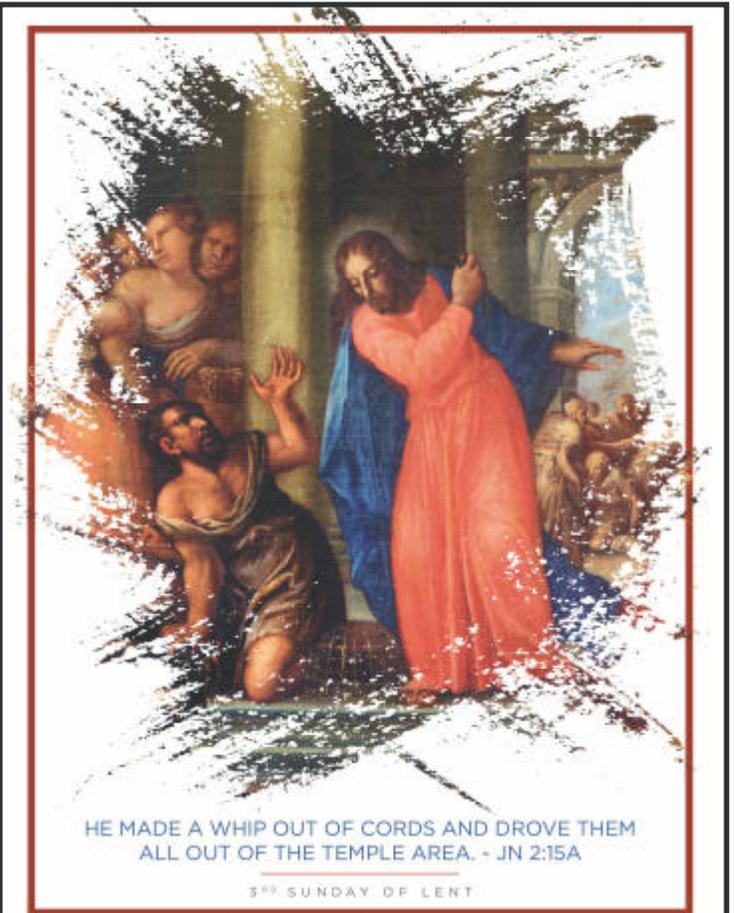
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

March 7th, 2021

From the Pastor

Dear Saint Joseph and All Saints Parishioners:

Twice a year, during Advent and Lent, the Church gives us seasons of preparation, times when we can get “back to the basics” in our Catholic faith and practice. The season of Lent, as you well know, is forty days in which we are called to prepare for the world-changing events that stand at the very heart of our Catholic faith: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. No other event in human history will come close that transforming, life-changing event, the most perfect demonstration of God’s love for the world.

In order to prepare ourselves—body, mind, and spirit—the Church offers us three tools or resources to make this Lent truly fruitful. Since we welcome Father John Cooney this weekend at Saint Joseph’s who will speak to us about ways in which we can serve the poor and provide emergency relief to those most in need on behalf of Food for the Poor, we should first consider Almsgiving.

Typically to give alms means to donate money and resources from our surplus to the less fortunate, but today that notion has expanded to include both corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Jesus said to his disciples, “*What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me*” (Matthew 25:40). And so when we serve the poor, we are called to recognize in each person we serve Christ himself, the Living God abiding within us by virtue of our Baptism.

As we continue in the desert with our Lord, is he perhaps calling you to sacrifice some of your money or time so that we can serve others and help them carry their crosses? Are we being called to give up our morning coffee or eating out at restaurants so that we can donate that money to the less fortunate? Is the Lord asking us to forgive grudges, comfort those who are sorrowful, teach the faith to our children and grandchildren, or have that difficult conversation with someone we know who has strayed from Christ and His Church and help them find their way home?

Lent is a campaign against evil, evil in the human heart—mine and yours—and by giving alms and doing works of mercy we learn how to get “out of ourselves” and care for others with the heart of Christ purely with charity. May this Lent continue to be our best ever!

Peace,

Father Ryan

WHAT’S GOING ON THIS WEEK?

| Date | Time | Event | Place |
|----------------------|--------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Sunday March 7th | 10:30 AM | Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song | All Saints Church |
| Monday-Friday | 7:30 AM | Daily Mass | Saint Joseph Church |
| Sunday March 7th | 6:00 PM | Lenten Mission - Night 1 | Saint Joseph Church |
| Monday March 8th | 6:00 PM | Lenten Mission - Night 2 | All Saints Church |
| Tuesday March 9th | 6:00 PM | Lenten Mission - Night 3 | Saint Charles Borromeo Church |
| Tuesday March 9th | NOTE: | NO TRIDENTINE TUESDAY | BECAUSE OF PARISH MISSION |
| Wednesday March 10th | 12 NN - 6 PM | Eucharistic Adoration | Saint Joseph Church |
| Wednesday March 10th | 5:00 PM | Stations of the Cross (Confessions are also available) | Saint Joseph Church |
| Saturday March 13th | 8 AM - 2 PM | All Day Confessions | Saint Joseph Church |

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

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|-----------------|---|
| SUN 3/07 | 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 or 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 |
| MON 3/08 | 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30 |
| TUE 3/09 | Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35 |
| WED 3/10 | Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19 |
| THR 3/11 | Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23 |
| FRI 3/12 | Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34 |
| SAT 3/13 | Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14 |
| SUN 3/14 | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 |

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 6th 5:30pm
Helen Ciffo, *by Bobby Bosco*

Sunday March 7th 9:30am
Roger Bibeault, *by wife*

Saturday March 13th 5:30pm
Donald Ranieri, *birthday remembrance, by Tom and Gail Ranieri*

Sunday March 14th 9:30am
Louis & Gertrude Martinelli, *by family*

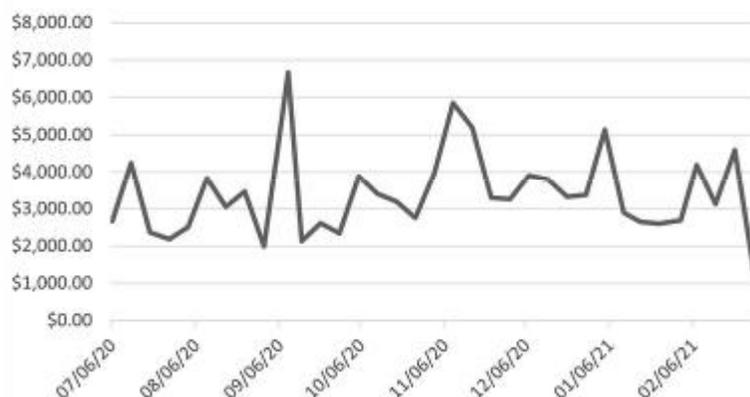
If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please call the office 762-1100 or email allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com

WEEKLY BUDGET COLLECTION

February 21st, 2021
Regular Budget: \$3690
Fuel: \$210
Building: \$687

February 28th, 2021
Regular Budget: \$1207
Fuel: \$40
Building: \$105

Weekly Budget



A Gentle Reminder of our Covid-19 Precautions

- When entering the church, please enter by the front doors, sanitize your hands, and drop of your offertory donation.
- Please wear a mask at all times when in the church.
- During these times, the Sign of Peace is omitted. Please do not offer one another the Sign of Peace.
- Please keep your mask on in the Communion line until you have said, "Amen." Then you may remove your mask, consume the Sacred Host, re-secure your mask and return to your pew.
- Please maintain a 6 foot distance in the Communion line.
- Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should only come to the priest's line and should come up last.
- Please do not leave Mass early. Remain in your pew until the closing song has ended. Those who are in the rear of the church should exit first and those in the front of the church exit last.

• SAINT JOSEPH AND ALL SAINTS PARISHES •

The Holy Season of lent



• **stations of the cross** • • **tridentine tuesdays** •

Wednesdays at 5 PM in Saint Joseph Church.
Confessions are also available.

Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in Saint Charles Borromeo Church.

• **sung divine mercy •**
chaplet

Sundays at 10:30 AM in All Saints Church.

• **lenten mission** •

"Faith, Hope and Charity: Living the Theological Virtues in the Modern World"
By Father Nicholas Fleming
Pastor of St. John & James Church
Sunday, Monday & Tuesday
March 7-9 @ 6 PM @ locations TBD

LITURGICAL LIFE

First Reading:

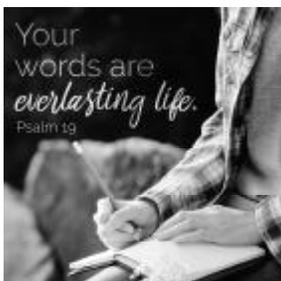
In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

Gospel:

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?



Faith Seeking Understanding

Do you have a question about the Catholic faith that you would like to have answered? Chances are other people have the same question! Saint Anselm always said that our faith should be seeking understanding, that we should know *what* we believe and *why* we believe it. Please submit your questions to Father Ryan by email (rsimas522@icloud.com) and each week he will answer your question in a new bulletin article called "Faith Seeking Understanding."

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

Saturday March 13th, 2021 8am - 2pm

Each one of us had times when we have mistreated others and neglected God. A great opportunity to make things right and regain our peace is through the Sacrament of Confession.

You are invited to All Day Confessions, Sat. March 13th, 8:00am 2:00pm at St. Joseph Parish, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket, RI



ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

PRAYERS FOR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for our seminarians in formation for the priesthood. Father asks that we entrust them to the maternal protection of our Blessed Mother who always leads men studying for the priesthood closer to her Son, Jesus, by praying one Rosary each day for a week for that seminarian's intentions.

Week of March 7th - Stephen Coutcher - from Sacred Heart Church, West Warwick

Week of March 14th - Nathan Ledoux - from Saint Joseph Church, Newport

Week of March 21st - Jairon Olmos - from Saint Patrick Church, Providence

Week of March 28th - Mateusz Puzanowski - from Saint Joseph Church, Central Falls



Pray For...

WELCOME!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church,
No matter your current family or marital status,
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, or ethnicity,
No matter your self-image of holiness or virtue,
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!
You are invited and respected at our parish community.
We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!



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Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 9:30am

ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be open Mondays from 8am to 2pm.
We are available Tuesday thru Thursday by phone. Leave a message and someone will get back to you.

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Monday through Friday at 7:30am
Weekend Masses:
Saturday at 4pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 3:30-3:50pm
Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 7, 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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