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# **St. Joseph Parish Bulletin**

**February 14, 2010**

## *Lent means the end of gossip? (from the mouths of babes...)*

Dear Friends,

When I asked a group of second graders the question, what is the meaning of Lent, one little girl piped up, “I guess it means the end of gossip. “ Not understanding exactly what she was getting at, I asked her what she meant. She responded that in religion class, she kept hearing that Lent was a season to look inside ourselves, to look at our own faults and failures and to ask God to help us to change those negative things in ourselves into something better, so she figured that if we have to concentrate on our own shortcomings during Lent, then we should not be spending any time talking about the faults or failures of others, hence, no more gossip. From the “mouths of babes” we sometimes receive pearls of wisdom.

Each year the Church announces (indeed joyfully proclaims) that Lent has arrived! Get ready to die to your old self and rise with Christ to a new more loving self! In our Catholic tradition, Lent carries so many layers of meaning: a change of heart, a turning away from sin, a concentration on prayer, a process of self denial to make room for God in our lives, and a special emphasis on works of charity. But the comment of the second grade girl was a real insight: Since gossip is a useless and sinful pastime that concentrates on the faults of others, real or imagined, let’s remember that Lent is just the opposite – it’s all about **looking inside ourselves**, repenting of faults and, through charity and self denial, renewing our relationship with our God and with our neighbor.

This Wednesday, February 17, Lent begins. What a great opportunity this season offers us. In the middle of winter doldrums, in a time when we may personally feel the “blahs” or be weighed down by the burdens of life, in the middle of a world that needs hope and peace, the Church give us Lent, 40 days that can renew us in heart, mind and spirit. It’s nothing less than a season that can change our lives.

This Wednesday, as ashes are put on our foreheads in the sign of the cross, we commit ourselves to a wonderful spiritual journey of forty days that will be completed on Easter Sunday. The journey involves all of the spiritual elements mentioned above. It’s a journey when we are called to take to heart the words spoken on Ash Wednesday – “Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel.” It’s a time when I recognize my own need to repent of anything selfish or sinful and to turn toward walking more faithfully in the footsteps of Christ. The Church calls this “turning” the process of conversion. It is meant to be going on inside us for our entire lives but in a special way to be intensified during this upcoming forty days.

The schedule for the distribution of ashes is found on page 3 of this bulletin. For the next forty days, there are so many opportunities to enter into the season of Lent here at Saint Joseph's:

- We add a Mass at 12:10 to our daily schedule since the eucharist is such an appropriate way to pray in this season.
- Each Friday morning after the 9:00AM Mass we will pray the Stations of the Cross.
- Our annual Parish Mission will take place from Sunday, March 14 to Tuesday, March 16. More details will be in bulletins to come.
- All through Lent and on the Monday of Holy Week (March 29) there are many opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Our Annual Lenten Project this year will be to benefit the victims of the earthquake in Haiti and the victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, a city that is still suffering the effects of that tragedy. Details and envelopes will be available at the foot of our large wooden cross on the First Sunday of Lent.
- The guidelines for the practice of fasting and abstinence are found on page 6 of this bulletin. Such practices are an opportunity to empty ourselves of our own concerns and be more focused on the person of Christ in our lives. These voluntary acts of self-denial can help us to identify with Jesus who gave his life as a gift for others and calls us to do the same.

As we enter this great season, let's remember the words from the first Preface of Lent used at Lenten Masses:

*"Each year you give us this joyful season of Lent  
when we prepare to celebrate the dying and rising of Christ  
with mind and heart renewed."*

What a great time to forget all gossip, to leave behind all selfishness and grudges. Now is the time to let our hearts be freed and our spirits be lifted up so we will be ready to rejoice with Christ and to shine with him on the day of his Resurrection.

*Fr. Joe*

***Let us take into our hearts the words that are spoken as we receive the ashes on our foreheads: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."***



## ***Schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 17***

**Ashes will distributed on  
Wednesday morning during the**

***7 am Prayer Service***

***8 am Mass***

***9 am Mass***

***and again in the afternoon during the  
12:10 Mass***

***Ashes will also be distributed during the***

***4 pm Prayer Service***

***and in the evening during the***

***8 pm Prayer Service***

***Lent is also such an appropriate time for the greatest prayer of all: the celebration of the Eucharist. Mass from Monday through Friday is at 8 and 9 in the morning and 12:10 in the afternoon. We also pray the STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday morning of Lent at 9:30am immediately following the 9:00am Mass.***

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Sunday, February 14 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)***Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26*

7:30am Anne Metzler  
 9:00am Helen Burrows  
 10:00am (Aud.) Rosemary O'Brien  
 10:30am Carol D'Angelo (35<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
 11:45am The People of St. Joseph Parish  
 1:00pm Robert Noble, Antoinette Mastromatteo,  
 Frank Penaskovic, Howard Cameron,  
 Len Smith, Mary Riley,  
 James Gormley and Seana Scott

(Living)

5:30pm Ruth Tisch

**Monday, February 15***Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13*

8:00am Ivan Simon  
 9:00am William Stuberfield  
 8:00pm No Evening Mass

**Tuesday, February 16***Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21*

8:00am Antoinette Wysinski  
 9:00am Frank Guarino

**Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)***Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

8:00am Robert Black  
 9:00am The Corroon family  
 12:10pm Gloria Schiro

**Thursday, February 18***Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25*

8:00am Fred and Alma Reis  
 9:00am Patricia Halloran  
 12:10pm Joann Long

**Friday, February 19***Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15*

8:00am Lucille and Russell Countryman  
 9:00am Irene Walker  
**Stations of the Cross following Mass**  
 12:10pm Pamela Fisher

**Saturday, February 20***Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32*

8:30am Patty Conway  
 5:00pm John Francis Corrigan,  
 Agnes Kelly, Rose Valdes-Rodrigues,  
 Patrick J. McKenna

**Sunday, February 21 (First Sunday of Lent)***Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13*

7:30am Patrick Ruane  
 9:00am John A. Kenny  
 10:00am (Aud.) Rosalie Haffner  
 10:30am Ruth McKie  
 11:45am Ruth and George House  
 1:00pm The People of St. Joseph Parish,  
 Susan G. Ambrosio and Baby Gerard,  
 Joseph J. Seviroli, (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv),  
 Ann Murtaugh, Mary Swedenburg,  
 Marcel Toussaint  
 5:30pm Rosemary O'Brien

**Saturday, February 20**

5:00pm T. Fasano, T. Fasano, J. Minda

**Sunday, February 21**

7:30am A. Auricchio, S. Auricchio, J. McGill  
 9:00am C. Allen, J. Noyes, C. Pettas  
 10:00am(Aud) T. McCoy, A. Rozea, B. Rozea  
 10:30am B. Wallace, E. Wallace, M. Wallace  
 11:45am D. Gillette, N. Gillette, P. Gillette  
 1:00pm K. Lindy, T. Lindy, B. Shea  
 5:30pm P. Cicchetti, C. Noonan, M. Pewarski

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

"If anyone is sick among you, ask the community to pray..." Please pray for: Page Accetta, Robert Auricchio, Jennifer Blake, Ryan Bradley, Mary Brosnan, Jacqueline Bruce, Denise Bruzzo, Lorraine Cagliostro, Baby Daniel Hogan Cheatham, Gina Corleto, Margaret Cullen, Robert Dolce, Sheila Dollard, Charles Dunleavy, Tony Endre, Mell Farrell, Little Michael Feeney, Keith Fox, Patricia Gilvary, Joseph Gottlieb, Evelyn Hemersbach, Baby Charlotte James, Shirley Jessen, Edward Johnson, John Kelly, Carole Koehler, James Lasko, Madison Claire Lewinger, David Lieson, Roy Mayer, Donald McCabe, Dennis McAuliffe, Bobby Menges, Mary Modesto, Jim Molloy, Angela Munnely, Maureen O'Connell, Cecelia Ortiz, Marianne Piscopo, Kevin Quill, Kathleen Smith, Emma Tynan Quinn, Diana Renton, Sally Richards, Stephanie Ryan, Liz Sarno, Charlie Schmitt, Little Julia Schwartz, Timothy Shanley Sr., James Stumpf, Little Catherine Vogt, Eleanor Waluk, Michael Winnicki, Carol Woods

**DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Michael DeVito John J. Conroy****BAPTISMS**

We welcome with joy  
**Matthew Jude Ryan**  
 newly baptized in our faith.



**Msgr. McNamara's Course**  
**"Pathways to Prayer" will not meet on**  
**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> (Ash**  
**Wednesday). Any questions,**  
**please call S. Kathleen Corr at 747-**  
**3535 Ext 12.**



**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS**

St. Joseph School is closed for the Winter Recess. We will reopen on Monday, February 22, 2010.

**PRAYER GROUP MEETING**

*Convent Chapel, Monday at 10:00 a.m.  
All Are Welcome!*

**ST. THERESE PRAYER SOCIETY FOR VOCATIONS**

St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy face had a deep awareness of the role of priests within the Catholic Church. At one time she helped a young seminarian to find his path on his journey to becoming a priest. There are many letters between Therese and this young man.

Therese believed that Jesus desires the salvation of all people and that he wants us to pray for priests. Jesus wants priests who know how to love him and his people.

Therese believed that by praying for priests, she was also praying for all people, for, to Therese, priests were so essential in serving God's people and bringing them to God.

**OUT OF PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY**

Professional therapy, provided by New York state licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 92 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the Diocese for the past 35 years for the convenience of parishioners. Services are provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or Diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at (631) 342-2503 or go to our website at <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>

**STEWARDSHIP**

**A Way of Life**

**Stewardship Reflection**



Today's readings present a contrast between good and evil. If we look at them within the context of Valentine's Day, we can imagine God knowing that we need spouses, parents, friends, mentors or any one who loves us enough to help us to see the good in our lives and even the things that we need to change. Jesus changed humankind's history by His command of love. We, too, are called to love as Jesus did and we thank God for the people in our lives that help us especially when it is difficult.

*Sr. Louise Cullen RSM - Stewardship Coordinator*

On **World Marriage Day**, we salute and pray for all our married couples, that God will give them all the graces they need.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** - If you are able to help distribute ashes this Wednesday, please contact Sr. Louise at 741-5632 or [slouise@stjosephchurchgc.com](mailto:slouise@stjosephchurchgc.com).

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

The following is a comparison if the weekly collection for 2009 and 2010 Sunday, February 7

2009	2010
\$28,985	\$26,250

**Lenten Practices of Fast and Abstinence**

A day of fast means that we limit ourselves to one full meal. A day of abstinence means that we abstain from eating meat for the entire day.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to observe days of fast. Catholics who have reached the age of 14 are asked to observe days of abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

In addition to these days of fast and abstinence, Lent is a most appropriate time to participate in acts of prayer, self denial, and charitable acts toward others.



**Easter Duty Obligation**

After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

so hard to make the First Communion Enrollment Mass and Reception such a beautiful occasion for the Second Graders of our Parish.



Come and join us for a wonderful day on Friday, March 19th at the St. Joseph School Gym from 12o'clock to 4o'clock. A chance to brighten March with the wearing of the green and the fun of Bridge and lunch with your friends. Homemade Irish Soda Bread, other desserts and sandwiches will be served. The cost is \$21.00 per person and a table is \$84.00.

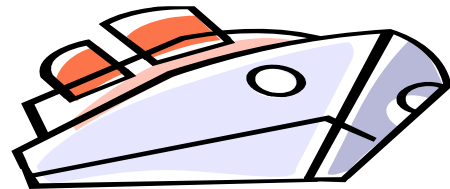
Make your plans now. Reservations will be accepted until March 11th. Checks should be made out to the St. Joseph Rosary Altar Society. Please include the full amount for your table and the names of the people to be seated with you.

The reservations should be sent to Ann Paulson 73 Brompton Rd., Garden City, NY,11530 or to Marie Kelly at 27 Clinton Rd, Garden City, NY,11530.

If you would like to play any other game, you are most welcome to do so. Let us know so we can accommodate your needs.

Our meeting last Friday was last Friday after the 9:00 o'clock Mass. We had a most interesting speaker from New Ground. It is a Non-Profit organization to help families and Veterans become self-sufficient. Please attend our next meeting on March 5th after the 9 o'clock Mass in the St. Agnes Room.

See you on the High Seas!!!!



**CALLING ALL ADULT  
Vacation Bible School  
VOLUNTEERS**

We are planning for this year's VBS - "High Seas - Exploring the Mighty Love of God." We will need at least 35 adult volunteers to help plan for High Seas. If you would like to help please call Connie McManus at 248-6564 or Tina Cento at 248-3615 or the Religious Ed Office at 741-7787.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



There are no classes this week because of Winter Recess. Classes will resume the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Religious Ed. Office will re-open on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

St. Joseph's Parish  
Adult Faith Formation Board  
Presents

**MOTHER TERESA**

The powerfully moving story of one of the few consensus saints of our time, whose faith and courage brought hope, love and salvation to the poorest of the poor. Unlike her predecessors of the same name which she chose as her religious

**To the Enrollment Mass Committee**

We extend grateful appreciation to the Parents Committee: Joey Bernieri, Karen Carney, Christine Cudahy, Julie LaSalla, Dorie Mehling and Anna Vinci who worked

name (her given name was Agnes), Mother Teresa eschewed life in a convent and, following in the footsteps of St. Francis, went out into the world (in her case the teeming streets of Calcutta). As portrayed by Golden Globe award-winning actress Olivia Hussey, we come to know Mother Teresa as a seemingly impractical, sometimes feisty, but nevertheless compelling personality, and an indomitable force unwilling to accept what others deemed impossible.

**Sunday, February 21,  
2010  
2:00 p.m. in the St. Agnes  
Room**

**This is the second of our  
2009-2010 series**

**Movies for a Sunday Afternoon**

Admission is FREE; All are Welcome. A Discussion will Follow the Showing and Light Refreshments will be served.

For more information call Dick Russell (747-2559) or Pat Kohn (741-5632)

**HUMAN SERVICES**

***"Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything."***

*Fr. Pedro Arrupe,*

**SJ**

As we celebrate this Season of the Heart, I take this occasion to thank you for generously extending your hearts to others through your volunteer work. You touch many hearts by your love and care and make a big difference in their lives.

**FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you once again for a successful food drive for Long Island Cares. I am so grateful to our coordinators and volunteers who braved the cold last Sunday. Your donations will enable me to purchase food cards for those who come to St. Joseph's for assistance. The remaining money will be sent to Long Island Cares and RotaCare. Your donations have a far reaching effect on the lives of so many.

**CAREER TRANSITION GROUP**

St. Joseph's and St. Anne's have formed a Career Transitions Group to assist those who have experienced the loss of employment with the concerns that naturally arise.

The group is facilitated by Dr. Tom Demaria and meets weekly at St. Anne's Rectory on Wednesday mornings at 8:00am for one hour.

If you are interested in coming to the meetings or have any networking possibilities that you could share with the members of this group, please contact Sister Ginny at 747-7120.

*Sister Ginny*

ST. JOSEPH YOUTH  
Ministry

We will be selling Chocolate lollipops today  
For Valentines day  
starting after the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
All proceeds along with the proceeds from our  
Basketball tournament (HOOPS FOR HAITI)  
● Will go for the relief efforts in Haiti

**Date:** 02/14/10

**Time:** after 9a.m.  
Mass

