



St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2020



Fr. Tony Sulkowski
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It will be here before we know it.

I don't know where the time has gone. It seems to me that we just took down the Christmas tree and decorations and packed them away—and yet in a few weeks, we will begin the season of Lent.

The Church reminds us that the season of “Lent, and above all the Easter Vigil, re-reads and re-lives the great events of salvation history in the ‘today’ of her liturgy. But this also demands that catechesis helps the faithful to open themselves to this spiritual understanding of the economy of salvation as the Church’s liturgy reveals it and enables us to live it” (C.C 1095*).

“The assembly should prepare itself to encounter its Lord and become a ‘people well-disposed.’ The preparation of hearts is a joint work of the Holy Spirit and the assembly, especially the ministers. The grace of the Holy Spirit seeks to awaken faith, conversion of hearts, and adherence to the Father’s will” (C.C.1098*).

Preparation for this celebration is important. I would like to invite all of you to participate in the various Lenten programs that are planned at St. Jane Frances de Chantal—in particular, the Mission, which is scheduled for **March 1-3, 2020** (see below). The season of Lent is our preparation for the great feast of Easter.

I am also planning a pilgrimage to Israel from April 28—May 7, 2021. There will be an information night on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:30pm following Mass in the Fr. Page Activity Center. Information about this pilgrimage is on a flyer in the Gathering Space. The contact information can be found at the bottom of that flyer.

Bon mot: “Life is an exciting business and most exciting when it is lived for others.” —Helen Adams Keller

Carpe Diem,
Fr. Tony

**Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 1st
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
5:30pm Dinner
(RSVP Required!)
7:00pm Mission Talk

Monday, March 2nd
St. Ephrem
7:00pm Mission Talk
(followed by hospitality)

Tuesday, March 3rd
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
6:30pm Praise
& Worship Prelude
7:00pm Celebratory Mass
(followed by hospitality)



Mission 2020

Led by:
Peter & Debbie Herbeck
of Renewal Ministries
for the parishes of
St. Jane Frances
& St. Ephrem

We hope to see you in attendance.
Please **RSVP** for the dinner on Sunday,
March 1st by calling the Parish Office at
586-977-8080.

MISSION 2020:

FOCUS YOUR VISION!

This Lenten season, focus your “2020 vision” toward Christ. Begin by attending Mission 2020: Tell Your Story, running March 1st through 3rd. Reflect on how you have walked with Christ—how He has been present through the twists and turns of your life, how His glory has been revealed to you, and how He has transformed you. Once you have a clear view of Christ’s presence in your life, focus on how to tell your story and bring others to know Christ and His Good News. Finally, enhance your vision by taking advantage of the opportunities above to pray, give, and grow.
We look forward to *seeing* you!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
 Sunday 9:00am
 & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm
 Wednesday 8:00am
 & Thursday
Holy Day Masses As Announced

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
 8:30am—8:00pm
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 2:30pm—5:00pm

MINISTRIES

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SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? We would be delighted to talk to you about your options! Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday from 5:30pm—6:30pm
 (or by appt.)

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to start your preparations and make arrangements. Couples should stop by the office and fill out the Request for Celebration of Marriage form. Fr. Tony will call the couple and answer any questions regarding marriage.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? We are thrilled to have you! Contact our Pastoral Associate/Worship Coordinator, Laurie Hall, to begin the process by calling the Parish Office. Welcome home!

PARISH SACRAMENTAL POLICY

We ask that in order to have your child baptized here, or to be married here, you should be a registered parishioner or active in your previous parish. This means attending weekly Mass with your faith community, using your envelopes, and taking part in parish activities.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND FOR COMMUNION OR ANointing

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1:30pm Intercessory Prayer Team

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1:00pm Adoration
 5:30pm Confessions
 6:00pm FF Confirmation Prep.
 6:00pm Rosary
 6:00pm Diabetes Prevention Program
 7:00pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00am Mass
 9:30am Needle Crafters
 5:45pm Needle Crafters
 6:00pm Coffee House
 7:00pm Choir
 7:00pm Lectio Divina

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00am Mass
 10:30am Book Club
 1:15pm Swiffers 3
 5:30pm K-6 Faith Formation
 6:15pm K of C Mtg.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Office Closed

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

3:30pm Blood Pressure Screening
 4:00pm Anniversary Mass
 5:00pm K of C Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30am Blood Pressure Screening
 9:00am Mass
 10:15am RCIA
 11:00am Grief Ministry Session
 11:30am Mass
 12:30pm Baptism
 6:00pm HSYM Sunday Eve. Gathering

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“Nourished by God’s Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

NEW TO THE PARISH?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL FAMILY? BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER!

You may register at the Parish Office anytime after Mass, on the weekend, or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions. We look forward to having you here!



LAURIE HALL
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 Worship Coordinator*
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Sunday of the Word of God

We'll conclude our look at how the Church uses the Scriptures at Mass.

The Responsorial Psalm: The psalm is meant to be our response to the Word proclaimed. The Psalms are the prayer book of the Bible, containing God's words that we can make our own in every human circumstance: in joy, sorrow, love, grief, comfort, pain, security, or rest. When we pray the psalms, we pray the same words

Jesus used to pray to the Father. We praise God in the psalms and hear Jesus' voice echo in ours, and ours in his (St. Augustine).

The Second Reading: As the First Readings and Gospels show us some aspect of Jesus revealed, the letters of the New Testament show us different aspects of how Jesus works in the Church. The life of the Church in New Testament times was far from simple; Paul, Peter, James, John, and many others had their work cut out for them! We read in Paul's letters of the many different matters of faith (like the mystery of the crucifixion in today's reading from 1 Corinthians 2) that the early Church was trying to comprehend under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Hearing the letters should increase faith, hope, love, and the fruits of the Spirit in our Church today.

This is the Church's plan for reading the Scriptures every Sunday. You'll hear a good amount of the Bible at Mass, but not all of it. It is up to every Catholic, every family and parish, to continually set aside time to hear and read the Scriptures, but most importantly to pray with them. God is speaking to you. His voice is not so unrecognizable, nor his message so far off.

"For this command which I am giving you today is not too wondrous or remote for you... No, it is something very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to do it" (Deuteronomy 30:11, 14).

Written by Reverend Brian Meldrum

Music is such a part of life—all our lives. When the Beatles were shocking the "older" generation, (remember "never trust anyone over 30"?) I was in my teens and loving them. While I wasn't involved in Beatlemania, I liked their music and memorized the lyrics of so many songs. A few weeks ago, one particular Beatles song was dancing in my mind: *When I'm Sixty-Four*. Fifty years ago, I thought it was so ancient, way too far down the road... which it was.



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On January 24th, I turned 64, and quite frankly, it doesn't seem so ancient now. (Thank all of you for the lovely birthday wishes—and the choir for the gorgeous flowers!) Being this age is not quite what I thought it would be at age 14. How perception changes as you look from within! This brings to mind a larger lesson: one cannot truly judge anything or anyone from the outside and that you don't know what it's like until you've been there.

My younger brother sent me a birthday card last week with these words penned in: "Send me a postcard, drop me a line, stating point of view; indicate precisely what you mean to say, yours sincerely, wasting away. Give me your answer, fill in a form, mine forevermore... Will you still need me, will you still feed me... When I'm sixty-four?"



ANNIVERSARY MASS 2020

If you and your spouse are celebrating a wedding anniversary this year of **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or over 50 years, or a significant year in your own marriage,** you are invited to our annual Parish Anniversary Mass on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT THE 4:00PM MASS.**

The Mass is followed by the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner served at no charge for the anniversary couple. Please fill out this form and return it to the parish office no later than **Monday, February 10th.**

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Last Name: _____

First Names: _____

Years Married: _____ **# Attending Mass:** _____ **# Attending dinner:** _____

**DEBBIE MAZUR**

Christian Service

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During the next few months, many of us will be gathering our records to complete our taxes. We may also be helping our parents or senior friends do the same. I thought I would share an article I adapted from Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.:

Financial Abuse: The Silent Crime

You may know, or may have heard about, people in your community who have been defrauded by unscrupulous individuals or even family members. Illegal or improper use of an elderly person's funds, property, or assets is called financial abuse, a crime that is estimated to cost seniors at least \$2.9 billion annually (according to the Met Life Study of Elder Financial Abuse: Crimes of Occasion, Desperation and Predation against America's Elders). Financial abuse is often a silent crime because approximately 55% of it is committed by family members, caregivers and friends, making elders ashamed or afraid to report it, left without the privacy to do so, or simply unaware of who to call. Because it is so often a family matter, financial abuse is also the sort of crime that outsiders are reluctant to call to the attention of authorities. In its most toxic form, financial abuse is combined with physical and mental elder abuse.

Watch for these signs (National Center on Elder Abuse):

- ◆ *Cashing an elderly person's checks without authorization or permission*
- ◆ *Forging an older person's signature*
- ◆ *Coercing or deceiving an older person into signing any document (e.g., contracts or will)*
- ◆ *Misusing or stealing money or possessions from the elderly*
- ◆ *The improper use of conservatorship, guardianship, or power of attorney*
- ◆ *Sudden changes in account balances or banking practices*
- ◆ *Additional names on an elder's bank signature card*
- ◆ *Unauthorized withdrawal of funds using the elder's ATM card*
- ◆ *Abrupt change in a Will or other financial or testamentary documents*
- ◆ *Unexplained disappearance of funds or valuable possessions*
- ◆ *Substandard care being provided or bills unpaid despite the availability of adequate financial resources*

- ◆ *Discovery of an elder's signature being forged for financial transactions or for the titles of their possessions*
- ◆ *Sudden appearance of previously uninvolved relatives claiming alleged rights to an elder's affairs and possessions*
- ◆ *Unexplained sudden transfer of assets to a family member or someone outside the family*
- ◆ *The provision of services that are not necessary*
- ◆ *An elder's report of financial exploitation*

In addition, typical scams that target elders include:

- ◆ *Announcement of a "prize" that the elderly person has won but must pay money to claim*
- ◆ *Phony utility workers trying to get into the house (see ID, or call the city for verification)*
- ◆ *Phony charities (a few resources regarding charity ratings are Charity Navigator; Charity Watch or CharityCheck101.org)*

This list of signs/scams is not inclusive. If you suspect a family member, neighbor, friend or even yourself is a victim, get help! Some useful resources include:

- ◆ www.eldercare.acl.gov (Eldercare locator)
- ◆ www.napsa-now.org
(National Adult Protective Services Association)
- ◆ www.thehotline.org/get-help
(National Domestic Violence Hotline)
- ◆ www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes/seniors (FBI: Fraud Against Seniors)
- ◆ www.ncea.acl.gov/FAQ.aspx
(National Center on Elder Abuse: Frequently Asked Questions)

"If one member suffers in the body of Christ which is the Church, all the members suffer with that member" (1 Corinthians 12:26). For this reason, those who are baptized into Christ and nourished at the same table of the Lord are responsible for one another. Let us be mindful and observant for each other.

Debbie

Blood Pressure Screening

Our Health Ministry Team will be available for Blood Pressure Screening next weekend:
February 15th & 16th.



They will do the screenings on Saturday, February 15th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm and on Sunday, February 16th from 8:30am to 11:30am.

Are you interested in becoming an usher?

Ushers help Mass run smoothly each week, stay after Mass to collect hymn books, help anyone in need of assistance, and most importantly, extend their hospitality to parishioners and visitors alike.

If you are interested in becoming an usher, consider attending our general meeting on **Friday, February 21st at 6:30pm**. If you would like more information on how to become an usher, or simply have any questions, please **contact Larry Frontera at 586-306-3450**.



Knights of Columbus
Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, Feb. 15th
Serving Dinner
at 5:00 pm

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus to continue the good works of the Knights with proceeds going to the charities they support.

Tickets on Sale NOW!
 Adults \$10
 Children (12 & under) \$5

Tickets available after all Masses in the Parish Office.

THE GENESIS METHOD:

A Simple Relational Method for Evangelization through the Art of Meaningful Conversation

Presented by

- **Michael Dopp, Founder, Mission of the Redeemer Ministries, Ottawa, Canada**
- **Fr. Jon Blelawski, Co-Founder of the Genesis Mission, Diocese of Plymouth, England**
- **Michele Thompson, Co-Founder of the Genesis Mission, Diocese of Plymouth, England**

The Genesis Mission is an effective program of formation and enables ongoing personal growth. It works in a very practical way that is uniquely adaptable to every baptized person: dismissing the myth that evangelizing is only for those with “the gift” and enabling each and every faithful Catholic to proactively share in the great commission. The Genesis Method, which stems from the Genesis Mission, is a simple, relational method for evangelizing. All parish staff and interested volunteers can sign up for this half-day workshop to learn about how to use the Genesis Method in their ministry and in their daily lives.

REGISTER AT: genesismethod.eventbrite.com

Friday, February 14, 2020 from 8:30am—12:00pm

Cost: \$15.00

Shrine Conference Center

29130 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073

Contact Marilyn Webb at 313-596-7140 with any questions.

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center**PATHWAYS TO PRAYER****Learning to speak and listen to God****Spring Prayer Series**

February 20th: Examen | **March 19th**: Centering Prayer

April 26th: Praying with Art & Movement | **May 21st**: Labyrinth

Sessions offered from 1:00pm—2:30pm, and again from 7:00pm—8:30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per session

Register for all four sessions by February 19th and get one **FREE**

Register online at stpaulretreat.org

OR call 313-286-1800. Payment in full is requested, and reservations are necessary.



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ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

Jesus tells us how important we are. He compares our lives to salt and light—things we need and use every day. Our daily lives can make a positive difference to the people around us. We should strive to share love and kindness with everyone.

IN CHURCH:

Find someone after church who inspires you (e.g., priest, catechist, friend, parent, liturgical minister). Tell them why they inspire you and thank them.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- ◆ When have another person’s actions inspired you to do something good?
- ◆ Who makes a difference in your life? Have you ever let them know, or thanked them?
- ◆ Why does Jesus want us to be like light?
- ◆ Why does Jesus compare His followers to salt? What does salt do for us?
- ◆ What are some ways you can let your light shine?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Thank you, God, for giving each of us special gifts. Help us to find new ways to share our talents with one another. Amen.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK, IN

PREPARATION FOR MASS:

- ◆ What rules do you follow, at home, at school, at work? Why do we have rules to follow?
- ◆ What is Jesus’ primary rule? How *should* you follow this rule? How **do** you follow this rule?
- ◆ What is your conscience? Can you strengthen it up? How?

NET MINISTRIES Retreat
 All 8th—12th graders!
 March 20, 2020
 At St. Peter’s in Mt. Clemens
 Join teens from across our Vicariate as we learn more about the Gospel Message and how it relates to our lives TODAY
 For more information, visit us at:
sjfparish.org/YouthMinistry

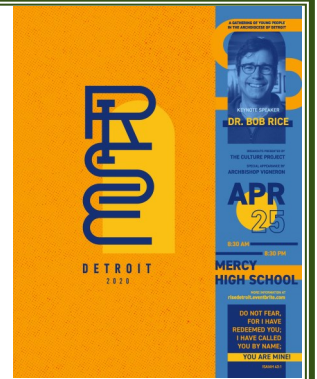
All High School Students
 in the Archdiocese of Detroit

SAVE THE DATE!

April 25, 2020 for

RISE - DETROIT!

For more information go to:
sjfparish.org/YouthMinistry
 Or check back here for updates!



We heard last weekend about the Presentation of the Lord. Sunday’s Mass fell 40 days after Christmas this year, and so this Solemnity was celebrated instead of the “regular” 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel reading from the 4th Sunday of OT in Cycle A was from the 5th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, just before this week’s Gospel, on the similes of Salt and Light. Those readings would have been on the teachings of Jesus, called the Beatitudes, and for next week, I feel it important to touch on each of these sets of readings.

Scholars have this whole Gospel being written for Jewish-Christian people who lived in “close” proximity to Jerusalem. Being such, the audience for this writing would have knowledge of the Pharisees and Sadducees—of the Jewish “power” structure and the groups of people who taught not just “religion” but the way to live their lives in the world. Too often, it seems, many of these teachers followed a black and white, literal interpretation of the Law of Moses (the Mosaic Law). This tended to make everything they did *legalistic* in nature, unwilling to bend in many circumstances, but also able to find “loopholes” to certain laws, not as a way to help themselves change for their own betterment, but as a justification for actions.

Jesus’ Beatitudes were a totally different way of thought for many of them! The Beatitudes were sort of like a, “put yourself in someone else’s shoes” moment, to see that perseverance through adversity can help someone grow. People need not necessarily be persecuted because of a past action. Instead, they can be helped to grow, so that that do not need to be “stuck” in that situation again. To me, in this way, we as fellow followers of the Anointed One (the Christ) are like light, shining in aid of someone who may be faltering. We are also like salt, allowing those who have made mistakes to *flavor* those mistakes, swallow their pride, and move past the mistakes (learning from them, of course) to become productive members of God’s Community once again.

In Paul’s first letter to the Church in Corinthians, this week (1 Cor 2:1-5), Paul does just this. He comes not with great speeches proclaiming “himself”, but rather says, “*I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling... so that [our] faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.*” Can we be God’s Light to those out there in darkness? Can we put ourselves in their shoes? How can we walk with someone through their despair or suffering? Live out Jesus’ Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-12), and be Salt and Light for a new age!

PARISH SUPPORT January 26, 2020

Registered Families:	1406
Envelopes Returned:	306
Amount Offered:	\$10,130.20
Loose Offering:	\$1,066.00
Online Giving Contributors:	76
Contributions:	\$3,209.00
Total Offerings:	\$14,405.20
Budgeted Offertory:	\$12,044.00
Actual Offertory:	\$14,405.00
Difference:	+\$2,361.20

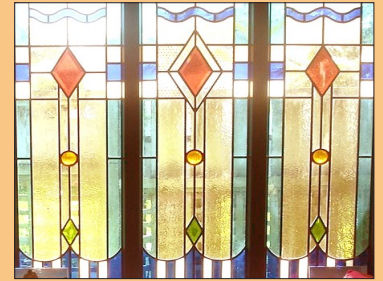
Next week, Michael Lenz, a representative from our Bulletin publisher, Diocesan Publications, will be seeking new and renewing Parish Bulletin ads. If you are interested in advertising, please call the Parish Office (586-977-8080) for contact information. This is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to increase their visibility in the community.

Advertising in the bulletin allows this publication to be printed each week at no cost to the Parish.

ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL FIRST SUNDAY MONTHLY MEMORIAL

First Sunday Monthly Memorial Forms for 2020 are now available in the Parish office. **The offering is still \$75.00 per intention** for the year. The First Sunday Monthly Memorial members will be recognized at the 9:00am Mass on the first Sunday of every month, and included in our bulletin every week on the back cover starting in March through the last Sunday of February.

Please submit your form as soon as possible or by February 10th. If you have questions, you may contact the Parish Office at **586-977-8080**.



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY OF PRAYER

Assumption Grotto in Detroit will hold a special Day of Prayer on **Tuesday, February 11th**, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. A full day of religious activities is planned from 7:00am to 4:00pm, including 7:30am and noon Masses, Confession, Public Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and a catered full-course meal from 1:00pm—4:00pm. For a complete schedule and/or more information, including the preparatory nine-day Novena of Masses, please visit www.prayerpilgrimages.com or call **(313) 372-0762**.

EUCHRE NIGHT: Happy Valentine's Day

WHEN: Saturday, February 22nd,
from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm.

WHERE: In the Fr. Page
Activity Center.

WHO: Whether you are
a pro or a beginner, join
us for a fun night of
Euchre!

WHAT: We'll be playing
Euchre and having a fun
evening together! The games will be
played using rotating partners.

HOW: Sign up in the Parish Office. The
cost is \$10.00 per player and covers the
cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages
and prizes. We ask that the \$10.00 please
be paid by the cut-off date of Monday,
February 17th.

*(No refunds for cancellations issued after
February 17th).*

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at
Lsmith@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080,
ext. 113.



A NOTE FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR

Hi—my name is Lucas Jeffrey. I've recently begun working at St. Jane Frances as the Communications Facilitator. This means I edit the Bulletin, manage our social media presence and website, and help direct Parish communications. I've been a parishioner since age five and have always very much enjoyed my experiences at our welcoming church. I also regularly altar serve; you may have seen me at the Saturday 4:00pm or Sunday 11:30am Masses. I'm thrilled to now be working here and am excited for the opportunities this position will hold! If you have any questions, I can be reached at bulletin@sjfparish.org or by phone at our Parish Office number: 586-977-8080, ext. 101. I look forward to the future!



ONLINE GIVING

We are grateful for your support of our church. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. Visit our website, WWW.SJFPARISH.ORG to sign up for Online Giving. Email Jody Gazo at jgazo@sjfparish.org or call 586-977-8080, ext. 112 with any questions.

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Thank you

Antonio's Italian Market

for advertising in the

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We ask our parishioners to support our advertisers, as they are the ones who help make our bulletin possible.

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Phone: 586-264-1230

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Pastor: Fr. Craig Giera

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am

Saturday 12:15pm

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2020 FISH FRY SEASON!

Friday, February 28th 4:00pm - 7:00pm
 Friday, March 6th (Dine-in & Carry-out)
 Friday, March 13th
 Friday, March 20th *Look for more information in future bulletins!*
 Friday, March 27th
 Friday, April 3rd



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30;
 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13;
 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40;
 Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19;
 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15;
 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,
 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knight of the Month (Dec.)

Erdrick Swincicki



Knight Family of the Month (Dec.)

Larry & Karen Frontera

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10: NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11:

7:00pm Dec. Felicidad Valencia (Family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

8:00am For Vocations

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

8:00am Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)

Dec. Mary Czerwinski (Family)

Dec. Mike Scavo (Judy Taylor)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14: NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

4:00pm For the Parishioners

Dec. Jennie Hetrick (Children)

Dec. Mark & Leina Pepaj

(Pepaj Family)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

9:00am Liv. Valentin Vacaj (Mom Maria)

11:30am Dec. Michael F. Eastman Sr.

(Carol Pociask)

Dec. Giovanni & Margaret Sarti

(Son Teodoro)

Dec. William Korte (Cindy Guzi)

Dec. Les Richards (Beverly Radlinski)

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Call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — February 15th and February 16th

Please see scheduling app for updates.

	4:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Sacristan(s)	Lisa Skoczylas	Selma & Paul Marzec	Lynn & Dave Burley
Lector 1	John Martin	Denise Dara	Robert Skwara
Lector 2	John Czarski	Gary Bjornrud	Geri Miles
Altar Servers	Matthew Pawl	Teresa Mezzapelle	Elsa Jeffrey
	Taryn Pawl	Adrianna Frezza	Lucas Jeffrey
Ushers	Team 3	Assigned	Team 1

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
 Jan Machusak
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
 Judy Taylor
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
 Cindy Guzi

PRAYER LIST



From the Letter of James 5:13:
 “Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise!”

It is our Christian duty to pray for others. Please call the Parish Office to add or remove a name from the Prayer List. Please be aware that we can only add names of persons who have given permission to have their names printed. If you desire prayers for someone who does not wish to have their name printed in the bulletin, please use our Intercessory Prayer Box in the Worship Space. The Intercessory Prayer team will include your intentions in their prayers.

Names added to the Prayer List will remain on the list for a period of 4 weeks. If the illness or situation continues after that time and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

Fr. Gerard Austin

Rachel Canavesio

Mary Ann DeDonatis

Elaine Ewing

Anna Lisa Flattery

Danny Frezza

Daniel Haddel

Walter Kronner

Jean McDonald

Kevin McDonald

Bernice R. McIlwain

Walter Majra

Addison Mathews

Anita Pitlock

Susan Putrycus

Eileen Rogowski

Steve Sadecki

Daniele VanAcker

Brad Wilson

Nicole Zapinski

LENTEN BOOK CLUB

Lent is fast approaching; Ash Wednesday is on February 26th this year. Our Lenten Book Club selection this year is *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by Fr. James Martin, SJ. The following is an excerpt from the seller:

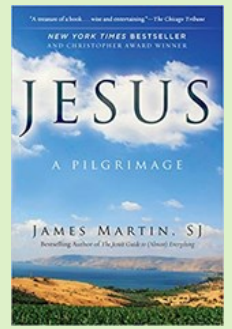
“James Martin, SJ, gifted storyteller, editor at large of *America* magazine, popular media commentator, and New York Times bestselling author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, brings the Gospels to life in *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, and invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer and travel.

Combining the fascinating insights of historical Jesus studies with profound spiritual insights about the Christ of faith, Father Martin recreates the world of first-century Galilee and Judea to usher you into Jesus’s life and times and show readers how Jesus speaks to us today. Martin also brings together the most up-to-date Scripture scholarship, wise spiritual reflections, and lighthearted stories about traveling through the Holy Land with a fellow (and funny) Jesuit, visiting important sites in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

The person at the heart of the Gospels can seem impossibly distant. Stories about his astonishing life and ministry—clever parables that upended everyone’s expectations, incredible healings that convinced even skeptics, nature miracles that dazzled the dumbstruck disciples—can seem far removed from our own daily lives, hard to understand, and at times irrelevant. But in Jesus you will come to know him as Father Martin knows him: Messiah and Savior, as well as friend and brother.”

Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, February 27th at 10:30am**. This book is quite long, 560 pages in paperback, so we will not be able to complete it in the 40 days of Lent. **We will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month** until we have completed the book. (March 12th and 26th, April 23rd, May 14th and 28th). We will skip April 9th as that is Holy Thursday. If you can’t make a commitment for the entire book, come when you can.

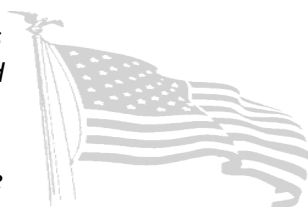
The book is available from major book sellers, including Amazon. Please obtain a copy and read Chapters 1—4 for our first session. Please **email Laurie at lhall@sjparish.org or call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080** to register. Looking forward to a good read and discussion!



ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army
 Nicholas Brosowski, Army
 Chris Burley, Navy
 Shaun Chaplin, Air Force
 Charles Cosnowski, Air Force
 Winndie Darrow, Coast Guard
 Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines
 Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard
 Carmen LaForest, Navy
 Matthew McDowell, Air Force
 Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force

Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy
 Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy
 Anthony Trotta, Navy
 Kyle Wiegand, Army



IRELAND PILGRIMAGE: MAY 4-14, 2020

Want to deepen your devotion to Mother Mary? Join Fr. Tony as he leads you on the trip of a lifetime to the Apparition site at the shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland!

For more information, contact the Parish Office.