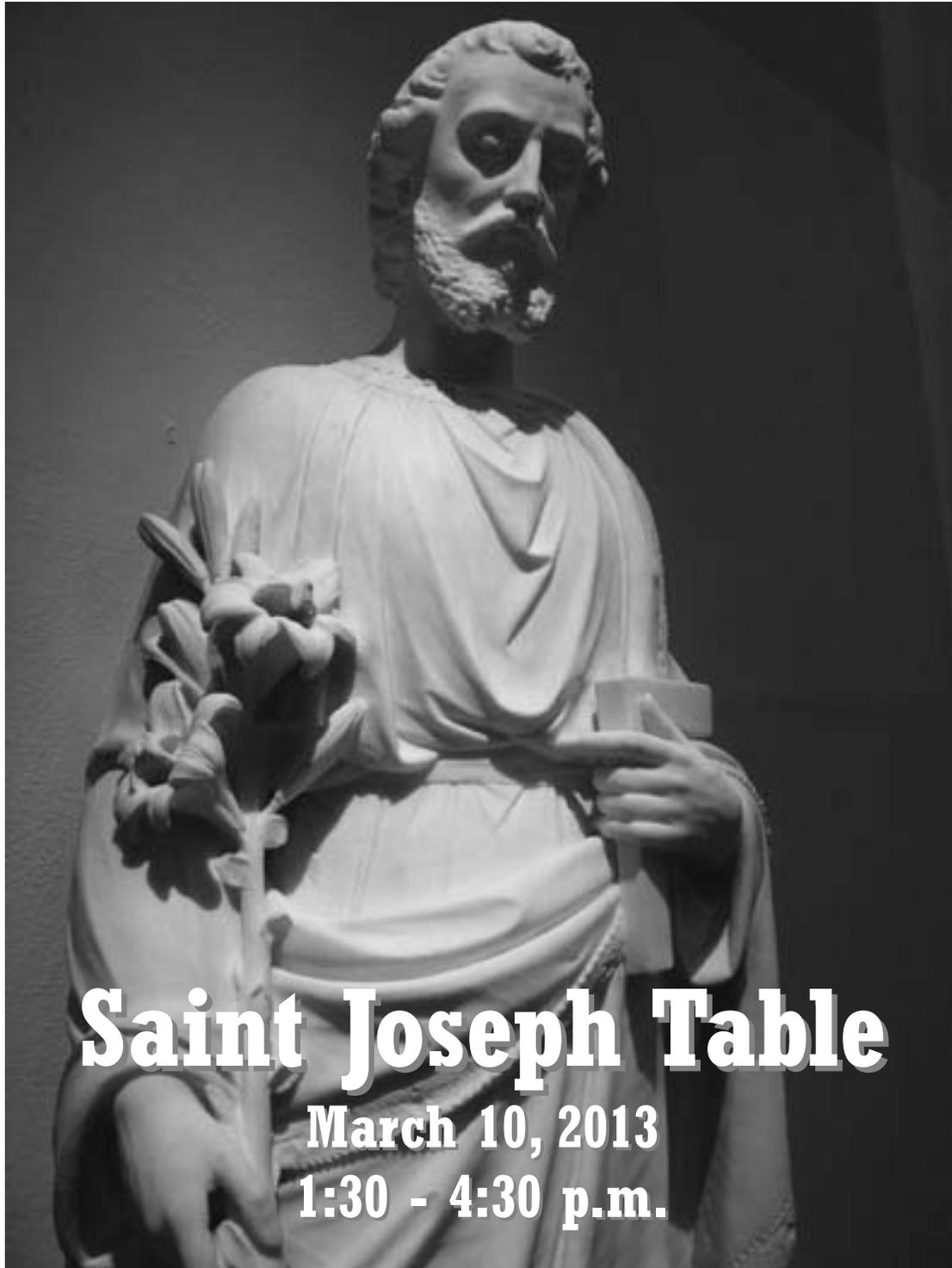




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Saint Joseph Table

March 10, 2013

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

THE PRODIGAL SON:

Do We Really Understand?

"Father, has a confession ever shocked you?" Without "breaking the seal" or alluding to anything incriminating, I can say "YES!"

"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been about a year since my last confession," said a pleasant female voice. Then there was a pause. "What are your sins," I asked.

"Well, Father, that's a problem. I don't have any." I made further, discreet inquiries.

"No," she insisted, "I haven't done anything wrong." I encouraged the lady on the other side of the screen to make a devotional confession of past sins for which she was truly sorry. At that point, I thought she would respond to a "fervorino" that always worked for me. I asked her to reflect on the parable of The Prodigal Son, and give thanks for God's mercy.

All at once, the pleasant voice snapped back: "I **hate** that story. It doesn't make sense. The bad son is rewarded, the good son ignored. I can't believe in a God who does things like that!"

She was the kind of person who just wouldn't change her mind. How ironic! A woman who had no sins to confess and no forgiveness for someone who did. Ah, but perhaps that is too severe a judgment. I urged her to pray for enlightenment and an increase in the virtue of charity. I gave her a small penance and absolution. Even so, hers was the only confession that shocked me in the early days of my ministry.

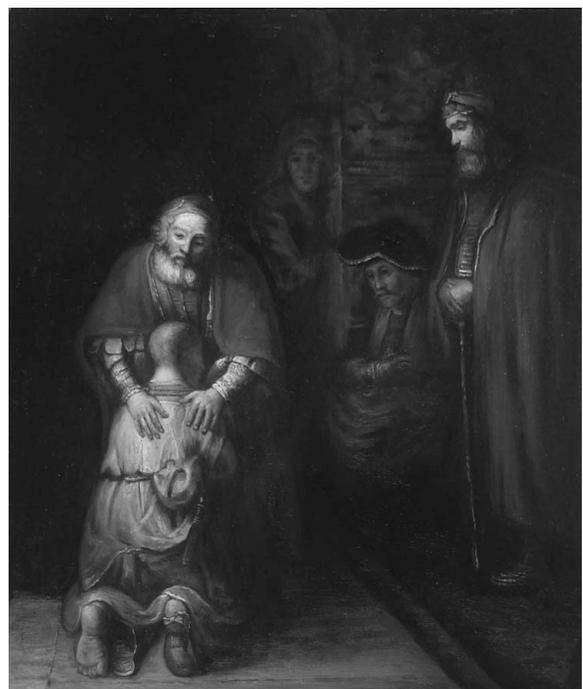
What shocked me is how badly my penitent missed the whole point of the parable. As always, G. K. Chesterton had sage advice about the limitations of parabolic discourse. The "great one" advised that if you give people an analogy that they claim they do not understand, you should "graciously offer them another." Should they claim that they do not understand the second, you should offer them a third. Should that not work, you should "praise them for the one truth they do have a grip on."

Tell them:

"Yes, that is quite correct. You do not understand."

Parables are essentially comparisons, stories drawn from everyday life. Their purpose is to teach a spiritual lesson. Our Lord was a master of using parables. And, I share the belief with many, that **The Prodigal Son** is one of the most beautiful and inspiring of all parables. The situation is familiar - - a runaway squanders a fortune. The cast of characters - - a father and a contrasting brother - - is the stock of many a moral tale. So popular was the story that there is a "Prodigal Son" parable in the Buddhist tradition. The similarities are striking, but the differences are too. The Christian parable emphasizes a sudden repentance for sin and an immediate celebration of reconciliation between father and son. In the Buddhist story, while the father recognizes the son instantly, the son does not recognize the father who has moved to another city and become immensely rich. In the Buddhist story, there is a long "detour" - - years of trial and disguise on the part of the father. The process is gradual and stresses the "awakening" or enlightenment of the prodigal son. True identity depends on enlightenment. The Buddhist parable, then, is about wisdom. The Christian parable is about mercy. Comparing the two **Prodigal Son** parables shows how differently cultures and religions address the human situation and solve problems.

I have always loved Rembrandt's **The Return of the Prodigal**. The original painting hangs in the **Hermitage** in St. Petersburg.



In 1988, I caught a glimpse of this radiantly beautiful embrace of father and son. Two years before I was rushed through as a tourist, Henri Nouwen spent hours in contemplation before the same painting. In fact, Nouwen wrote a short book in 1992 that uses Rembrandt's painting and the parable of The Prodigal Son as a "**Meditation on Fathers, Brothers, and Sons.**" I have not read the book yet, but know it will be rich in insights. Years ago, a "sinless" penitent shocked me with her rejection of the parable of **The Prodigal Son**. She did not understand. Wherever she may be today, I would recommend to her Nouwen's book and a good reproduction of Rembrandt's **The Return of the Prodigal Son**. My order for the book is on its way to **Amazon.com**.

Fr. Luczak

ALMSGIVING THANK YOU



Thank you for the prayers and generosity you have given to our first three alms recipients. Much good will come from your sacrifice and love. God bless you!

Sunday Mass at Mercy Home: \$541.00
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: \$668.87
Heifer International: 508.25



SAINT JOSEPH TABLE

All are invited to share in the *St. Joseph Table TODAY* beginning with the Noon Mass followed by the blessing of the Table and the serving of the food, 1:30-4:30 p.m.! This tradition gives glory to God, honors St. Joseph, encourages community building and assists the needy. We will have a wonderful array of pastas, fish, egg dishes, vegetables, fruits, breads, sweets, and beverages. All the food has been donated through the generosity of parishioners, interested friends, and local businesses. **There is no charge** to come and eat at the St. Joseph Table. **Donations will be gratefully accepted** to help our St. Vincent DePaul Ministry reach out to those in need.

The line to come down to the Table will form in the Holy Family Room as only so many can be served at one time. Everyone's patience and cooperation will be appreciated! Kindly follow the guidance of our Men's Club members. There is an elevator available to come down to the Parish Hall if you need that assistance. We look forward to welcoming you to the St. Joseph Table and ask that you join us in asking St. Joseph's intercession for this special celebration!

Religious Education

First Communion Candidates will make their final plate designs in class Monday. Please bring your practice design with you to copy.

The Sixth Grade classes will have a presentation on the Jewish Seder with Ms. Sharon Sloan in the Holy Family Room this Monday.

Confirmation Year II Candidates have a test in class on Monday. Study well!

SPRED

Please pray for our SPRED friends who will celebrate the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday.



SOUP SUPPERS AND "HEAVEN" PRESENTATIONS

The final session of our Soup Supper and Lent series on Heaven is this Thursday, March 14. Soup is at 6:30 p.m. followed by "The Life of the World to Come", a biblical and theological perspective of heaven by Fr. Larry Hennessey of Mundelein Seminary, at 7:00 p.m. Free will offerings appreciated. To plan for the meal please sign up in the Holy Family Room today or contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180.

CONGRATULATIONS, TEENS!



Last Sunday four of our teen parishioners received Youth Leadership Awards from Bishop Francis Kane at a banquet held at the White Eagle in Niles. This special evening of recognition celebrated youth from parishes and Catholic high schools of Vicariate II. Close to 300 teens were honored by their families, friends, and parish/school representatives. The selection of our teens is based on the following: a Junior or Senior in high school, active in a parish ministry at least two years, fulfills their service with dedication and a willing spirit, shows responsibility and leadership, and has love for Christ and the Church.

Congratulations to our St. Isaac Jogues Parish award recipients pictured here with Bishop Kane (from left): Katherine Janik, an Altar Server; Althea Mae Yap, Praise Singer and Cantor; Isabel Rose Kadiri, an Usher at 10:30 Mass and Parish Teen Group member; Samuel Ratner, an Altar Server. We also congratulate two other parishioners, Gabrielle and Nicholas Carsello, who received the award from St. John Brebeuf Parish for their ministry there. We are proud of all of them and ask God's blessing upon them as they continue to share the light and love of Christ.

TEEN GROUP

The Teen Group will meet on **Sunday, March 17th**, for food, prayer, and planning of our next trip to the Little Sisters of the Poor and a bowling event. All teens of the parish are invited to come.

We want your ideas for service and social activities!

PROJECT LIFE AND LIBERTY POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

Many thanks for your support of the Project Life and Liberty Postcard Campaign! This week we mailed 118 postcards to both Senator Durbin and Senator Kirk, 57 to Congressman Brad Schneider and 50 to Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky. Your participation helps witness to the importance of life and religious freedom. Thank you!

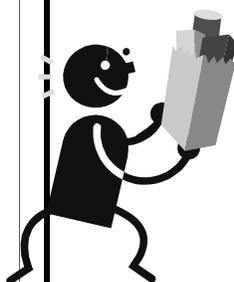
EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection taken up during all the Masses for our Easter flowers. Envelopes were included in the March packets. Thank you in advance for your support of this collection.



LENT ALMSGIVING

Be a blessing to the elderly who live at the residence in Chicago run by **the Little Sisters of the Poor**. Help the Sisters stock the shelves by bringing **packages of paper napkins, large and/or small sturdy paper plates, plastic forks or knives or spoons, Styrofoam cups (6 & 8 oz), peanut butter, jams or jellies or preserves, crackers, body wash, or body lotion** to the Holy Family Room next weekend. Your monetary



donations will also be appreciated and can be placed in the alms boxes at the doors of the church. God bless you for your generosity and prayers!

PARISH LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Parish Lent Reconciliation Service, which will include individual confession and absolution, will be held Saturday, March 16, at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Confessions will be heard in both English and Polish. Having heard in today's gospel how the Lord looks for our return and runs to embrace us and welcome us home, please come and celebrate His love and forgiveness as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, “Laetare Sunday,” breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today’s Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning “spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness,” and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the “elect” were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That’s you!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — *The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*

Psalm — *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.*

Second Reading — *Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.*

Gospel — *This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scout Sunday
Friday:	Abstinence

YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus “eats with sinners.” What is my prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus feeding me, who is also a sinner?

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME: **LOVE**

“‘Love’ is a great word, but unfortunately it’s often an empty word without much depth or meaning. That was not true for St. Paul who had a powerful and life-transforming experience of love: ‘I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me’ (Galatians 2:20). Every time Paul celebrated the Eucharist, he knew that love anew when he heard Jesus’ great words: ‘This is my body, which will be given up for you.’”

“In Sunday Mass we meet the living Jesus who loves us to the utmost in giving himself up for us. When we truly know and believe his self-sacrificing love made present and real in the Mass, we are forever changed. Nothing else can matter as much. In loving us Jesus transforms our lives.”

Louis J. Cameli, 2013 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications

**ST. ISAAC JOGUES
WOMEN'S CLUB
QUARTERLY
OPEN MEETING**

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**The St. Isaac Jogues
Men's Club
will celebrate
St. Patrick's Day at
their next monthly
meeting on
March 21st.**



A Lenten Mass will be held before the meeting in the church at 7 PM. Fr. Andrew Luczak and Deacon Paul Stanton will preside. A collection for St. Vincent De Paul will be made during the Mass.

After Mass, the Irish (*and those that want to be*) will gather in the Church Hall for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Feast.

All men of the parish are invited. Come and join our Men's Club. Meet new friends and old acquaintances. The cost for non-members is \$5.



*Remember how special it was to give
MOM the perfect gift for Mother's Day?*

*Please help us provide gifts for 250 MOMS
from our sharing parish, Maternity B.V.M.*

*Start saving and help the Women's Club Guild One
collect Mother's Day Gifts for the
children to give to their moms.*

*We would appreciate your donations of the following new make-up items:
Lipsticks, Blush, Eye Shadow, Eye Liner, Perfume, Cologne, Nail Polish, Emory Boards, etc.
They can also be the free gift items given with Clinique, Estee Lauder, Lancome, etc.*

Collection boxes will be in the Holy Family Room starting the month of April.



The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

5116 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL 60630 773-794-1313

www.womens-center.org

Dear Friends,

A very belated but heartfelt thank you for your very generous donation of baby clothing, blankets, diapers and many baby items that you collected at your Baby Shower. We are very grateful for the generosity of all the members of St. Isaac Jogues Parish.

By giving in this manner, you are assisting us in caring for the lives of precious innocent babies and their Mothers. How pleasing this must be to Him.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Mary Strom
 Executive Director





The Women's Center

February 13th marked the beginning of Lent. During Lent with sadness we contemplate the agony and death of Jesus, but we also think joyfully of His resurrection. Similarly, many women in unplanned pregnancies are troubled and sad. They come to The Women's Center and receive help, counseling and prayers. They are filled with joy after they give birth and cradle their baby in their arms. In 2012 we saved over 1,000 babies and saved their mothers from the agony of abortion.

We have an excellent opportunity for individuals or friends to work together. Volunteers are needed to clean "spare change" baby bottles, Monday thru Friday between 10am and 5pm at our Chicago office. We also need help sorting donations and assisting clients in our Chicago Family Resource Room on Saturdays from noon until 3:00 pm. To help, email jkeenana@womens-center.org or call Jackie at 773-794-8807.

Use www.goodsearch.com instead of google for your internet searches and earn pro-life money for The Women's Center. Choose charity name: Womens Center - Greater Chicagoland. Thank you.

We are happy to pass on your used baby equipment to mothers who cannot afford to buy it. Our need is great because we have two distribution centers. We have a waiting list for 5 high chairs, 7 strollers, 6 infant car seats, 4 bassinets, 5 baby swings, 5 bouncers, 4 pack n plays, and 3 toddler beds. A donation receipt for tax purposes is available. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. For our address, or if a pick-up by volunteers is needed, please call 773-794-1313. Mom and baby toiletries, baby wipes, baby formula and diapers in sizes newborn and 6 are desperately needed. Also needed are maternity clothes and older children's clothing, especially for boys, sizes 7 to 12. These must be delivered to us unless accompanied by baby furniture. The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity.

CHURCH CARPET CLEANING

In preparation of Easter and based on the use of the church, the carpet will be cleaned this Tuesday, March 12th. The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday will be held in the Holy Family Room, as will the praying of the Rosary. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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Water: Sustainability, Climate Change and Future Conflicts

Thursday, March 21, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Priory Campus Auditorium

Dominican University

7200 Division St., River Forest, IL (at the
corner of Harlem and Division)

FREE ADMISSION

Water resources are projected to become further strained in the future due to population growth and the effects of climate change. There is increasing concern by many international entities that future conflicts will be fought over water rights. This lecture will focus on water resource stressors and areas of the world where future potential conflicts could arise due to diminishing water supplies. **Gerald Gulley, PhD**, is a Full Professor of Physics at Dominican University. This event is co-sponsored by the Center for Global Peace Through Commerce and is supported by the U.S. Institute for Peace Public Education Peacebuilding Support Initiative. For more information, please call the Siena Center at 708-714-9105, visit www.dom.edu/ams. "Like" us on Facebook at [facebook.com/DUSienaCenter](https://www.facebook.com/DUSienaCenter).

**Guild 5 thanks everyone who
helped with the Carson's
Community Day event last
weekend including those who
purchased the booklets and
shopped and those that sold
and worked to make this event
successful. Carson's Community
Day was a huge success!
Thanks for your support!**

Sunday, March 10

7:30 a.m. CAROL & DON WELLBANK
 9:00 a.m. GERTRUDE POWERS
 10:30 a.m. NICOLETTA LO VERDE
 12:00 p.m. MARY JO PAULSON

Monday, March 11

8:00 a.m. **Purgatorial Society**
 ED SMITH

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 a.m. PETER DE SARIO

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 a.m. PATRICIA HILDEBRANDT

Thursday, March 14

8:00 a.m. JOSEFINA PAMORODA

Friday, March 15

8:00 a.m. IRENE VIRGINIA &
 FRANK JOSEPH TOMCZAK

Saturday, March 16

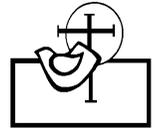
8:00 a.m. *Communion Service-
 No Intentions*
 5:00 p.m. FRANZIE BLEISCHIEFER

Sunday, March 17

7:30 a.m. *For the Living & Deceased
 Members of St. Isaac Jogues*
 RICHARD M. ARENDT
 9:00 a.m. ALICE MCNALLY
 10:30 a.m. NICOLETTA LO VERDE
 12:00 p.m. LILLIAN VINCI

FRS. LUCZAK, JANAS,
 KALAS, KENNEDY, MCGLYNN

Lent Reconciliation

Liturgy Next Weekend**March 16-17****Celebrant**

5:00 p.m. FR. KENNEDY/DEACON PAUL
7:30 a.m. MR. MCGLYNN/DEACON ROD
9:00 a.m. FR. KALAS/DEACON JOHN PAUL
10:30 a.m. FR. LUCZAK/DEACON PAUL
12:00 p.m. FR. JANAS/DEACON JOHN PAUL



Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. TRISHA BONTO
 KHAYLA SANTIAGO
 MARK MANGURALI
7:30 a.m. ALENA JOSEPH
 KATHY JANIK
 ALEXIS JANIK
9:00 a.m. GED VALLO
 TARA VALLO
 JANE ESCAREZ
10:30 a.m. YURIY MARTYNIUK
 SABIN THOMAS
 KEVIN THOMAS
12:00 p.m. LAWSON MATTHEW
 DENNIS GEORGE
 DIANN GEORGE

In Memoriam

MARION HEUSCHKEL
 VIVIAN ALBERTI

PASTOR: Rev. Andrew Luczak

PASTORAL STAFF:

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Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Music Director

DEACON COMMUNITY:

Deacon & Mrs. Robert C. O'Keefe
Deacon Rod Ranola
Deacon & Mrs. Paul M. Stanton

WEEKEND LITURGY PRESIDERS:

Rev. Ron Kalas
Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.
Rev. Philip McGlynn, O.S.M.
Rev. Camillus Janas, O.F.M.

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Noon
Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.;
Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.;
Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

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THIS WEEK'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

Sunday:

St. Joseph Table begins w/Noon Mass; Alms to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Ministry

Mon. – Sat.:

8 a.m. Mass or Communion Service (Sat.);
T/W in HFR.

Wednesday:

SPRED Reconciliation

Thursday:

Soup Supper, 6:30 p.m. followed by presentation w/Fr. Larry Hennessey, 7 p.m.;
Holy Hour & Benediction, 7 p.m.

Friday:

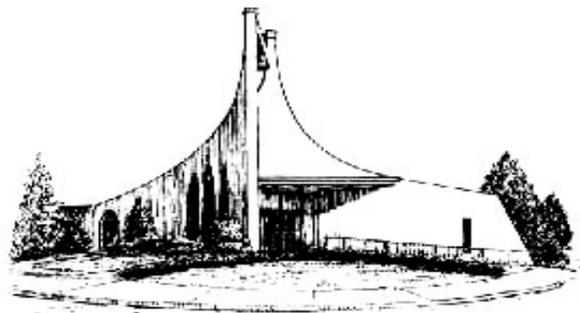
Day of Abstinence; Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross, 3 & 7 p.m.

Saturday:

Lent Reconciliation Service, 11 a.m.

Weekend of Mar. 17:

Alms Recipient – Little Sisters of the Poor



Pray for...

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