



St. Josaphat's Roman Catholic Church



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MASS SCHEDULE :

Weekdays: 8:00 AM, Saturday: 8 AM & 7PM,

Sundays: 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30AM

(Extraordinary Form-TLM) & 12Noon.

Holy Days: 7:30 PM Vigil, 8AM & 10AM

Rectory Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM–
3:30PM. **Evenings by appointment.** Saturday by
Appointment, Sunday Closed.

Devotions:

Every Monday: Miraculous Medal Devotion after
8AM Mass

First Tuesday of Every Month: (October-June)

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

7PM Holy Hour, Exposition, Recitation of the

Rosary, Benediction, Confessions,

8PM Holy Mass

First Wednesday of the month-8PM– Mass (Spanish)

Following Wednesdays: Catholic Charismatic

Renewal Prayer Group–8PM(Spanish)

Every Friday: Chaplet of Divine Mercy before 8AM
Mass

First Friday of every Month: 8AM Mass followed by
Adoration & Devotion 7PM Confessions–

7:30PM– TLM, Compline, Adoration until Midnight.

First Saturday of every Month: 8AM Mass. Followed
by Adoration & Devotion 9:15AM– TLM

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults- RCIA-

For information about the Sacrament of Baptism,
Holy Eucharist or Confirmation, please call the
Rectory.

Parish Registration: All families are welcome to
the Parish and should register in the Rectory.
Please call to make an appointment with the Pas-
tor.

SACRAMENTS :

Confessions: Monday to Friday before 8AM Mass
Saturday 6PM. All other times by appointment.

Baptisms: Please call the rectory to arrange the
celebration of Baptism. Baptisms ordinarily
should not take place during Lent except in case
of emergency. (2020– Feb.26th-April12th)

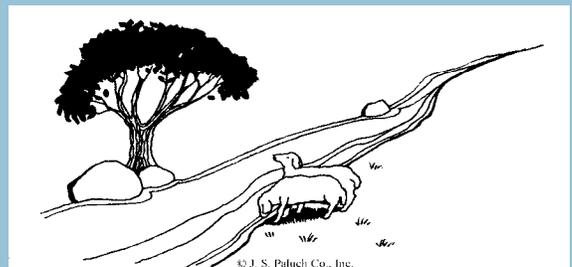
Marriages: Reserve and register date & time as
soon as possible, at least six months in advance of
the wedding. Pre-Cana and other instructional ses-
sions are required for all couples.

Ministry to the Sick: Sick calls and Communion
calls on the First Friday of the month. Please call
the Rectory.

***Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday***

March 22, 2020

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
— Psalm 23:1*



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March 22nd, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We pray for those in our parish who are ill, especially for:

Fr. Joseph Carroll, Denise Cosentini, Eleanor Davis, Christie Tweed, Dionne Kwak
Myung Kim, Rosemarie Ilardi, Eleanore Beczkiewicz & Fr. Stephen Saffron.

Please call the rectory to add a loved one to the prayer list.

The names will remain on the list for 4 weeks and are repeated as requested.



Sunday, March 22nd

+Edward Rudowski

By: Family

* Parishioners

+ Joseph, Laura & Carlo Maresca

By: Family

Monday, March 23rd

*Fr. Stephen Saffron

By: Rosemary Cornetta

Tuesday, March 24th

*Fr. Stephen Saffron

By: Rosemary Cornetta

Wednesday, March 25th

+ Anton & Lucy Zuvic

By: Family

7:00(TLM)

Thursday, March 26th

+ Isabel Cooney

By: Margaret Farley

Friday, March 27th

* Steve Tychanski

By: Family

Saturday, March 28th

+ Marie Edel

By: Richard & Giselle Kalenka

* Parishioners

Sunday, March 29th

*Parishioners

+Catherine Spellman

By: Elizabeth Reyman

+ Joseph, Laura & Carlo Maresca

By: Family

Masses for these intentions will be said on the assigned day privately.

Weekly Parish Stewardship

Attendance 3/15/20 224

Weekly Collection 3/15/20 \$ 2075

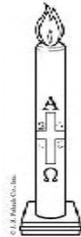
Fuel Collection \$741

The second collection For Catholic Relief Services.

St. Josaphat Candle. Mar.22nd-28th

In memory of Frank Pelczar

By: Family



Thank you to **Elizabeth, Lisa, Angel and Abigail Rudowski** for donating the Paschal Candle in memory of the **Eric & Edward Rudowski**.

The candle burns throughout the Easter Season (50 days) and is lit at every funeral and baptism.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations

Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence

Online Giving at Saint Josaphat

Should you wish to enroll in Online Giving, you can access our E-Giving Page at:

<https://www.givecentral.org/stjosaphat>

Or simply text the world **SUNDAY** to (518) 501-1663

Or visit our website at stjosaphat-queens.org and select the ways to give icon.

It takes less than a minute to enroll!



Parish Community News & Events

URGENT UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Given the continuing and growing concern about the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Bishop DiMarzio has determined that all public masses be cancelled in the Diocese of Brooklyn beginning Monday, March 16th, until further notice. This includes weekday masses as well as Sunday. As of this time **all Holy Week Services will be held privately.** Funerals and Weddings will be permitted but should be limited to family members only. Parish baptism celebrations should be limited to family only, if they cannot be postponed. Confirmations should be celebrated with the Rite of Confirmation without Mass, if need be, and in consultation with the Bishop scheduled to celebrate the Confirmation.

The faithful of the diocese are reminded that the Bishop has already issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. The obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy can be fulfilled by maintaining a prayerful attitude and through personal and family prayer.

The faithful are urged to watch the celebration of the Eucharist on TV, as well.

The celebrations are scheduled as follows:

Saturday at 6 pm: Vigil pre-recorded from Immaculate Conception in Jamaica (English)

Sunday at 11 am: Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)

Sunday at 1:30 pm: Pre-recorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)

NET-TV can be seen in the New York City are on Spectrum (Channel 97), Optimum (Channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48). Viewers can also tune in online at www.netny.tv.

Reconciliation Monday, since it normally attracts large numbers who might congregate in groups, is cancelled.

All parish meetings are cancelled as well as parish events.

In light of the continuing crisis, the situation is being monitored carefully and updates will follow. Let us continue to pray, especially through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, for those who are sick, for medical personnel and for all people as we confront this challenge.

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The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2019 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2020 Appeal.

The work and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone. Please remain assured that your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their intended purpose.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2020 ACA Video online at: CFBQ.org/ACAVideo

How Will Our Parish Benefit?

The goal at St. Josaphat Parish is \$25,717.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100 % of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

Answer the Call to: feed the hungry, support youth ministry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned, honor our elders, celebrate the Eucharist and educate and make disciples of all nations!

For questions regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office - (718) 229-1663

WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER

LIGHT

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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“Pandemic Gratitude?” It seems like an odd thing to say during these times. What are we supposed to be grateful for - supply shortages, long lines, widespread cancelations, fear, uncertainty, panic?

While these reactions are very understandable, let's take a step back and look at this through our Lenten lenses. While the COVID-19 virus is causing one pandemic, how about Lent causing a pandemic of a different kind, one of gratitude and action. Each Lent we are called to Pray, Fast and Give Alms. We are grateful for the opportunity to focus on the gifts we have been given, reflect on how to use these gifts responsibly for the furthering of God's kingdom here on earth, and then act. So, firstly, for what can we show gratitude?

We are grateful and PRAY for...

- Government leaders who have taken bold actions to keep us safe.
- The technology that allows us to stay informed and connected - even when we are encouraged to maintain social distance.
- Medical science and the researchers who are working around the clock to find a cure.
- Medical personnel, doctors, nurses and first responders who are on the front lines risking their own health to care for those who are affected.
- School administrators and teachers who are working to continue the education of our youth as seamlessly as possible.
- Custodial, maintenance and cleaning staff who work endless hours to disinfect and sanitize our buildings.
- The Pope, Bishops and all our Clergy who continue to provide for our spiritual nourishment.
- All those who are actively placing the common good ahead of personal gain.
- The return to health of all those affected, their caretakers, medical providers and those working for a cure.

While we can pray and be grateful for all of those who are working to ensure our health and safety, it is natural to feel overwhelmed and, perhaps, that there is nothing we can do to help. But, in reality, there are many ways to use our gifts given to us by our generous God to come to the aid of others.

Continuing our Lenten journey, we can FAST from...

- Selfishness by purchasing more than we really need so that others can have what they need.
- The panic and anxiety that surrounds us and remain calm and responsible.
- Negative thoughts and trust in the Lord's love and strength for us to move forward following the advice of our local leadership.
- Self-centered actions fueled by fear and turn ourselves outward to contribute to community awareness and solutions.

And finally, we can practice GIVING ALMS and performing acts of charity to...

- Assist our neighbors, especially the elderly and most vulnerable, by shopping for them and taking care of their errands when they cannot.
- Remember to wash our hands for at least twenty seconds. Instead of singing, why not pray The Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary? That will be a bit longer than twenty seconds, but a few more moments of prayer won't hurt!
- Be mindful that while many of us cannot attend Mass at this time, we can still save and mail our offertory gift to our parish or bring it with us when we are able to return, to continue the mission of our Church.
- Stay home if we don't feel well or if we are instructed to do so.

Do you recognize something here? Aren't these all things we are called to do anyway as responsible members of society? Yes, there is fear and uncertainty, but it is also a time to focus on the scriptural mandate to “Be Not Afraid.” For in these times, and all times, we know and trust in God's Word, “the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” (Jn 1:5) It is a time to use our gifts responsibly to face not only this, but all the challenges in our lives.

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Lenten Regulations 2020

In the hope of assisting the faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn to celebrate this season of preparation for Easter in a fruitful manner, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio wishes to call attention to the following:

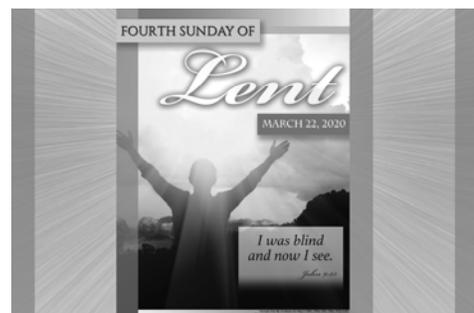
ABSTINENCE: All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020) and on all the Fridays of the Lenten Season.

FASTING: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday (April 10, 2020) by limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken at two other occasions during the day.

EASTER DUTY: After having been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, the faithful are obligated to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, this precept to be fulfilled during the Easter Season, unless it is fulfilled at some other time for a good reason. In the United States the period for fulfilling this precept is extended from the First Sunday of Lent (March 1, 2020) until Pentecost Sunday (May 31, 2020).

THE SOLEMNITIES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: The liturgical solemnities of Saint Joseph (March 19, 2020) and the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, 2020) are to be celebrated with due solemnity even though they fall within the Season of Lent.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY: Cancelled
Reconciliation Monday is observed in the Diocese on the Monday of Holy Week (April 6, 2020). Observance of this day allows the faithful to experience the grace of forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. Those conscious of grave (mortal) sin are obligated to confess before receiving Holy Communion.



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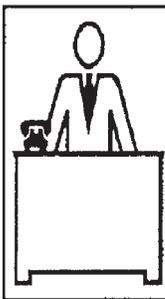
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