

St. Pius X Parish, R.C.

"To Restore All Things in Christ"

March 14th, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

*December 8th, 2020 ~
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Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy
and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.



Mission Statement

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples and
Strive to "Restore all Things in Christ."

Welcome to our Parish

No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church;
No matter what your current family or marital situation;
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;
You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved
at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church.

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:45 am
12:15 pm (*Friday, only*)

Saturday: 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am - 8:30 am - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Scripture Reflection

(by Salvatore J. Spano, Pastoral Associate)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today is called Laetare Sunday, from the Latin words that begins the entrance antiphon at today's Mass, meaning "Rejoice!" It's reflected in the rose-colored vestments worn today and in the readings that Church gives us today, especially this "Gospel in miniature." The good news of Jesus Christ is indeed a cause of rejoicing. A key component of Lent, which we began on Ash Wednesday with the warning taken from Jesus's own first homily, is to "repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). Alongside repentance, then, deepening our faith in the Gospel is a key element of our Lenten observance. In fact, these two elements are closely linked, for the Gospel is the good news that because of God's mercy brought by Jesus Christ, our repentance and faith lead to eternal life.

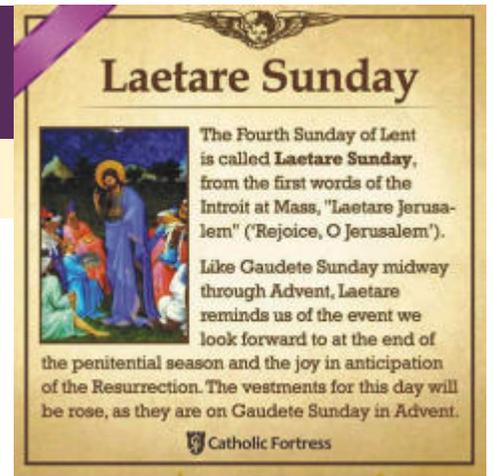
This good news of mercy requires, though, an awareness of sinfulness, and that is where the first reading starts us. The first reading speaks of the wickedness of the people of Israel that led to their exile in Babylon. It is an ugly picture: infidelities and abominations, polluting the Lord's temple and mocking his messengers. It led to the destruction of the Temple, the defeat of Israel and the death of many, and the loss of the Holy Land. But God is faithful when his people are not and did not forsake his promises. Rather, his mercy is shown through the pagan ruler Cyrus who restores Israel to the Holy Land and helps to rebuild the Temple.

This experience of exile is both a consequence of sin and a powerful expression of its nature. Sin separates. It separates the Israelites from their God and from the land he had given to them. It separates us from God as well, fractures our relationship with Him, and from the dwelling he wishes to make with us and to which he wishes to bring us in heaven. The restoration of Israel is not just to their homeland, but also to their God with the rebuilding of the Temple where they encountered him. Jesus' death and resurrection is often seen in Exodus imagery: as God liberating his people once more from slavery, this time to sin, and bringing them into the promised land, this time into eternal life. But the image of return from exile is equally important and powerful: that in Jesus, God brings us back from the exile that is our separation from him caused by sin, and brings us into our true home where we can dwell with him.

Jesus will accomplish this restoration through his cross, by being lifted up as a source of healing and eternal life. He wants us to live, not to die, as expressed so nicely in a common Lenten antiphon: "As I live, says the Lord, I do not wish the sinner to die, but to turn back to me and live" (Antiphon for the Psalms at Midday Prayer during Lent, cf. Ezek 18:23). But Jesus goes on to say that many people prefer darkness to light, that is, they prefer death to life. Though this may sound irrational, the sad reality is that the world trains us to look for life in the darkness, and that

wealth, pleasure, fame, success, experiences, health, and so many other things of the world will bring us happiness and fulfillment. Those who only know the darkness become comfortable with it, and even if they are dissatisfied and miserable, it is all they know. In the most extreme form of this, addicts to alcohol, drugs, sex, and other destructive behaviors come to prefer the darkness they dwell in to the light of freedom.

But Jesus is the light, God's own Son given to us and for us, who desires to restore sinners who are in exile. He wants to bring light to those who live in darkness. He wants to bring life to those who are perishing. This is the good news, the Gospel in miniature, that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." It is a cause for rejoicing in the midst of our Lenten efforts to repent and believe in the Gospel.



We See God in the Ordinary

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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The Deceased & their Families

Mary Plascyk, Irene Fucarino, Donald E. Rizzi, Fr. Pascal Fergos, Benjamin "Benny" Ciuffo, Frances Vignola, Elena Allocca, Carmela Badalamenti, Lorraine T. Garramone

The Sick

Lenny Schoffer, Angela Burhanzai, Lenny Schroder, Ed Thorgersen, Jan Schatzberg, Paramjeet Kaur, Julia Noya, Grace DiCarlo, Debra Jean Fisher, Mike & Maureen Kenney, Donna Tortora, Gianna Ragusa, Lisa Hulsen, Stacey Bell, Pertinderjit Hora, Rachel Staiano, Joseph P. Pisanti, Marie & Joe Giambalvo, Alan Rodrigues, Rufina Storelli, Thomas Reilly, Marion Celenza, Miriam O'Connell, Mary Ellen Fagan, Linda Ludwig, Anna Rafter, Joseph Witowski, Nina Antonio, George Rebello, Bridget & Charles McGuinness, Adeline Mifsud, Antionette Tarantino, Connie Testa, Theresa DiCarlo, Richard Dannenhoffer, Joe DiRaimo, Naomi Fonseca, Anne & George Bantleon, Eugene Purnell, Dorothy Endrizzi, Audrey & Ed Coyne, Dcn. John, Sheila & David Burkhart, Mary Ellen Phelan, Marylou & Judy Kohler, Violeta Garcia, Marilyn Reilly, Dorothy Walsh, Evelyn Ludwig, Marina Piccolo, Carol Herlihy, Veronica Gentile, Phil Saglimbene, Rosa Zulo, Anna Sinisgalli, Arlene Benigno, Grace Marino, Rosalie Zurlo, Bill & Elaine Murray, Vincent DeRosa, Lettie Graham, Gloria Plaisance, Margaret LiCausi, Janet Morrissey, Adelaide Motta, Julia Serpe, Joanne Pirraglia, Nancy Pesiri, Mary Canty, Phyllis DeGregoris, Robert Perham, Anne Dailey, Rose Bell, Angela Artale, Lena Jankowski, Angela Borruso, James D. Quinn, Adam Volpe, Rose Rutigliano, Phil Roeske, Rosemary Burke, Donna Lawson Ceparano, Dorothy McKeever, Ann Abitabilo, Barbara Zmoos, Peter Mancini, Eugenie Schirm, Susan Pabst Behrens, Maryann Rietschlin, Alistair Magee, Patti Sullivan, Marie & Richard Marcantonio, Tom Flynn, John Brusdeilins, Terese Blakeney, Rosa Crispino, Carolyn Holland, Russell Worth, Gloria Romuno, Bob Corrigan, Gabrielle Wolf, Pat Walsh, Robert & Muriel Reahl, Debbie Lahey, Mary Posch, Richard Harrigan, Fr. Bob McGuire, Fr. John Whelan, Cathy Gerrity, Grace Carbone

Names of the sick will remain on the Prayer List for 1 month. Please notify the Parish Office if prayers are still requested after 1 month or if the person is deceased.

Safety of our Parish Members in the Armed Forces

Michelle Meyers, Rafael Borrero, Kathleen Donovan (Army)
Brandon Sassone, John Brennan (Navy)



God Bless the USA!

Special Devotions

Novena to the Immaculate Conception: Every Monday following the 8:45am Mass

Rosary: Monday - Saturday following the 8:45am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday following the 8:45am Mass until 10:15am in the church and the last Tuesday of each month from 9:15am to 7:00pm

Care of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office if there is any parishioner who is ill at home so that we may administer the proper spiritual care.



NO ADORATION
until further notice

Monday, March 15
8:45 am Dorothy Sarandrea

Tuesday, March 16
8:45 am Marie & Richard Marcantonio (Living)

Wednesday, March 17
(St. Patrick, Bishop)
8:45 am Daniel O'Brien (Anniversary Remembrance), Richard Cote (Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday, March 18
(St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)
8:45 am Fr. Chux Okochi (Living - Happy Birthday)

Friday, March 19
(Feast of St. Joseph)
8:45 am Joseph Terranova
12:15 pm Irene Fucarino

Saturday, March 20
8:45 am Mary & Frank Phelan
(Fifth Sunday of Lent)
3:45 pm Michael DuBritz, Aiello Family, Mary Plascyk, Irene Fucarino, Donald E. Rizzi
5:15 pm Fr. Chux (Living), Anne & George Bantleon (Living)

Sunday, March 21
(Fifth Sunday of Lent)
7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners, Mercedes Colwin & Family (Living)
8:30 am Carmela Romanelli, Mary Corso
10:30 am Rizziero Boccia, Ronald Walsh, Stefano Basteri (Birthday Remembrance)
12:00 pm Herman Hufnagel, Fr. Pascal Fergos, Orlando & Celenza Families



Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis Evangelization - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

We Give & We Remember

Financially Speaking

March 7	\$ 2,931.00
Online	2,296.00
Total	\$ 5,227.00

Note: Second collection on March 20/21 is for the support of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Thank you for your generosity!



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021

Goal Amount:	\$43,400.00
Pledges:	\$ 2,145.00
Payments:	\$ 1,695.00
Donors:	10

Remember a loved one with a special gift

The remembrance can be for an anniversary, a birthday, in thanksgiving or to remember our deceased loved ones. Stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have the Bread and Wine, Flowers, Altar Candles and/or Sanctuary Lamp donated for someone you love. All donations are for one week (Saturday—Friday).

Altar Flowers ...	\$65	Bread & Wine ..	\$35
Altar Candles ...	\$35	Sanctuary Lamp ...	\$30
Masses	\$20 (per Mass)		

HELP - I NEED A MASS CARD

If you need a Mass Card or commemorative gift ... please contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 ... We accept credit cards or you can mail a check ... We are here to assist you ... We will mail the Mass card for you ...



Altar Candles

for the week of March 13 - 19

In loving memory of

Joseph Durante

Donated by Napolitano Family



Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of March 13 - 19

For all Victims of Covid-19



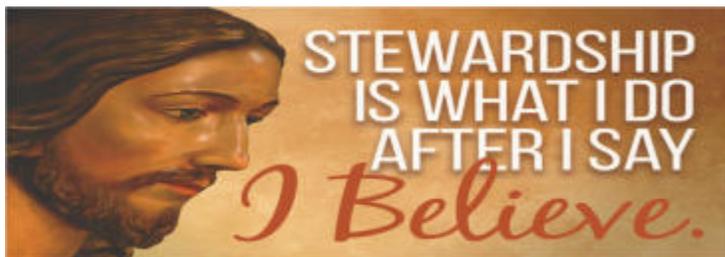
Bread & Wine

for the week of March 13 - 19

In loving memory of

Philip Capurso

*Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Manziello,
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Pruss, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lane*



Easter Paschal Candle

Dedicate the Paschal Candle to your loved ones

The Paschal Candle is blessed at the Easter Vigil and remains visibly present in the sanctuary throughout the year. The flame of the Paschal Candle symbolizes the eternal presence of Christ, light of the world in the midst of his people. It is lit at every Mass throughout the Easter season in addition to special occasions such as Funerals, Baptisms, and Confirmations. The name of the person to be remembered will be printed in the bulletin as well as on the Paschal Candle. The donation is \$50 per donor. To arrange for a dedication, contact the parish office at 516-938-3956.

Easter Flowers

Easter Flower Remembrance



Remember your loved ones by making a donation for the purchase of flowers and other decorations to adorn our church for Easter. The names of loved ones will be inserted in the bulletin and remembered in our prayers during the Easter season. Place your donation with names of those to be remembered along with your name in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers Donation" and drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

We Pray & We Reflect

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23



The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of His people.

FIRST READING:
2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23

The In those days, all the princes of Judah, the

priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING:
EPH 2:4-10



Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead

in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

<p>4th Sunday of LENT, Year B</p> 	<p>Responsorial Psalm</p> <p>Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!</p> <p>PSALM 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6</p>
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 137:1-2, 3, 4 -5, 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for Fourth Sunday of Lent JN 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn
the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been
condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of
God.
And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.
For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed.
But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God’s unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, “a church that doesn’t provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn’t unsettle, a word of God that doesn’t get under anyone’s skin, a word of God that doesn’t touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?” When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God’s good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, “we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.” We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the “what is to come.” Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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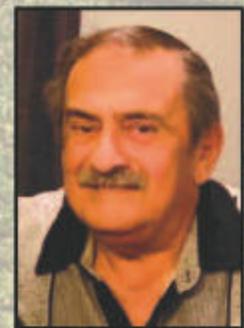
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Monday, June 14th, 2021

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A Father for the Ages

A reflection on St. Joseph by Nancy Terrano

Every child has a father. It is that simple. However, it was not that simple for Jesus Christ. God chose Mary to birth the son of God. This child needed a father, a protector. And just as he carefully chose Mary, he had to have seen that Mary was betrothed to Joseph. God needed to see that Mary would have a spouse and the existence of that spouse was of equal importance in his decision. We tend to focus so much on God's choice in Mary and the beautiful way that she accepted her fate. We need to see that God chose both Mary and Joseph as a "package deal." Just as Mary accepted God's will so did Joseph. The difference is Joseph was told in a dream.

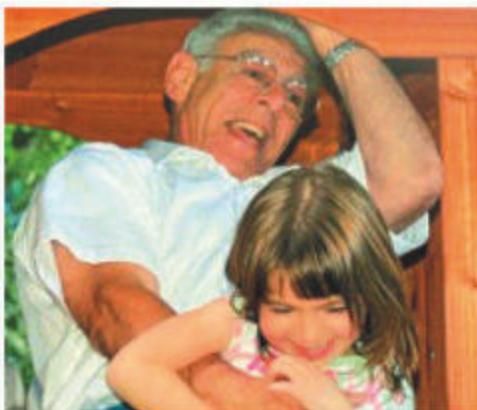
Do you believe all your dreams? When Joseph found out that Mary was with child, he knew he would need to plan a way to handle the fact that the child was not his. When the angel comes to him in his dream and clarifies what has happened as well as what was expected of him, he wakes and has full acceptance. It is with the same faith and grace that he too immediately begins his journey and submits to the will of God. I am taken by the ease that which he accepts this. From the start we see the temperament of the man that would be the father on earth to our Savior.

This year we celebrate Joseph and recognize the role he played in protecting Jesus. As we reflect on this with gratitude at how he nurtured his son we can use the opportunity to recognize the men that so too nurtured us. Our own fathers and all the sacrifices that they made in honor of their family led by the humble example of Joseph. It is also a time for us to see ourselves in the experience of Jesus the son, the child of parents on earth. Jesus was not just guided by Joseph and protected he also learned familial love. It is that love that shapes our lives from an early age and gives us the desire and strength to go on generation after generation to create our own families.

God selected a simple carpenter to be his sons' father on earth. He did not choose a king or a man of wealth. This was not accidental. He chose someone who could show his son what was good and important, what was right and wrong. Joseph taught him a trade and showed him what a loving father and husband behaved like. He did not surround Jesus with riches and a pampered lifestyle but instead gave him the experience of seeing what life is like with a loving family, and a man who takes pride in his work. The bible does not reference Joseph much. Maybe we are just to surmise that he accepted God's will and carried on simply as Mary and Jesus' protector and that was his greatest role. It is this simple role that shapes our Savior and is an example to all men even in modern day.

On a Personal Note: I have an affinity for St. Joseph. My father was named Joseph. When my son was confirmed without hesitation, he chose my father and his confirmation name as Joseph in honor of St. Joseph. The bond that my father and son shared along with their special devotion for St Joseph was very meaningful.

When my father passed away from Covid last month in February, he was wearing his St. Joseph and Blessed Mother medals around his neck. They were the same medals he had worn since childhood. It gave my family comfort to know that St. Joseph and the Mother of God was with him.



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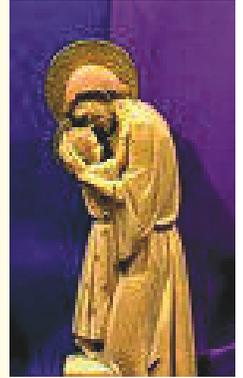
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In his encyclical, *Patris Corde, a Father's Heart*, Pope Francis declared 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph, *a hidden hero*. Everyone, the pope says, “can discover in Joseph the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an

incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

- Does your Family tree have any people named Joseph or Josephine?
- Did you choose St. Joseph or Josephine as a saint name for Confirmation?
- Have you had a special adoration to St. Joseph?



Do you know a St. Joseph (or Josephine) person? A *St. Joseph person* is someone always ready to help others. You would want him/her on your team. They may never see playing time, but they would be the first to arrive and the last to leave, after all was cleaned up and never complain. A *St. Joseph person* Is the neighbor who sees a neighbor in need and offers help without being asked.

Each month we will present a reflection written by St. Pius X parishioners about St. Joseph in their life. If you know a St. Joseph person, or would like to share your thoughts, please email Anne Bantleon at arb1011@hotmail.com.



Faith Formation Celebrates the Year of St. Joseph

Many years ago, Italy was faced with a famine. People prayed to St. Joseph for help. Their prayers were answered and people began to create altars honoring St.

Joseph as a thank you for his help in ending the famine. Each year, people continued to honor him by creating beautiful altars. Here in the Faith Formation Office, we will create an altar to honor St. Joseph in time for his Feast Day on March 19. Why not make one in your home?

Start by making three tiers to symbolize the Holy Trinity. On the top tier, place a statue or image of St. Joseph. Images of St. Joseph can easily be found on the Internet and your child can select the one they like best. You can also include images of Jesus or Mary. Add some candles but use the electric votive type for safety. Lilies are associated with St. Joseph and you can have the children create some out of paper to adorn your altar. (You can search the internet for craft activities to make paper lilies for help.) Sometimes a bottle of wine is placed on the altar as a reminder of the miracle at the Wedding at Cana. Decorate an empty water bottle if a wine bottle isn't available.



The people in Italy created many wonderful pastries and breads in different symbols to honor St. Joseph and placed them on the altar to share with others. You can re-create these items with paper images or by using Play-Doh to shape items into symbols that represent St. Joseph: saw, hammer, lilies, cross, dove, Bible, fish, palms, angels, wings, etc. Also included were 12 fishes to symbolize the 12 Apostles. Goldfish crackers are a good idea for this one. During the famine, there was limited food and people often turned to food often fed to their cattle for nourishment – fava beans. A bowl of fava beans is included on the altar as a reminder of what was available during the famine.

To remember our friends and loved ones that are no longer with us, why not include a basket with their names or prayer cards in it as a reminder that St. Joseph is there to guide them into heaven. Also leave a few slips of paper for people to write a small intention to St. Joseph that you are praying for. This altar honoring St. Joseph is a wonderful way to remind us of St. Joseph throughout the Year of St. Joseph.

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A Feast of St. Joseph Tied to the Heart of Italian Traditions & Faith

*Our ancestors overcame greater challenges than what we face today,
& now we look to them and St. Joseph to light the way forward.*

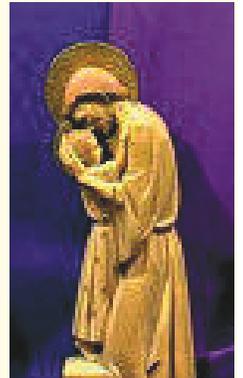
by: Francesca Montillo, Lazy Italian Culinary Adventures

Celebrated on **March 19**, the feast honors **Joseph**, husband to the Virgin Mary and earthly father to Jesus. It is also the day in which Italy celebrates **Father's Day**. And if your name is **Joseph** or **Josephine**, you will also be celebrating your “**onomastico**.”

An onomastico honors your “name,” and St. Joseph, St. Francis, St. Anthony, St. Anne, St. Catherine and so forth, are all celebrated name days in Italy. Not quite a birthday, an **onomastico** is an occasion for Italians to celebrate with family, friends, and of course, a cake or pastries.

While **St. Joseph** and **Father's Day** are celebrated all over Italy, the celebration of **St. Joseph** is more prominent in Southern Italy, particularly **Sicily**. Considered by Sicilians as the Patron Saint of their region,

St. Joseph is credited to have saved Sicily's residents during one of their many devastating droughts. Tradition has it that residents prayed to **St. Joseph** for rain. The rain came, and as such, their spring crops were spared from being destroyed, preventing a widespread famine for Sicily. It is widely believed that this is the reason the celebration is held in March.



A traditional “**altar**” or “**St. Joseph's Table**” is also popular in Italy. Placed in private homes, churches, social clubs and even cafes, creating a table for **St. Joseph** is commonplace. Many Italians brought that tradition with them to the States and while it is less common these days, it is something older Sicilians still take great pride in. The table is filled with gifts, both of food and sentimental ones, offered to the saint in thanksgiving for prayers answered.

Generally, a statue of **St. Joseph** is placed at the head of the table and is surrounded by gifts of various foods, citrus fruits, and of course, breads. On the feast day, an open house is held, inviting friends and family to join in the celebration of eating the gifts left on the table. Fava beans, one of the spared crops, represent good luck and abundance, so

be sure to add them to your table on March 19.

As with anything in Italy, the menu for a **St. Joseph** celebration is rooted in tradition. Because the holiday falls during lent, meat is generally not eaten on the feast day. Foods containing breadcrumbs, or the “poor man's parmigiano” are enjoyed. **Joseph**, as you might know, was a carpenter, so breadcrumbs are eaten to resemble the sawdust left behind after a day's work in the carpenter's shop. Lemons, like fava beans, are said to bring good luck, particularly to the single ladies looking for a husband.

While relatively unknown to the non-Italian U.S. population, one city that widely celebrates this feast day is **New Orleans**. Louisiana used to be a popular arrival port for Sicilians and at one point, the French Quarter was known as “**Little Palermo**.” Celebrations occur, even to this day, with traditional foods and festivities.

While fava beans, lemons, breads and seafood are frequently eaten on the feast day of **San Giuseppe**, and are certainly delicious; my all time favorite food to enjoy is the **Zeppole di San Giuseppe**. Found in any respectable Italian bakery, both in the States and in Italy, a **zeppola** is a pastry, almost resembling a cream puff, but fried, and tastier, if you ask me. After it's fried, the **zeppola** is cut in the middle and filled with various flavored creams or sweetened ricotta.



It's frequently topped with **amarena**, a sour cherry preserve, and dusted with confectionary sugar. Delicious by itself or enjoyed with a cup of espresso, if you do nothing else this upcoming holiday, be sure to enjoy a **zeppola** in honor of **San Giuseppe** and say a little prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts you have been granted.



St. Pius X Seniors

Lou Fabiano, President

In the spirit of keeping you informed, I am relating the substance of several conversations between the Board and myself and the Nassau County Office of the Aging.

As you know, we meet in a Nassau County facility in Bethpage. I contacted them to get some understanding as to when they expect to reopen the facility. Unfortunately, they have NO definitive date for reopening. The best guess is after the rollout of the vaccine has reached most of the people. Not sure what that means exactly.

Obviously, this means that at this time NO meetings of the club have been scheduled.

Trips: Several trips are being discussed, Namely:

- An overnight trip to Sight and Sound (casino included)– date TBD
- An overnight trip to Cape May, and casino in May/ June time frame.

Please note these are being discussed and no actions are needed at this time. Any interest in trips call Carol Schroeder at 516-314-7806

- The trip to Nashville in SEPT is still planned – you will be kept informed in future communications.

Nominations for Board members and subsequent elections will be held immediately upon the return of regular meetings. Please consider running for any position. We need everyone to participate in the support of this fine club.

STAY WELL & GOD BLESS

For information on upcoming trips or events, please call Lenny or Carol Schroeder at (516)596-2348.

Membership: Questions about membership, please call Vic Orlando at (631)414-7899.

Sunshine: Please call Rose Bell at (516) 694-9086 or (516) 574-9834 with information regarding illnesses, etc.



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Tom Hoefling, Grand Knight

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Mar 25: Social Meeting,, 7:30pm

Apr 1: Officers Meeting, 7:30pm

Apr 8: Rosary, 7pm, Church followed by General Meeting, 7:30pm

For information, contact Tom at thoefling@optonline.net



St. Pius X Rosary Society

Barbara Brown, President



NEXT MEETING: April 10, 11am

The Rosary Society is a group of women of all ages, who gather on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 11am in the Church to recite the Rosary. I hope and pray to see some NEW faces joining our group, which is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Interested in joining us, contact, Barbara Brown, 516-359-9060.



Columbiettes

Anna Ensmenger, President

Next general meeting: March 22, 7:30 pm

For information, contact Anna at stpiousxcolumb@gmail.com



St. Pius X Columbiettes

Auxiliary 10332

The St. Pius X Columbiettes are raffling off two baskets to celebrate Easter.

One will be an adult basket with a \$50 gift card to Uncle Giuseppe's, two bottles of wine (a white and a red) and Easter treats. The child's basket will have an assortment of toys and Easter candy.

Each raffle is \$5.00 and winner gets both baskets. The winner will be selected on April 1st. You can purchase your raffle ticket from a Columbiette before mass, send a payment using Paypal (QR code below) or send a check for \$5.00 to:

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The St. Pius X Columbiettes wish all a blessed Easter.

Week at a Glance

Worship for Sunday March 13/14

(Fourth Sunday of Lent)

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Saturday, March 13

3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, March 14

7:00 am – Fr. Chux

8:30 am – Fr. Chux

10:30 am – Fr. Valentine

12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:00 pm – Fr. Valentine **TEEN MASS**

Worship for Sunday March 20/21

(Fifth Sunday of Lent)

2 Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Saturday, March 20

3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, March 21

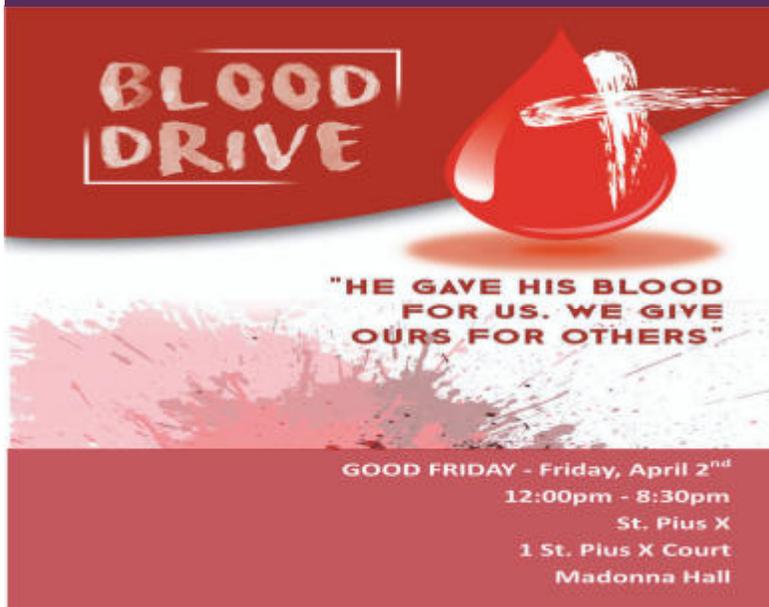
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10:30 am – Fr. Chux

12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine

Week Care



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Save a Life with Kidney Donation



Long time Parishioner and good friend and supporter of St. Edwards, Syosset, Mike Ferrari, is in need of a kidney transplant. Should you

seriously wish to consider assisting Mike and his family during their time of great need, please contact Mike's wife Caroline for more specific details. Caroline's email address is: sewnora@gmail.com

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." Proverbs 3:27



YOUTH GROUP ~ ALL ARE WELCOME

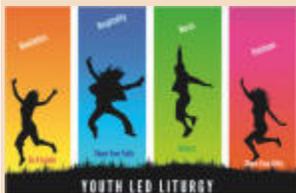
Steve Rhoads, Youth Minister & Ryan Farrell, President



The Youth Group invites the parish family to join them for ...

TEEN Mass

Sunday, March 14th at 5pm



Family Rosary Night

Monday April 12th at 7:30pm in the church



The Rosary is led by the youth group along with talented Youth providing inspirational music

Parish Info

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Saturday and Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Emergency: 516-661-5117

Bulletin Submissions

E-mail submissions to admstpx@gmail.com by 5pm the Saturday one week prior to the bulletin date, and it will be reviewed for inclusion as space allows. Please note the deadline is earlier for all holidays.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:00-3:45pm or by appointment.

Baptism: The baptismal preparation program is offered throughout the year. Baptisms are celebrated on the second and third Sundays of each month. Please contact the Parish Office at 516-938-3956 to schedule a baptism date before making other plans. Allow at least one month preparation time.

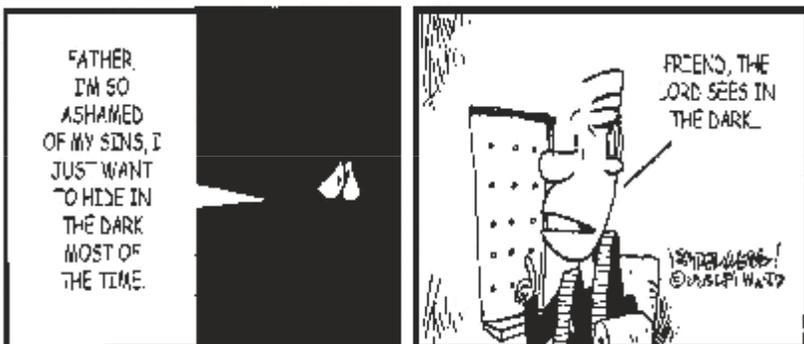
Marriage: Engaged couples must contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 at least six months prior to the wedding date you desire and before making any other arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month after the 8:45am Mass

Other Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

RCIA: Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism? Do you have friends or acquaintances who are questioning what Catholicism is all about? Do you have Catholic family members or friends who have fallen away from the Faith? Invite them to investigate the truth about Catholicism by joining the RCIA group here at St. Pius X. Call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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Keep us Updated!

Have you moved? Married? Changed your email address? Help us keep our parish database up-to-date by sending us such changes via e-mail to: spxrecty@optonline.net or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956. Remember to include your name, address, phone, cell, email and other relevant information.

We Need You!

We invite you to review our ministries and get involved! If you wish to volunteer for any ministry, please contact Fr. Valentine at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or 516-938-3956 for more information.

Ministry for the Sick and Homebound

Please inform us about parishioners or loved ones who are hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home by e-mailing the pastor at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

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Welcome Newcomers

Welcome!

We are glad you are here. We encourage you to explore the offerings of our parish. We think you will find much here to encourage your engagement in our common spiritual journey.

Register as a Parishioner

If you regularly worship at St. Pius X Parish, we ask that you register with us. Simply e-mail Fr. Valentine at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

Information for Families with Young Children

Welcome! Many families with children tend to worship at the monthly Family Mass at 10:30am as well as the 5:15pm Mass on Saturdays which offers contemporary music.



Here are some suggestions to parents to help their children learn to pray the Mass, and create a reverent, prayerful atmosphere at Mass for all ages.

- If you have time, visit the church and walk your child around the worship space and acquaint them with the art, statues and architecture of our beautiful Catholic tradition. Show them the baptismal font and talk about their baptism. Point out the beauty of our stained glass. Stop by the Parish Office - if the pastor is available, he will gladly accompany you on your visit.
- For Mass, arrive early to use the restroom, get a drink, and settle in.
- Children are curious. Sit toward the front. Children will be able to see what the priest is doing and with your help will pay more attention.
- Help your children pray and embrace the Mass. The Mass offers a teaching moment with your children to develop a sense of reverence and respect for the Mass and the sacred.
- Model full participation for your child by actively participating in the Mass responses and singing the hymns.

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