



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 17, 2024

Monday, March 18

11:00am (SPJ) - *Holy Hour with Confessions*

12:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Smith Family
by Margaret Smith

Tuesday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:00am SE) - *Holy Hour with Confessions*

12:00pm (SE) - All Religious Congregations of Catholic
Sisters by Nancy Montville

Wednesday, March 20

12:00pm (SPJ) - Anthony Politi by Peg Sheehan

Thursday, March 21

No Scheduled Mass

Friday, March 22

11:00am (SPN) - *Holy Hour with Confessions*

12:00pm (SPN) - Amady H & Mary Casavoy Montville
Families by Nancy Montvillr

Saturday, March 23

3:30pm (SE) - *Holy Hour with Confessions*

4:30pm (SE) - Special Intention for Elizabeth Santorella
by Theresa Spear

Sunday, March 24

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SPJ) - Richard Sheehan by Peg Sheehan

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown

(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro

(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex

(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

Readings for the Week of March 18

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

We are nearing the end of the Lenten season and at the edge of the Passion of Jesus. His hour is upon us. Jesus is about to take up his cross. As his disciples, we are called to follow him. We too are to take up our cross and offer our lives with him. We too are called to bear fruit like the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies to yield a rich harvest. Yet so often we resist the crosses in our lives, whether out of selfishness or fear. Yet if we wish to follow Christ, we must not turn away from the crosses in our lives. We must love the way he loved us. This week, let us take time to look at a crucifix, to recognize what Jesus has done for us, for each of us, so that we may be where he is, and come to see him face to face.

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth — Attendance: 34

Envelopes: \$412.25; Plate: \$39.00

Fuel: \$180.00; Easter Flowers: \$20.00

Total: \$651.25

Catholic Relief Services: \$118.00

Saint Philip Neri — Attendance: 16

Envelopes: \$389.00; Plate: \$6.00

Fuel: \$55.00; Easter Flowers: \$95.00

Total: \$545.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$97.00

St Philip of Jesus — Attendance: 44

Envelopes: \$1,175.00; Plate: \$20.00

Fuel: \$195.00; Donation: \$25.00

Total: \$1,415.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$189.00

Good Friday/Holy Land: \$50.00; Easter: \$100.00

CONFIRMATION CLASS

TODAY 3/17 Class # 23 How do I build the kingdom?
(Saying Yes to the Mission of Christ and His Church)

3/24 Class #24 Where do I go from here?
(The Journey Continues)

THE IGNATIAN WORK OUT FOR LENT 2024 SE Parish Hall Every Saturday of Lent @ 2 PM

4. I Will Live in Hope

4.1 An empty Tomb (Mk 16: 1-8)

4.2 Recognizing Jesus (John 20: 11-16)

4.3 Do Not be Afraid (Mt 28: 1-10)

4.4 Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-32)

4.5 Visiting the Disciples (Jn 20: 19-23)

Describing the exercises St. Ignatius of Loyola suggests that they're to help us to know the difference between true and false desire. That is to say, "To overcome oneself and to order one's life without reaching a decision through some disordered affection". For him, spiritual exercises were not about earning God's love. They were about removing the detours that distract us from knowing it intimately. **The fourth group calls to mind the fact that love is the aim of all our spiritual exercises, that in the end, God calls us not to suffering as an end in itself, but as a path through which we travel to deeper joy.** We rejoice with Christ in His resurrection and remember that in conquering death He has released us from the fear that our love might be in vain. We will be doing the first 5 exercises from this fourth group this Saturday as mentioned above. Though you have not been coming previously, you are still welcome to join us. Thank you.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



This Tuesday we celebrate **St. Joseph**, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What is it that made Saint Joseph so great? He wasn't immaculately conceived as our Blessed Mother was. He was not divine like Jesus. But he was the head of the Holy Family, its guardian, and its provider. He became the legal father of the Savior of the World and the spouse of the mother of God. But Joseph is not great only because he was given such incredible privileges. First and foremost, he was great because of the choices he made in life. Gospels refers to him as a "**righteous man**" and as a man who "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Thus, his greatness is primarily due to his moral righteousness and obedience to the will of God. Joseph's obedience is especially seen in the fact that he obeyed the voice of God given to him in the four dreams recorded in Scripture. When these dreams are read in succession, it is clear that Saint Joseph was attentive to the voice of God. We all have dreams, but Joseph's dreams are different. They were clear communications from God, and they required a willing recipient. Joseph was open to the voice of God and listened in faith as that willing recipient. Joseph also responded with complete submission and full determination. The commands Joseph received were not insignificant. His obedience required that he and his family travel great distances, reside in strange lands, and do so all in faith. It's also clear that Joseph took his vocation seriously by showing his unwavering commitment to his role as the guardian of his legal Son, Jesus, and his wife, Mary. His life was spent providing for them, protecting them, and offering them a father's heart. Saint John Paul II called him the "**Guardian of the Redeemer.**" May he intercede for us in our faith journey and inspire us to lead a virtuous life.

With Love and Prayers....  **Fr. J.T.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

24th March: PALM SUNDAY

(Regular weekend Schedule with Blessings of the Palms and Passion Readings)

28th March: HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm (Willsboro): Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until 9 pm.

29th MARCH: GOOD FRIDAY

12:00pm (E-Town): Solemn Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm (Westport): Passion Narrative with Veneration of the Cross

6:00 pm (Willsboro): Solemn Stations of the Cross

30th MARCH: EASTER VIGIL

8:00 pm (E-Town): Solemn Holy Eucharist with "Exultet"

31st MARCH: EASTER SUNDAY

(Regular Sunday Schedule)

REMINDERS:

...Cardinal Burke is calling all Catholics in the US to take part in a 9-month Novena starting March 12 and ending on the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th. We will be petitioning our BVM for her protection and intercession in changing the direction of the world. Has the world ever been more sinful or in more chaos? We've just reached the milestone of 1 billion abortions worldwide. We need to pray for souls to turn back to Jesus and His Way. After our lady appeared to Juan Diego millions converted from their pagan ways, which included sacrificing millions of innocents. To get more information or join this spiritual fight, go to novena.cardinalburke.com.

...STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Followed by **Noon Mass** on Tuesdays in E-Town, Thursdays in Willsboro, and Fridays in Westport.

...HOLY HOUR with Confessions: Mondays at 11 am in Willsboro (Sacristy) Tuesdays at 11 am in E-Town, Fridays at 11 am in Westport (Sacristy) and Saturdays at 3.30 pm in E-Town...Thank you.

THE HOLY ROSARY—Part IV

It is in those moments of internal turbulence that the presence of the **Rosary under the pillow** reveals itself as a beacon of light in the darkness of the night. As you gently slide the rosary under your pillow, you are not only performing a physical gesture, but you are also establishing a deep connection with the tradition and Marian devotion that transcends the bounds of time and space. It's as if, by placing the Rosary there, you are opening the doors of your heart to the loving presence of the Virgin Mary, inviting her to accompany your sleep and envelope you with her mantle of maternal love and divine protection. Each bead of the rosary, delicately intertwined in your hands, becomes a link that connects you to Mary's love and presence, gently guiding you along the paths of peace and serenity. And so, as you surrender to the embrace of sleep, you know that you are not alone. You know that even in the darkest hours of the night, the maternal presence of Mary is by your side, guarding and protecting you with her infinite love. And it is in this knowledge, in this comforting certainty, that you find the much-awaited rest, allowing yourself to finally surrender to the arms of sleep and be carried away by the sweet melody of dreams. This simple yet significant practice is a testimony to the profound trust and devotion of the individual towards Mary's intercession and her loving presence in our lives. **(To be continued)**



CHRISM MASS

All the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are invited to join Bishop LaValley in the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of our Diocese. This ritual symbolizes that we are one family in Christ. The Chrism Mass will be held on Thursday, **March 21, 2024, at 11 a.m.** at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, New York. The Chrism Mass may be viewed at <https://www.rcdony.org/livemass>. The Chrism Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Liturgy.