



*The Parish Family of  
St. Joseph & St. Stanislaus*



*January 31, 2021 The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**HOLY ONE**

He cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" - Mk 1:24

## † Saint Stanislaus †

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?

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Served by:

**Pastor: Rev. Bernard Heter**

**Weekend Associate: Rev. Frank Borkowski**

### **St. Joseph Church**

14 Glenmere Avenue, Florida, NY 10921

### **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

4:30 PM

**Sunday**

9:00 AM, 12 Noon

**Weekdays**

8:00 AM (Mon.–Sat., except Tues.)

**Holydays**

9:00 AM & 7:30 PM

**Penance/Reconciliation:** By appointment

### **Mission of St. Stanislaus**

17 Pulaski Hwy., Pine Island, NY 10969

### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass at St. Joseph Florida NY

### **St. Joseph Rectory:**

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### ***Celebration of the Sacraments***

#### **Penance / Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:45-4:30 at St. Joseph's

#### **Baptism**

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Noon Mass. Parents must be registered parishioners and are asked to call the Rectory to make the necessary arrangements. A Baptism preparation class is required.

#### **Marriage**

Preliminary arrangements should be made six months to a year in advance so that couples can attend Pre-Cana. Call the Rectory to schedule a date.

#### **Ministry to the Homebound**

If you cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church because of illness, handicap or age and would like to receive Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is part of the healing ministry of the Church and should be received early in an illness or before a serious operation.

#### **Sponsor Certificate:**

To receive a sponsor certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered and active parishioner for a minimum of 6 months. Permission to act as a sponsor or witness at a Sacramental ceremony presupposes you are currently a practicing parishioner in good standing.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**January 31, 2021**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Embracing Change in Christ**

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



**January 17, 2021**

**St. Joseph**                    \$ 1594.00  
**Rel Ed**                         \$ 462.00

**St. Stanislaus**                \$ 527.00

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

### **Electronic Giving**

**As we are forced to make unprecedented adjustments to address the coronavirus crisis, we kindly ask that you try to continue to support your parish. You may sign up for electronic giving. You will find a link to WeShare on our website: [stjosephfloridany.org](http://stjosephfloridany.org) or go to [stjosephfloridany.churchgiving.com](http://stjosephfloridany.churchgiving.com) directly. Our parish is always a very generous one and this will give us the opportunity to keep us financially sound during this crisis.**

**✠ *Let us remember to pray for* ✠**

***Those who are ill-St. Joseph's:*** Patricia Curesky, Peter Kearns, Valerie Keegan Cooper, Frank Mikulski, Vincent Rutkowski, Jerry Tafuro

***Those who are ill-St. Stanislaus':*** Christopher DiLorenzo, Mary Ann Kology, Mary Rita Schlagel, Heather Winship

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The request to keep a name on the prayer list or to add a name to the list must be made by an immediate member of the family in order to respect the person's privacy and our obligation to observe HIPAA privacy rule. Forms can be found at the back of both Churches or at the rectory.

**February 5, 2021**

**First Friday**

7-8 AM Eucharistic Adoration &  
Benediction

8 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church

**February 6, 2021**

**First Saturday**

Please join us at 8:00AM morning Mass on the First Saturday of each month and let's pray the Rosary after Mass as a Parish family, in order that we may honor this devotion as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

**The people were astonished at his teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority and not  
as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)**

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**MASS** at St. Joseph's  
INTENTIONS

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**SATURDAY, January 30**

8:00 AM Victoria Weslowski from Lucy (Pikul) Toper & family

4:30 PM Leona Brunswick Harter from Harter/Johnson Family

**SUNDAY, January 31** (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:00 AM Emily Capitano from family

12:00 PM Raymond Heter from Anne Gross

**MONDAY, February 1**

8:00 AM Joseph Bayno from children

**TUESDAY, February 2** (*No Mass scheduled today*)

**WEDNESDAY, February 3**

8:00 AM The Bayno family from Julie

**THURSDAY, February 4**

8:00 AM Victoria Weslowski from Rita Glebocki

**FRIDAY, February 5** (First Friday)

8:00 AM St. Joseph Living Rosary Society

**SATURDAY, February 6**

8:00 AM Cynthia & Valerie Mitchell

4:30 PM Stephen Maher from family

**SUNDAY, February 7** (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:00 AM John & Christine Kocot from Vince Poloniak & family

12:00 PM Bruno Jamsek from Dot & Bob Buchalski

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**MASS** at St. Stanislaus'  
INTENTIONS

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**SUNDAY, January 31** (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:30 AM Richard Zygmunt from family

**SUNDAY, February 7** (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:30 AM Vicky Sholes from sisters

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MERCY  
FOR THE PRESENT  
AND HAVE  
HOPE  
FOR THE FUTURE.  
-ST. JOHN BOSCO**

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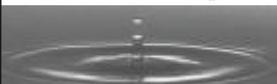
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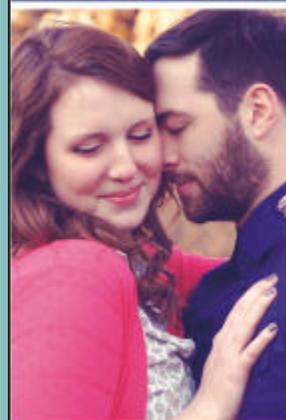
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