

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 31, 2019**



**TODAY'S READINGS**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

**Monday**

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday**

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**First Friday**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**First Saturday**

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

**MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE**

Table with columns for Day, Time, and Intention/Schedule. Includes entries for Saturday, Sunday, Spanish Mass, and various weekday masses.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Nursing Home Reminder: Group II is scheduled for April 7th.**

**MEMORIALS**

The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of Evelyn Byrnes ~ From Family

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Table listing financial items: March 24, 2019 (\$ 7,061.00), 2nd Collection, Snow Removal (\$ 2,835.00), Add'l 2nd Collection for Franciscan Sisters (\$ 175.00), Candles (\$ 98.00), Pennies (\$ 40.00), Attendance (575).

The Pharisees studied the law of God with great enthusiasm. They earnestly tried to be blameless in their observance of that law; it was easy for them to be self-righteous (not unlike the brother of the Prodigal Son who did not rejoice in the fact that his father had forgiven his brother). Because they observed the law so scrupulously, they could easily begin to think they did not need the mercy of God (for they feel they had done nothing wrong).

Jesus presents a picture of God as the all-merciful one, the loving parent who forgives our every fault. The father forgives the son even before the son can apologize for what he had done.

God is always eager to reconcile with us. The father of the Prodigal Son reconciles with his son immediately, no questions asked. What matters is not how far we have turned away, but that God is always there to welcome us back. Celebrate and rejoice.

The father calls for a feast to be prepared to celebrate the safe return of his son. This is a common element in the Gospel of Luke, for food is a symbol for the bounty and goodness of God. Heaven is described as being a heavenly banquet.

How joyful will we be if our greatest enemy is pardoned by God?

**How you can help us earn money?** If you have an account with Boiling Springs Savings Bank's, you can help us earn extra money. There is no fee or anything additional you need to do. For more information, call Boiling Springs Bank at 973.696.7100 or visit your local Boiling Springs Savings Bank Branch at 60 Beaverbrook Road in the ShopRite Shopping Center.

**RICE BOWLS**



We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good?

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION**

The "Welcome Home" Lenten Reconciliation schedule will be every Monday at St. Joseph Parish from March 11th through April 8th following the 7 PM Mass.

**“To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose.”**

**Ecc. 3:1**

**Joan Delaporte & Mary Rivera**

**“a time to heal...”**

**Let us pray for the sick and their caregivers and families, especially:**

Jake Rozell, Jackie & Brian Bycheck, Carol Olsen, John Roselli, Mark McCormack, Emilia Moye, Gianna Matthews, Corazon Jackson, Patricia Pagdanganan, Herbie Giardino, Roseann Post, Karen Camporeale, Debra O’Shea, Toni Toranto, Vince Auteri, Joseph VanDunk, Thomas Ketteler, Louis Martinelli, Samuel Iasso, Steven Duarte, Edel Montoya, Joan Cronin, Mary Riveria, Frank Croker, Peggy Piccoli, Patricia Morelli, Mary Kay Klein, Rose Fedor, Joanne Cerelli, Frank Lombardi, James Russo, Baby Tony, Ron Gatti, Joanne Atherton, Maggie Bertola, Karen Hayes, Joan Godowsky, Charlotte Frances, Carl Ross, Lenny Basilio, James McNamara, Sr, Karen Meyer, Patrick D’Alessandro, Eileen Jones, Larry Embley, Christopher Shomonta, Karl Stumpf, Phil Leto, Carmen Calabrese, Ewk Purenko, Walter Condon, Jr, Marion Tallia, Nancy Macaluso, Nathan Grompone, Ruth Vitale, Eugene Tensen, Rosemarie Lea, Mary Rivera, John Mooney, Pat Tafuri-Leto, Donna Tafuri-Roselli, Juan, Lou Tafuri, Alexander Parany, Judy Lorincz, Jill Cerullo, Bev Harrison, Maria Gerena, Edith Thomas, Paul Fitzpatrick, Rev Ricardo Ortega, Barbara Arvus, Chick DeVito, Jayne Vandorten, Toni Basilio, Greg Hunziker, Leonard Rizzolo, Pam Miles, Kathleen Wisniewski, Mr. Chun Yung & Wife Si Ock Yung, Maureen Carson, Christopher & Diane Hunziker, Matthew Saenz, Ashley Saenz, Marguerite McGrath, Cassie Lynn, Megan Jordan, Baby Noah, Mrs. Gloria Torrito, Kima Tan, Kevin McNulty, Michelle Manna, Pam Teehan, Martin Brennan, Donna Niforos, Concepcion Fernandez, Sergio Duarte, Joseph & Angelina Napoli, Alfred Joyell, Jack Parish, Adaria Duarte, Peter Sarf, Sophia Jade Frey, Steven Tomasi

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**GRADES K-8**

**Apr 7 Confessions for Grades 4 & 5**  
**Apr 14 Palm Sunday**  
**Apr 21 NO Classes ~ Easter Sunday**

**To report an absence for Religious Ed, please call the Parish Office at 973.696.4411, x13.**

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

**Apr 7 Confirmation Class, 6:30pm**  
**Confirmation Email:**  
**StJoesLPYouthMinistry@gmail.com**

**Congratulations!**

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

The following students **never** missed a Religious Education Class this year! We commend them for their excellence!

**Grade 6:**

Sonia Ris  
Lukcas Pazowski  
Amelia Colfin

**Grade 7:**

Breanna Dunca  
Nicholas DeSantis  
Olivia Kribs  
Syndie Lintag  
Emily Rasa  
Sarah Rasa  
Abigaile Zanca  
Elizabeth Zanca



**ALMOST PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

(1 absence)

The following students are recognized for their noteworthy attendance this year in Religious Education. They missed only one class!

**Grade 6:**

Jessica Knichel  
Hayden Tomza  
Tyler Cook  
Jaden Garcia  
Charlieze Mae Valencia

**Grade 8:**

Ryan Diese  
Allison Muttel  
Julia Jakimas  
Nadia Ris

**ENGLISH AND SPANISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The following Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday of Lent:

4/5	Stations of the Cross	7:00PM
	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)	8:00PM
4/12	Stations of the Cross	7:00PM
	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)	8:00PM
4/17	Living Stations – Youth Ministry (Wednesday)	7:30PM

**ST. JOSEPH'S GOLF OUTING**

Mark your calendar for **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** for St. Joseph's Annual Golf Outing. Any questions call Bob Reiss 973.694.8951 or reiss402@optonline.net.



Victoria, Logan and Shara Mae spoke to Mrs. Vicki's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class on how they are called by God to love and serve and what inspires them to be a part of our church community by teaching the children about Jesus each Sunday morning during CCD.



## OPEN MIC



The success of our first Open Mic has us planning Open Mic #2. All you entertainers get your acts ready and plan for our next Open Mic to be held on **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Halloran Hall**. We are looking for singers, musicians, stand-up acts, etc... as singles, duos or a small group. Acts must be suitable for the venue and within a time frame. All are most welcome to attend... bring your own snacks and enjoy the performers. Contact [stjoelp@optonline.net](mailto:stjoelp@optonline.net) to sign up.

## ANNUAL CROSS WALK



Our Annual Cross Walk will take place on **Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon** with the First Reformed and the Good Shepherd Churches. **This year, we will begin at the Good Shepherd Church, walk to St.**

**Joseph Church, then to First Reformed and end at the Good Shepherd Church.** It is very moving and a wonderful time of prayer and witness and all are encouraged to join the walk. We should be done around 2 PM. If you can't walk, just meet us at the church (or churches) of your choice. If you can't make the whole event, please feel free to join us for whatever you can.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Kids Social Activity Committee will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at 11 AM** on the grounds of the Parish Center. All children grades **Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup>** are invited to join in the fun. We will have lots of hidden eggs; plenty



for everyone so bring your baskets and let's have fun! To sign up or if you have any questions, please contact [StJosephKids@gmail.com](mailto:StJosephKids@gmail.com).



## RICE BOWL SUNDAY

Rice Bowls will be collected on Sunday, **April 14<sup>th</sup> and on Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. A box will be in the back of church marked for the Rice Bowl collection. **Please make a check payable to St. Joseph Church or submit cash only (NO COINS PLEASE) for the amount you collected in your bowl. Thank you.**



## GRIEF GROUP



The Grief Support Group of St. Joseph's Parish in Lincoln Park, NJ will begin another six week session. The group is for those who have lost a loved one due to death. It is open to all faiths and is strictly confidential. Participants are encouraged to wait at least three months after the death has occurred before joining the group. For more information or to register please call the parish office @ 973.696.4411 x 12.

## THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who supported their spaghetti dinner last Saturday. It was another success.

## **Area Happenings**

### PEQUANNOCK UNICO

Pequannock UNICO has a day trip scheduled for **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to Resorts World Casino in Monticello, NY**. Price per person is \$29. Casino bonus and lunch voucher TBD. Call Joan Deodato 973.696.3799 or Ann Carabello 973.835.0208 to reserve your seat.

### SAVE THE DATE



Bishop Navagh Columbiettes will be hosting a **Fish Fry on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 PM, with Takeout from 5 – 5:30 PM**, at St. Joseph's Halloran Hall. Chicken and Fish dinners are available catered by Tastefully British. The cost is Adults \$16, Seniors, \$15, Children 10 yrs and under \$8. Dinners include fish or chicken, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and coffee. BYOB. Get your tickets early by calling Pat Fell at 973.696.2225 or Janet Taylor at 973.3051249. The Columbiettes thank you for your support.

### HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

Holy Spirit School will be hosting their Annual Tricky Tray on **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** in the gym. Prizes include a 55" TV, iPad, Apple Watch, Tickets to a Broadway Show, Gas Grill, Sporting Event Tickets, AirPods, Baskets, Raffles, 50/50 and More. Admission is \$20 and includes a sheet of small prize tickets along with dessert and coffee. Feel free to bring your own Food and Beverages! To purchase tickets or for more information, call the school at 973.835.5680.

### WINE AND BEER TASTING



The Lincoln Park Lions Club will be hosting their Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event on **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 10 PM** at the American Legion in Lincoln Park. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, contact Linda Nazario at 973.696.7841 or Janet Taylor at 973.305.1249.

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

The items requested for the month of **March** are: children's snacks, juice boxes, mustard, mayo, ketchup, salad dressing, bread crumbs, salt & pepper, coffee, feminine products, laundry detergent, dish detergent, cleaning products and mouth wash.

**Please leave donations in the back of church.  
Thank you**