Saint Joseph Parish 173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880 Palm Sunday

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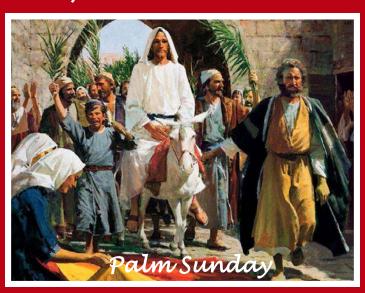
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March 29, 2015



Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate Holy Week. We will recall the great events of our salvation. On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate the Last Supper where at the Passover meal, Jesus changed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood. He gave us His Flesh and Blood as food for our journey to the kingdom of heaven. As God fed the Hebrew people on their journey from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land, so He now feds us. The Lord commanded us to take and eat and to take and drink. Let us reflect on how we respond to such a great gift.

On Friday we celebrate the death of the Lord. He took upon Himself the penalty of our sins. It is called Good Friday because the Lord saved us from eternal damnation by His death on the cross. As the Hebrew people put the blood of the lamb on their doorposts that saved them from the angel of death (Passover), so now the Blood of the Lamb (Jesus) saves us from eternal death. As we look at the cross, it is the school of love. Love is dying to oneself to serve the needs of the other. This is what Jesus did for us. On the cross, we see the great love that Jesus has for us.

On Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Light overcomes darkness, life is stronger than death. Jesus wants all of us to have a Risen life, to be free from the slavery of sin and to live in peace, joy, and love.

I would encourage you to partake in the Holy Week liturgies so that they will help you to pause and reflect on the events that brought us salvation. May all that we do bring us closer in our relationship with Jesus and help us to acknowledge the great love of God. He is a God of mercy and compassion. He loves us with an unconditional love. He is our good Shepherd, our Lord and Savior. Let us give Him more of our heart in response to His great love.

You are encouraged to prepare for the feast of Easter by cleansing your soul through the Sacrament of Penance. Let this be the Easter gift that you give to yourself. Confession times are listed on page 5 of this bulletin.

Our monthly Healing Mass will be held this Wednesday, April 1, beginning with the rosary at 7:00 p.m.

The collection on Easter will be for the health and retirement needs of our active and senior diocesan priests. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

May Jesus continue to shepherd you in all of your needs.

God love you,

Reflection of the Week

Treasure of every kind, material or not, is a gift from God, given to be shared and not hoarded.



A time of quiet music & reflection Sunday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP

Hour of praise and charismatic prayer

BIBLE STUDY

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy, Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

HEALING MASS

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Scriptural Teaching An Inquisitive Walk through the Scripture, 69

We continue to look at Moses as a "type" of Christ, someone whose life and deeds become the setting of some of the criteria that the Messiah must fulfill. After passing through the Red Sea, the Israelites sang a hymn of thanksgiving, led by Moses and Miriam. (Ex. 15)

The early Church viewed the itinerary of the Israelites as an understanding of living the Christian life. First, the Israelites came to a bitter spring and they murmured against Moses for not having water to drink. (Ex. 15:22-25) The Lord instructed him to throw a tree into the water. Now this may sound pretty ridiculous but when the early Church saw this, they understood that life is bitter but when the cross (tree) of the Lord is thrown into the mix, things become manageable.

In Ex. 16, the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron because they had no bread or flesh to eat. They said it would have been better to have stayed in bondage than to leave Egypt to worship the Lord at Sinai. As God provided sweet water in Exodus and water from the Rock in Exodus 17:1-7 and Numbers 20:7-11, so He provides water of the Spirit for Christian believers today. (Jn7:37-39) As He provided the water so would He provide the bread and the flesh. Again, take the time to read the entirety of John 6 where Jesus proclaims Himself to be the Bread of Life and that His Flesh is real food, His Blood real drink.

The Book of Exodus relates encountering nations that were hostile to the Lord's people and that as long as Moses prayed and had the involvement of Aaron and Hur, the people would be able to defeat their enemies. (Ex. 17:8-13) Jesus is the Intercessor with the Father and He seeks engagement of His people by faith so that sin, injustice and evil can be overcome. It is very important to remember what God said to St. Catherine of Sienna: "I created you without your aid but I cannot save you without your cooperation." The work of salvation depends on the saving death and resurrection of the Lord but it also depends on our accepting this gift and cooperating with the Holy Spirit. It depends on our drinking of the water of the Holy Spirit, eating the Bread of Life and the Body of Christ, praying in times of war (temptation) and understanding that our first goal is to get to Mount Sinai for the reception of God's Word. After receiving the Word will come the journey to the Promised Land and the second mount, Mount Sinai where the people will offer an acceptable sacrifice. Notice that we do this at every Mass where we hear God's Word (Sinai) and offer the sacrifice of the Lord. (Zion) There is remarkable consistency in the Scripture as God lays out His plan for all who take the time to see it.



ADULT FOCUS

Bereavement Community

Hear how our members have dealt with loss and learn strategies and activities that have helped others move back into the warm peace of the Lord. Meetings held on first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Our Lady's Room. Next meeting is on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Faith Sharing

Join us for insights and fellowship.

Mondays at 9:30 am in Our Lady's Room

Tuesdays at noon. Call for confirmation.

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in St. Joseph's Room.

Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Our Lady's Room*

(*Meeting will not be held on Holy Thursday.)

Knit, Purl, Pray

The Prayer Knitting Community meets on Tuesdays @ 9:30 am in Our Lady's Room. All are welcome.

Affirming Life Community

Heartbeat Pregnancy Center (781) 229-7887 A Women's Concern Toll Free (866) 435-7292 Rachel's Vineyard 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)

Living With Chronic Illness Support Group

Support ministry for those experiencing chronic illness, cancer, or long term medical conditions from both visible or invisible illnesses. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in Our Lady's Room at 7:30 p.m.

Separated/Divorced Support Group

The next meeting for our **Program on Separation and Divorce** will be on
Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.
in Our Lady's Room.

St. Joseph Table

Serving healthful meals to those in need. The Second Friday and Fourth Wednesday each month. Schedules may change to accommodate certain holy days and holidays. Please call Rose at 617-697-0888 or email: rmdittom@aol.com.

(Please note: if Wakefield schools are cancelled due to inclement weather - then our Adult Focus meetings will be cancelled that day. We ask that you

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Religious Education

Coming Soon!

- **Registration** for the 2015-16 School Year will begin April 1, 2015.
- **Grades 5 & 6** will be participating in the **Living Stations of the Cross** on Good Friday, April 3,at noon. More information will be distributed in class.
- First Communion will take place on Saturday May 2nd at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm
- **Confirmation** will take place on Friday, May 15, at 7:00 pm.

Grade 2:

Instructional Mass has been **rescheduled for Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m.** Please meet Mrs. Collins in Father Gillis Hall at 8:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School 2015 will be held on August 3 - 7. *More details to follow.*



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2015/2016 Registration

Saint Joseph School is currently accepting registration for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact Alayne Flynn at 781-245-2081 for more information.

Hawks Basketball Banquet

The St. Joseph School Basketball Program celebrated a great season at their annual banquet this past weekend. We wish to thank Ted and Theresa Gaffney as well as all the coaches and parents who dedicate all their time and talent to this program.

For additional information on our school please call 781-245-2081 or visit www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org

Holy Week Schedule

Confessions

Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Light is On For You Archdiocesan Program.

Good Friday, April 3, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3

Children's Stations and Veneration of the Cross - 12:00 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 3:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4

Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection - 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour: 7:00 p.m.

The Light is On For You



St. Joseph Parish (before the April 1, Healing Mass) and all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston

will be open for individual confession all the Wednesday evenings of Lent from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please visit: www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org to help you prepare.

Good Friday Collection

In the words of Paul VI this collection "is not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of the Christian communities."

Easter Collection

The diocesan-wide Easter collection is for our active and senior diocesan priests. These men have been there when we needed them. Now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises we make as Catholics to care for them when they need us. All are welcome to make a gift online at www.clergyfunds.org or use the in-pew envelopes provided. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this important collection.

OFFERTORY MARCH 21-22 \$ 11,706Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.

LITURGY CORNER

Previously called "Passion Sunday," this Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

While we still live our natural lives, our new identity is found in God's spirit, and that same spirit makes it possible for us to pursue and achieve holiness as we look toward Christ's return in glory.

-Catholic Culture Workbook for Lectors

PARENTING CORNER Reflections: Parents, Friends

Holy Thursday

- What helps me choose to serve others more lovingly is when I...
- Eucharist gives me life and helps me love more deeply because I...
- I have chosen life when I...
- This choice helps me experience the inheritance only Jesus can give me when..

Good Friday

- What I appreciate about Jesus' gift of life to me is...
- I express this in my life in these ways...
- I feel lost and alienated from Jesus when I...
- What brings me to new life is...

Holy Saturday

- My expectations about life are that...
- Jesus' risen life leads me to expect...
- I am amazed at Jesus' presence and offer of new life when I...

Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry

Just a reminder that we have drop off baskets located in the library foyer for your donations of non-perishable food items to benefit the needy of our community. This month the pantry is especially in need of brand cereals. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Pray For Your prayers are requested for the benefactors of our parish and the deceased of our

community especially Ethel Bisacre and Richard King. Also, please pray for the sick among us and all those who have asked us to pray for them this week. Their names have been inscribed in our parish Book of Intentions in the Chapel. Please contact the rectory to add a name.

mass intentions

Saturday, March 28

9:00 Peter, Elizabeth & Josephine Sullivan Birthday Memorial

4:00 Rita Ferreira, 9th Anniversary

Sunday, March 29

7:30 Grace Petraglia, Memorial Mass

9:00 Joseph Longo, 10th Anniversary

11:00 Jean DePiano, Birthday Remembrance

5:30 Robert Umano, Jr., Memorial Mass

Monday, March 30

6:45 Emilio Joseph Santos, 45th Anniversary

9:00 Hugo & Marian Angelini, **Memorial Mass**

Tuesday, March 31

6:45 Lucretia Barrett, Memorial Mass

9:00 Dolores Held, 2nd Anniversary

Wednesday, April 1

6:45 Domenica & Querino Buono, **Memorial Mass**

9:00 Elaine Pilkons, Birthday Remembrance

Holy Thursday, April 2

7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3

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Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30 No Intentions

9:00 No Intentions

11:00 No Intentions

5:30 No Intentions



Please pray for all those currently serving in the military, especially those deployed overseas:

Debra Martinez, Scott McDonough, & Matthew Redmond.

April /May Ministry Schedules

The April/May Ministry Schedules will be available online and in the sacristy this weekend. Please submit any June/July exceptions by May 1. Please drop off at the rectory or email to mlaiosa@stjosephwakefield.org.

RCIA Program



Please keep the following candidates in your prayers: Dawn Swain and Bianca Bacigalupo, who will be receiving Adult Confirmation and RCIA Candidates: Eugene DelGaizo

and Christina Indorato who will be receiving Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil this year.

St. Florence Lady's Sodality



The April Meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in McCauley Hall for preceded by Mass celebrated by Fr. Gianni. There will also

be a short meeting, Election of New Officers and Bingo. Coffee, tea and desserts will be served. New members are enthusiastically welcomed!

Scripture for the week of March 29, 2015

SUN Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Mon Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tues Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-3821

Wed Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thu Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Fri Is 52:13-53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-

Sat Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-

15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk16:1-7

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-

8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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