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Rev. Jack Cryan

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays-----8:00 am Saturdays ----- 9:00 am
Sundays (*Vigil Saturday, 5:00 pm*)-----9:30 am, 12:30 pm
Sundays (*Korean / Vigil Saturday, 8:00 pm*)---- 8:00 & 11:00 am
Mondays & Thursdays (*Korean*)----- 6:30 am
Tuesdays & Fridays (*Korean*) ----- 8:30 pm
Wednesdays (*Korean*) -----10:00 am
Saturday (*Korean / First Saturday*) -----11:00 am
Holy Days----- As listed in bulletin

PARISH STAFF

Christine Parra, *Secretary*
Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
768-2371

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768-1573

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845-928-7494

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664-4061

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Social Service Help Line
1-800-CCS-7413

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 22, 2020



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms
Parental preparation required

Marriage
Call Rectory one year before wedding date

Sacrament of Penance
4:30 pm (*Saturday*)

Sick Calls
Call Rectory at any time

Mass Intentions

of the **Week**



of the **Week**

Saturday, March 21

5:00 Donald Merritts, Sr. / Merritts & Giannetti Families

Sunday, March 22

9:30 People of the Parish

12:30 Gaetano Naccarella / Henry & Irene Caruso

Monday, March 23

8:00 Helen Zoppie / Rosemary Hunt

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 Donald Merritts, Sr. / Merritts & Giannetti Families

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 Saro Gnanapragasam / Mahesan & Helen Richards and Family

Thursday, March 26

8:00 Fr. Sedong Choi / Sophia Jeong

Friday, March 27

8:00 Manus O'Donnell / Kathleen Kerr

Saturday, March 28

9:00 Fr. Sedong Choi / Sophia Jeong

5:00 Betty Guido / Rosemary Hunt

Sunday, March 29

9:30 Herman Liwanag / Aida Liwanag

12:30 Pat Barber / Knights of Columbus Queen of Peace Council #3679



*The Bread and Wine to be used at all Masses this week has been donated in loving memory of Nicholas Stathakis.
Requested by Evelyn Gray.*



Contribution totals will be back soon.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

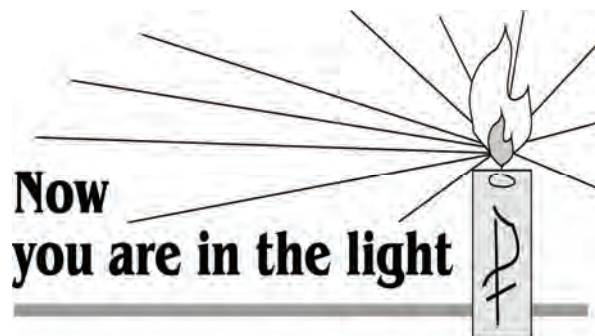
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, until further notice, public celebration of both Sunday Mass and daily Mass is suspended.

Churches will remain open for individual prayer, however, please maintain a prudent distance from one another.

Any physical contact (e.g. shaking hands) must be avoided.

Be safe and stay well!!!

The Stations of the Cross and the Eucharistic Exposition

The Stations of the Cross and The Eucharistic Exposition have been cancelled on Fridays during the month of March. However, you are not prohibited to practice these devotional acts individually.

Tea Party

The Tea Party that had been scheduled for Sunday, April 26th has been postponed.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to participate in our Easter Flower memorial, please fill out the envelopes (available at the doors of the church) and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

As you know Lent is a season of "retreat", of stepping back a bit to reflect and pray. It is an opportunity to remove some of the distractions of daily life and focus on God. The church helps us with this by the lack of decorations in the church during Lent. In fact, there are no flowers or plants in the church for the season of Lent. You will also notice that the Easter Candle will be missing as well as the Holy Oils from the Ambry.

Stephanie Cywinski - O'Brien Student Scholarship Applications 2020

For the 13th consecutive year, student scholarships are available through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7th and 8th grade students attending a Catholic grammar school (primary consideration), as well as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors (secondary consideration) attending a Catholic high school and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the parish office and/or on the parish website. Applications are due April 10 with decisions due on or about May 1.

PARISH NEWS E-MAIL LIST

For those parishioners that would like to receive Parish News via email, regarding upcoming events, special announcements, and news that concerns our parish family. You can opt out anytime. Please contact Christine in the Parish Office or send your email address to stjosephdemarest@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS: Are every second Saturday of the month at 1:00. Parents must be registered with St. Joseph's. To schedule a baptism or for more information please contact the Parish Office 201-768-2371 or email stjosephdemarest@gmail.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Every family participating regularly in the spiritual life of our parish is encouraged to register. If you have not yet registered or wish to register with St. Joseph's Parish, please call or email the Parish Office or see one of the priests. Also if you are registered and need to update your information from the time you originally registered please inform the parish office. Registering with the church is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family. It is also necessary for the issuance of sponsor certificates, letters of recommendation and character references.



St. Joe's food drive
**Next week's items are:
Hand Soap/Deodorant**



Clare Borland, Anthony Bulone, Hilda Connolly, Frances M. Fallon, Liam Hall, Mary Hand, Hunter, Ashley Johnson, Terry Mertens, Tom Phelan, Rita Rodin, Janet S., Ryan S., Bertha Samayoa, Lorena Samayoa, Jared Schulman, Shannon Simester, PC Wicks, Radhini Xavier, Shehan Xavier, Nikolaj Zahn

***Please notify the Parish Office if you would like someone added to the prayer list or when someone should be removed from the prayer list. Thank you.**



The Priests will be bringing communion to our homebound parishioners on First Fridays in the morning after the 8:00 a.m. mass. If you have a family member who would be interested, please call the parish office 201-768-2371.

Spiritual Reflection on Stewardship

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."
1Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

**Family Promise 50/50 Raffle
To benefit homeless working families**

Here is an easy way to support Family Promise - and have a chance to win up to \$25,000! Tickets are \$100 each. Grand prize is 25% of proceeds up to \$25,000, with 16 additional opportunities to win a cash prize! Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held April 29th at River Vale Country Club. Winners do not need to be present to win.

For those who are interested in still buying raffle tickets, go to the Family Promise website at www.bergenfamilypromise.org click on events then click on 50/50 Raffle and the information to purchase tickets will be on that page.

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Gospel Today Fourth Sunday of Lent / John 9:1-41

In today's gospel, Jesus and His disciples came upon a man who had been blind since birth. As Jesus smeared clay into the man's eyes, He **lent** His healing powers to the blind man, and sent him to the Pool of Siloam to wash. When the man returned, his eyes were able to see, but more importantly his heart was open to believe in Jesus. Not as a sinner, as many believed, but truly the Son of God.

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Lent

The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

lend / lent

The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

WEEK
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Dear God,
This week I...



Love,

Examples

- Help look for and find a lost item.
- Find the reading glasses a senior might have misplaced.
- If traveling, read the directions for an adult driver.
- Donate used eyeglasses.

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Jesus told His disciples the man was born blind so the works of God could be made visible (seen) through him. Jesus also knew being blind was not easy, and the man had to depend on others at times.

Help someone understand and "see" the love of God by **lending** your services to help others. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.





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