

April 7, 2019 5th Sunday of Lent

From the Desk of Fr. James

Of the many good advancements that have developed in this age of technology, safety in modern automobiles is one of them. Nowadays, cars are equipped with cameras so that drivers can see what is going on in blind spots. Devices in our cars alert us with sounds that tell of possible dangers. All of these things are certainly helpful in fostering a safer traveling experience in our day to day lives.

Unfortunately, our eyes, ears and other senses do not always alert us to the truth in the lives of persons around us. Often enough, we suffer from "blind spots" in our dealings with one another. It sometimes can be difficult to see the good in our enemies or even the faults in our loved ones. Hatred can blind us, but so can love! Even in our perception of ourselves we suffer from "blind spots." For example, those who suffer from low self-esteem may struggle to recognize their own gifts while those with an inflated ego can tend to overlook their faults and failings. Self-righteousness is a "blind spot" that concerned our Lord Jesus, as is recorded in the gospels. Today, doctors can remove cataracts easy enough, but overcoming such things as self-conceit can be more challenging.

The Season of Lent in the Church brings with it an invitation to re-angle our mirrors, so to speak. Openness to a fresh perspective can help us to detect within ourselves areas where there is room and need for improvement. Often, it's the case that those around act as a "mirror" through which we can take a refreshed look at ourselves. The manner in which others respond and even react to us in our day to day lives is often the manner in which God chooses to communicate with us, offering us an invitation to take a renewed look at our lives so we can consider what adjustments we can make to bring our lives into a greater conformity with the Gospel.

Your Servant in Christ,

Father James



Saturday/Sunday, April 6/7 **5th Sunday of Lent**

5 p.m.	People of the Parish
8 a.m.	† Elizabeth & Joseph Masler
9:30 a.m.	† Dennis Gregory
11 a.m.	† John & Adele Nichols

Monday, April 8

7 p.m.	† Thomas Michek Jr.
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Tuesday, April 9

7 p.m.	Open Intention
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Wednesday, April 10

7 p.m.	Open Intention
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Thursday, April 11

St. Stanislaus

9 a.m.	Open Intention
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Saturday/Sunday, April 13/14 **PALM SUNDAY**

5 p.m.	† Margaret Grunwald
8 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:30 a.m.	† Dominick J. Allocco
11 a.m.	† Dr. John Titus

This Week's Activities

Sunday, April 7

 The New Corinthians (7 p.m.) Church Hall

Tuesday, April 9 Church

 Adult Choir (7:45 p.m.)

Thursday, April 11

 Knights of Columbus (7:30 p.m.) Upper Room

Friday, April 12

 Stations of the Cross (7 p.m.) Church

Offertory Contributions

Offertory Collection for 3/31/19: \$4,619.

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"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."(Philippians 3:8).

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

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Parish and Diocesan News

SANCTUARY LAMP Offerings will be accepted by those who wish the sanctuary lamp by the tabernacle to burn in memory of a loved one.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Parishioners of St. Joseph are welcome and invited to donate flowers for the sanctuary of our church. Flowers can be either donated in memory of a loved one or anonymously. Please call Jill at the Rectory Office if you would like to contribute to the adornment of our sanctuary.

MASS INTENTIONS Inasmuch as many of the Masses offered at our parish have an open intention, parishioners are invited to request that a particular Mass be offered for a deceased loved one or for the intentions of the living. Please contact the Rectory Office to make arrangements and to receive a Mass card. Alternatively, if a Mass has an open intention, which will be indicated in the bulletin, you are welcome to see Father James before any of the weekend or weekday Masses to request an intention.



Just an hour of your time is all that is needed to help the Lord's Housekeepers on Saturday, April 13 at 1 p.m. with the cleaning of the Church in preparation for our **Easter** celebration. You will have a feeling of pride when attending Mass knowing you played a part in preparing our Church for this very special time of year. Thank you in advance for all your help!

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Help Build a Civilization of Love

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Starting April 12th, the new office hours are:

Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Knights of Columbus are offering competitive scholarships for St. Joseph High School seniors. Please see the parish website at www.sjchb.org for details under the "Scholarship" link. Applications are due on May 1st and will not be accepted or considered after that date.



The 6th weekly winner of the K-Club is Kathy Conroy. For enrollment forms for new members or for information about the K-Club, visit www.kofc10627.org/k-club



Holy Week

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday
at 7 p.m. in the Church

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday, April 13 at 5 p.m.
Sunday, April 14 at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

3 p.m. - Passion of the Lord
7 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY SATURDAY

12 noon - Blessing of Easter Food (Church)
8 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

THANK YOU



We are very grateful to all our volunteers who helped this past winter with clearing the walks and parking area of snow and ice. Our thanks goes out to: Lisa & Bob Buckley, Tom Corrado, Maureen Feury, Craig Jablonsky, Kevin Loughney, George Mehaffey, Tom Newman and Mike Voorhees. **Thank you all for your service to our parish and for keeping everyone safe!**