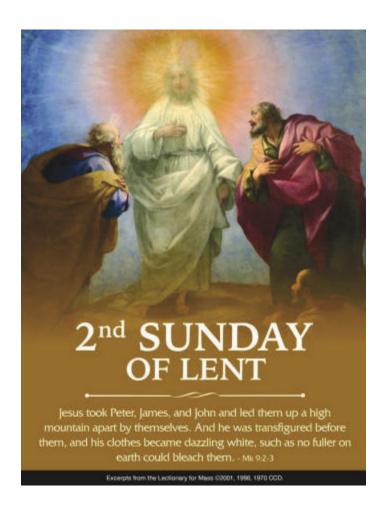


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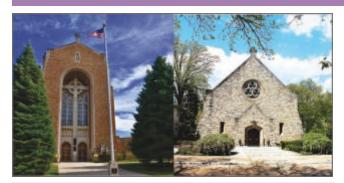
We honor the traditions of our parish and welcome all to unite in prayer and the Sacraments. Loved by God and guided by the Holy Spirit, we share the good news of Jesus Christ through joyful worship, faithful formation and dedicated service.



February 28, 2021

Our parish has reopened for the celebration of the sacraments, private prayer, adoration and Mass, with some modifications. Stay tuned to Fr. Wayne's daily emails for updates on the reopenings. If you'd like to receive our parish emails, or have questions, please contact officessifx@ssifx.org.

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If you do not do so, please consider contributing to the Parish electronically, through Give Central: www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/238

Thank you.

Elijah Cup

The Elijah Cup is traveling between parishioners' homes and we invite you to sign up to receive the it. Now more than ever we need to pray for an increase in vocations and also for our priests at Saints JFX.

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Stations of the Cross will be offered on Fridays during Lent at St. Joseph Church. Stations will begin directly after the conclusion of 8:30 am Mass.

Dear Friends,

We have begun our Lenten fast. We join Jesus in the desert, and we strive to align our lives with his.

The Scriptures lead us to closeness with our Lord. • Fast from thoughts of illness; feast Abraham lived a life close to the Lord and obedient to God's will even to the point of being willing to offer his • Fast from words that pollute; feast son as a sacrifice to God. He heard God calling and followed the command. He heard God's messenger calling • Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude. and ceased the sacrificial offering of Isaac. The image of a • Fast from anger; feast on patience. father being willing to sacrifice even his own son strikes me. The question arises, "What are we willing to sacrifice out of love for, and obedience to God?"

Today we join Jesus on the Mountain of the • Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives. Transfiguration, and I echo Saint Peter who says, "Rabbi it is good that we are here." It is good that we are here today, celebrating Holy Mass as part of our Lenten observance. As we continue our journey, we need to hear clearly the voice that came from the cloud that tells us, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." We often spend a lot more • Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others. time talking, in life and in prayer, than listening. We want • Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth. to make our point rather than understand another's. We fill our lives with useless noise that blocks out the voice of the Lord. We spend so much of our time running from this place to the next that we don't allow ourselves even a • Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm. moment to hear his voice. This Lent let's make a point to • Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that listen to what our Lord is saying to us.

Take some extra time in the morning or the evening in quiet. Turn off the television. Mute the cell • Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence. phones and silence the computers. I know as well as you • Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that do that is a tall order for modern day Christians. Another great way to listen to the Lord is to come to Mass more often. Make a visit. Spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord. Weekday Masses allow for walk-ins during this pandemic time. On Fridays at Saint Joseph, we will pray the Stations of the Cross after Mass.

In order for us to be transfigured, to be transformed this Lent, we need to let our Lord work on our PS Showcase, our annual school fundraiser, is Thursday. hearts. We need to eliminate the babble, the voices that We will gather virtually. I thank Megan Horton, Mary compete with God's. The collect for today's Mass says it Anderson and the great team of fifth grade parents who well when we pray, "O God, who have commanded us to have worked tirelessly to creatively find a way to support listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish our schools. You need not be a parent to join and support us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made this great mission of our unified parish. All are welcome! pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory."

As we purify ourselves this Lent, let's fast and feast. I reprint this litany that many of us have seen before. It helps me each Lent; I hope it will help you.

• Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.

- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
- on the healing power of God.
- on phrases that purify.

- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; feast on trust in God.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- · Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility; feast on tenderness.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

- Fast from discouragements; feast on hope.
- Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.
- inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- undergirds.

Peace.

You can get details at event.gives/showcase2021.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, March 1, 2021

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

+Tony & Justin Hill

(L)Jim Muno

(L)Martin Lee & Family

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

(L)Jim Muno

+Gene R. Solmos, Sr.

9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ

Adoration

10:00 am SJ: Benediction

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church SJ - St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Edward & Joseph Biela

+John, Bob, Bill & Tony Schinler

(L)Jim Muno

Thursday, March 4, 2021

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Harnett Deacon Robey

Intentions:

+Bob Leeper

(L)Jim Muno

Friday, March 5, 2021

6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

+Josephina Cannon

+Mark Soloman D'Silva

+Gerry Tyrrell

+John J. Williams

(L)Jim Muno

Saturday, March 6, 2021

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

(L)Rehbock Family Intentions

9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ

Reconciliation

Presider: Fr. Watts

10:00 am SFX: Confirmation

Presider: Fr. Watts

2:30 pm SFX: Confirmation

Presider: Fr. Watts

5:00 pm SFX*

Presider: Fr. Harnett Deacon Robey

Intentions:

+People of the Parish

5:00 pm SJ*

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

+Darlene Murphy

+Katie & Barbara Stinneford

+Michael Tischler

*Mass attendance is

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:00 am SJ*

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

(L)Liliana Suciu

9:30 am SFX*

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Barbara Mawicke

+Bernie Myszkowski

10:30 am SJ Parking Lot

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

+Maria DiDomizio

12:15 pm SJ Parking Lot

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

(L)People of the Parish

2:00 pm SJ: Confirmation

Presider: Fr. Watts

4:00 pm SJ: Confirmation

Presider: Fr. Watts

7:30 pm SFX*

Teen ACTION Mass Presider: Fr. Watts

offered by sign-up only. To receive links, contact mkgorman@ssjfx.org

Masses are livestreamed on our parish YouTube channel. To find our channel, search Saints JFX on www.youtube.com

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Richard Keating, Sr. Diane Lapelle Richard Lang **Betty McGarrity**



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Parish Life 5



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Pvt 1st Class Colin Brennan, Nephew of Mary Lou DiClementi
Pvt Stuart Corboy III, Son of Marcia Corboy
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Cpt Peter Dulaney, Grandson of Diana Madden
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Readings for the week of March 1, 2021

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13;

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and

23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt

20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;

Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,

18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,

11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8,

9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 OR Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2,

5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,

40-42

Lenten Offerings

Refugees: A Catholic Response

Sponosred by our Tri-Parish Group

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Guilia McPherson, Director of Advocay & Operations for Jesuit Refugee Services, will address various ways US policies impact refugees both at home and around the world. For more information, please contact the parish office at (847)256-4250.

To register, contact Pam Coster at pcoster@gmail.com.

Picturing St. Joseph in European Art, A Special Presentation for the Feast of St. Joseph

Sponsored by our Tri-Parish Group

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Saints JFX parishioner Leslie Scattone will discuss the visual tradition of St. Joseph in European art. For more information or to register, please contact the parish office at (847)256-4250.





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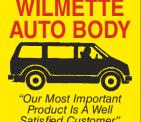
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