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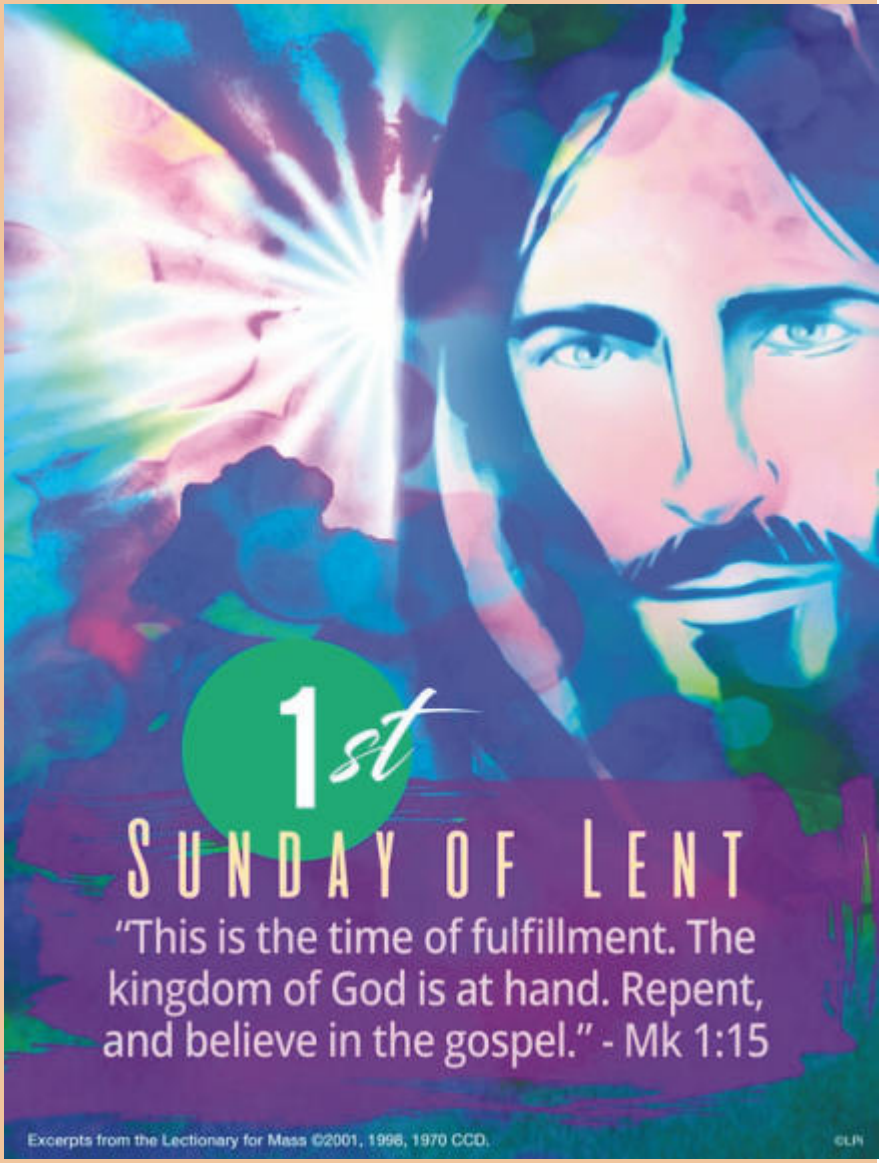
of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph Parish



Masses

Saint Joseph Church
Mother Church of the Italian Community
Saturday evening……..4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning….8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Weekday (Monday - Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Saturday evening……...4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning……...10:30 a.m.
Weekday …(Monday – Friday) 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Joseph Church
Saturday..... 3:00—3:40 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Saturday..... 3:00—3:40 p.m.

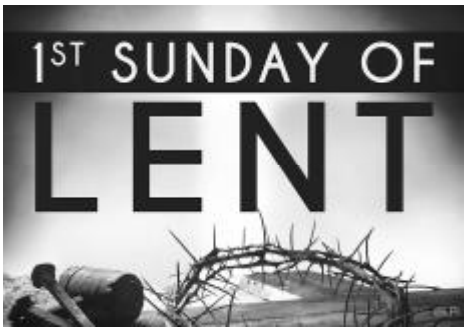
MEMORIAL GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

Gift opportunities to Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Parish exist in many ways. Below are some examples in which an individual or a family can give to our Parish:
Memorial gifts: can be made to Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Parish in a loved one's name when funeral arrangements are being made. Please speak to the funeral director for assistance.
Bequests: Gifts provided through wills and personal trusts have aided our parish with much needed financial support. Such gifts enable donors to make significant contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. Please consider making a charitable bequest to Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parish in your will or personal trust.
Thank you for your continued support and may God bless you.

Mass Intentions

{MC} = Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church site
{SJ} = St. Joseph Church site

Saturday, February 20
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Kathleen Hall (Birth Remb) by Caroline Fera & Bev Fera
Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. **{MC}** Tad Skotnicki (Birth Remb) by Family
4:00 p.m. **{SJ}** Carmen T. Morreale Sr. (Birth Remb) by Wife Louise
Sunday, February 21~ First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Philip D'Andreamatteo by Family
10:30 a.m. **{MC}** Philp Lewis (Anniv Remb) by Wife Loretta
11:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Eugene Fera (Anniv Remb) by Wife Carol
Monday, February 22 ~ The Chair of St. Peter
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Uncle Bill Conti by Niece Lisa Ferenc
9:00 a.m. **{MC}** Anna Briglio by Nieces & Nephews
Tuesday, February 23 ~ St. Polycarp
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Wayne LaDouceur (Anniv Remb) by Jeanne & Robert Rozek
9:00 a.m. **{MC}** Dorothy Cancemi Frost (Birth Remb) by Family
Wednesday, February 24
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Jennie Eodice (Anniv Remb) by Joann & Judi
9:00 a.m. **{MC}** Ruth Klizek Jerome & Patricia Penberthy
Thursday, February 25
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Joseph Sparacio by Family
9:00 a.m. **{MC}** Marie Finley Cozzo by 9:00 a.m. Mass Community
Friday, February 26
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** All Souls
9:00 a.m. **{MC}** All Souls
Saturday, February 27
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Josephine Parsnick (Anniv Remb) by Family
Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. **{MC}** Augusto Maselli (Birth Remb) by Wife & Family
4:00 p.m. **{SJ}** Ron, Joan & Steven Daverne by Marie Colella, Anita Soltis, & Kathie Cryan
Sunday, February 28~ Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Johnny Felicetti by Cousins Bernadette, Irene, Richard, and Anna Maria
10:30 a.m. **{MC}** Jose Gomez (Anniv Remb) by Cancemi Family
11:00 a.m. **{SJ}** Marianna Soldano by Bob & Rae Pullo



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are blessed to have you join us this weekend! If you are visiting and looking for a church home, please consider joining our Catholic Community. To register in the parish or if you regularly attend Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, but have never registered, please call the rectory office at 282-1379 for more information.

FR. STEW'S NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Where do we begin in trying to explain our Faith? Perhaps it is in trying to understand more completely what is the meaning of the concept of "Faith". Often times I will hear people talk about their "Catholic Faith" or talk about their "Catholic Religion". They use the terms interchangeably.

If I was to try and express the meaning of the word "Faith" I would say that it is a belief in a power greater than myself that has an impact on my life. I would want to be united to that power to gain strength and protection and avoid punishment. This of course is a very general definition for "Faith". If you look historically at all societies, they usually have faith in some such power. You here stories of people who worshipped the sun & moon or the stars and the wind. The scripture tells us of people who worshiped many Gods. There always seems to be some sense of incompleteness in ourselves that can only be filled up with something or someone outside of ourselves.

In our Christian spiritual tradition, our Faith is grounded in a belief in one God. We share that belief with the Jews. We believe that this one God was the creator of the world and our individual lives. We believe that we are incomplete without Him.

We know that in our society today more people do not practice religion as in the past. Perhaps the more serious question is whether more people lack faith in God. To believe in God is not just an intellectual assent. It is not just saying "I believe in God". It is about a relationship that directs our lives.

Do we let God guide our lives or do we follow the path that we have chosen? Does society and our friends tell us what is important or what is right or wrong? Are we willing to "follow" the Lord?

Next week: What is Religion?

Fr. Stew

MASS READINGS

Gn 9:8-15, Ps 25:4-9, 1Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15

Mindful of his covenant the Lord promises never to destroy creation again by flood waters. The waters of baptism bring salvation and forgiveness through the death of Christ. After fasting forty days and being put to the test, Jesus begins his public ministry.

OUR SYMPATHY

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Parish wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Vincent Porto. May he rest in peace!

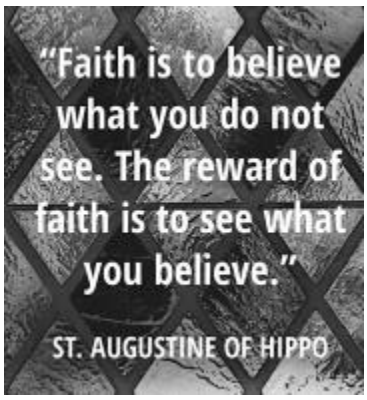
MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 27 & 28

Lectors

4:00 p.m. **{MC}** P. Skotnicki
4:00 p.m. **{SJ}** Sr. Marilyn
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** G. Insana
10:30 a.m. **{MC}** J. Tederous
11:00 a.m. **{SJ}** C. Longo

Eucharist Ministers

4:00 p.m. **{MC}** L. Burge
4:00 p.m. **{SJ}** C. Granto, P. Zygmont
8:00 a.m. **{SJ}** T. D'Andreamatteo, T. Zacher, MJ Zacher
10:30 a.m. **{MC}** C. Washburn
11:00 a.m. **{SJ}** T. Bove, J. Sardina, N. Sardina



BAPTISMAL CLASS SCHEDULE

The next Baptismal Class will be on Monday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at St. Joseph Rectory. Parents are encouraged to attend during the pregnancy. It seems to make it easier than to try and attend after the birth of the new child. **It is important to register at the rectory so that we know you are coming to the meeting.** Godparents are also encouraged to come.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

When you are troubled, we are hope. Are you struggling with hybrid learning, trying to work remotely, having a hard time with the seemingly endless grey that is WNY in winter? If you are experiencing mental health, familial or marital problems we can help. Catholic Charities offers several different types of support including marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, diocesan counseling for church ministers, children's clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. To find our more, visit www.ccwny.org and click the "Counseling & Mental health" tab under Services on the right-hand side. To begin the referral process, call 716-895-1033. If you are located outside of Erie County, call your local Catholic Charities office for counseling or go to www.ccwny.org/counseling for information and contact number. **HOPE for all seasons**.

BREAKING BREAD MISSALETTES FOR 2021

A limited number of the daily Breaking Bread with Daily Mass Propers 2021, are available for purchase at $5.00 each. Anyone interested in purchasing the missalette can do so after all weekend Masses. Just a reminder that when you use them at Mass do not leave them in church. If there are any left in the pews we are obligated to dispose of them immediately.

YEAR END TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Anyone wishing to receive a statement of their donations to the church for 2020, needs to call the rectory, even if you received one last year (282-1379) during office hours (8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.), and one will be mailed to you.

PRAY AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open for normal business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:00a.m. to 12:30 pm and 1:00 p.m.to 4:00 p.m.

Wear your mask when coming to the office, however we strongly encourage you to call the office as we can answer many questions and provide service over the phone to ensure everyone's well being.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

The parish outreach is opened to any parishioner who is in need of food. The facility is opened every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (For Parishioners) you do not need to bring any identification, all you need to do is let the volunteer know that you are a parishioner of Holy Family Parish. Items that are available will vary from week to week, in most cases we have bread, sweets, canned goods, some type of meat, (depending what is given to us by the Western New York Food Bank).

The parish outreach center is located at 1402 Pine Avenue across the street from the church.

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

February 16, 2020 ..... $ 6,123.00
February 14, 2021 ..... $ 6,707.00
Net difference .....(+ 8.7%) (+$ 584.00)

Every one of us is talented in some way. Stewardship encourages us to use any talent we have to benefit an individual, the Church or the community. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Clergy

Rev. Duane R. Klizek .....Pastor
Rev. Stewart M. Lindsay, OSFS .....Senior Parochial Vicar
Br. John Ventresca, OSFS..... In Residence
Sr. Marilyn Perkins, DC Minister to the Home Bound
Caroline Washburn …….Minister to the Home Bound

Parish Website: www.holyfamilyrcchurch.org

Parish Office & St. Joseph Church site
1413 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14301

(716) 282-1379 Fax: (716) 285-3704

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CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls, Pre-K-Grade 8 is now accepting open registration for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. If interested please contact the Enrollment Office at 283-1455 ext. 201. Class space is limited.

BISON CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Have you heard about the BISON Children Scholarship Fund? We are a tuition assistance program helping economically eligible children attend private grammar schools of their choice. BISON was founded on the belief that parents should be able to choose the school that best fits their child's needs regardless of income or zip code.

The application process is now open for new families: parents can visit our website at www.bisonfund.com to complete a scholarship pre-application for the 2021-22 school year. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2021. All pre-applications will be entered into a lottery drawing on March 1, 2021. If a family's name is drawn in the lottery, they will receive an email with instructions on how to proceed with the application.

Scholarship amounts vary depending on the family's income, household size and the school's cost. The highest scholarship amount for 2021-22 school year is $2,500 per child. Families will be expected to contribute partial tuition towards their child's education.

If you have questions or need further information – please contact the BISON Fund office at 716-854-0869 or email cmdonald@bisonfund.com.

CEMETERY NOTICE

St. Joseph Cemetery gates are open:

April 15 thru Sept. 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 1 thru April 14: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mausoleum hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry

Are you in need of prayers for yourself, a loved one or friend? The Padre Pio Prayer Ministry offers prayers for anyone's needs. Please call 297-6382, or 285-7141 to have your intentions added to the prayer chain.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

The Holy Family parish Prayer Line is an important prayer chain that helps those with special personal needs/concerns by providing powerful intercession by presenting needs to our Heavenly Father. If you are interested in serving as part of this Prayer Chain, please contact Jeanne at 297-8705. Add your prayers to those in need by joining our chain; help our fellow parishioners with their prayerful requests for intercession.

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Drawing will be held on
Wednesday, March 17th 2021
winner need not be present to win

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Fifth Prize: $100 (5 winners)
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Seventh Prize: $25 (10 winners)

Please contact them for tickets and more information
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MAKING LENT MEMORIES

Pray together, Even if it's just an Our Father or Hail Mary, It unites the family.

Let each family member mention one person or problem that they would like to pray for in a special way at dinnertime.

Take your kids or grandchild grocery shopping for the poor. Let them help you bring the food to our parish pantry.

Let children light a candle at church for people throughout the world who are sick or hungry.

Sample Lenten food favorites, such as hot cross buns or pretzels. If you're really adventurous, check the internet for recipes and make your own!

GETTING READY FOR LENT

I would like to suggest a great program from Dynamic Catholic Productions. It is called 'Best lent Ever' and it is about a 5 minute reflection every day that you can get online. Just go to Dynamic Catholic and sign -in and join the Lenten program. There is no cost. A good way to start the day!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at both church sites.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL REGULATIONS

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fasting on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

Easter Duty: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 21 (First Sunday in Lent) and May 30 (Trinity Sunday).

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

We will be conducting a five-week Lenten Bible Class entitled '**NO GREATER LOVE**: A walk through the Passion of Christ'. The class will begin next Tuesday February 23rd at 6:30PM in the Mt Carmel Church. If you wish to join the class you will need to register at the parish office as soon as possible. The cost is $25.00 for the five-week session. The session will include a DVD tour of the sacred sites of the Holy Land and theological commentary.

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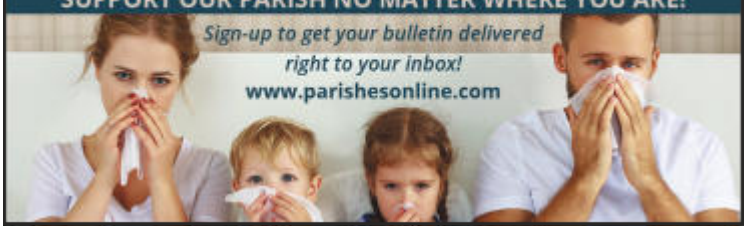

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