

**READINGS FOR MAR. 29
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51

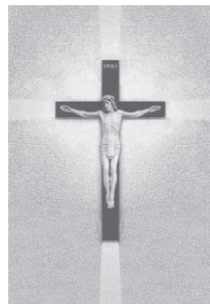
Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

“Lent” is a season of hope. It refers to the lengthening of days. From Jeremiah we hear the promise of God’s forgiveness and a new covenant. “*I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*”

The three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—paint a picture of Jesus’ agony the night before he died. John stresses Jesus’ divinity because he was writing for Christians who were questioning whether Jesus was God. He shows the Son of Man in contact with the Father in heaven and clear in his purpose—his time had come. As Paul tells the Hebrews, Jesus knows that in his suffering he will be made perfect to save us all.

In the Gospel, Jesus bewilders his disciples and the truth-seeking Greeks with his foundational Christian teachings: in dying to this world we live; those who devote their lives to God will have eternal life; and through service comes greatness. By dying, like the grain of wheat, Jesus will produce much fruit.



LENT 2009

40 DAYS OF SPIRITUALITY

THE WORD

As a Catholic community, we witness to the love of Jesus Christ in the world.

March 22, 2009 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

OUR PARISH PATRON, ST. JOSEPH

This past Thursday, March 19, we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph. As you know, St Joseph is our parish patron saint and is also the patron of the universal Church. **Join us today at noon in the gym at the St. Joseph’s Table!** Thanks to the generous leadership of **Bernardina Masci**, our parish has been celebrating our feast day with the delicious food provided at our St Joseph’s Table since 1978. Seeking the intercession of St Joseph, we come together to pray, to enjoy a great meal, and to share our friendship and love with each other. This is a great recipe for celebrating our parish feast day.



The tradition of the St Joseph’s Table has its origins in Sicily in the Middle Ages. There was a great famine when food was scarce and many people were starving. The poor had only their faith to rely on. St Joseph was known as the protector of the Holy Family and the patron of Sicily. And so, the faithful of Sicily sought the intercession of St Joseph as they prayed for successful crops. Their prayers were answered, and the famine came to an end. In gratitude, people promised to make an annual offering of their precious possession – food – in the service of the community.

St Joseph’s feast day is one of the most important on the Church’s liturgical calendar. (We also celebrate the feast of St Joseph the Worker on May 1st.) What do we know about St Joseph? Clearly his relationship with Jesus was intimate and long-standing. In the Scriptures, Joseph is mentioned as the father of Jesus. He appears in the infancy narratives where he is said to be of Davidic descent. Joseph was a carpenter and trained his son as a carpenter as well. Mary was betrothed, or engaged to Joseph, but was already pregnant with Jesus before Joseph took her into his house. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and instructed him to take Mary into his home, and informed him that the child had been conceived by the Holy Spirit and that his name would be Jesus. Joseph, however, disappears from the New Testament after the family’s pilgrimage to Jerusalem. He probably died sometime before Jesus began his public ministry.

St Joseph, pray for us. Lead us to a deeper, more intimate relationship with your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Schwartz@stjosephspenfield.org

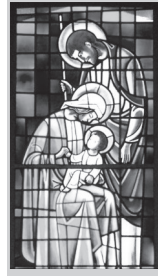


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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents anticipating the arrival of their child are asked to call Eleanor at the Parish Office to begin the process of baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Individual celebrations are 3:30-4:30pm Saturday in the church Reconciliation Room. Communal Celebrations are as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Marriage: Engaged couples are asked to contact Fr. Jim at least six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Ministerial Priesthood (Holy Orders): Men interested in serving God's people as priests—proclaiming the Gospel, preside at Liturgy and minister the Sacraments—can call the Parish Office or the Director of Vocations, Fr. Mike Conboy, at Becket Hall, 461-2860

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Available for those who are seriously sick, the elderly, or those who face surgery. Please contact the Parish Office.

Hospital Visits: We are pleased to visit any of our parishioners who are patients in any of our local hospitals. Please call the Parish Office to tell us when your stay will begin and be sure to indicate St. Joseph's as your faith community on your admissions papers.

Hearing Loop in Church - induction loop, set the "T" switch on the hearing aid. Works especially well in the west main section of the church.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 5:00pm Saturday, and 9:00 & 11:00am Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 15 Offerings:

Parishioner Donations: \$25,977.94

Anonymous: \$ 765.75

Capital Improvement \$ 406.00

Easter Flowers \$ 580.00

Diocesan Collections \$ 92.00

Poor Boxes/Mt. Carmel: \$ 7.45

2nd Collection -DOR Scholarship\$ 5,923.32

As part of our commitment to Social Outreach, St. Joseph's tithes on its weekly offerings. This week a portion of our tithing went to Catholic Charities Community Service to help those dealing with developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and HIV/AIDS.

PRAYER AND INTENTIONS

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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| Day/Time | Offered for |
| Mon, Mar 23 | Toribio de Mogrovejo |
| 8:00 am | <i>Joe Chinelly</i> by Marleen Riley |
| Tues, Mar 24 | |
| 8:00 am | <i>Marianne Larkin, Anniversary</i> by her Family |
| Wed, Mar 25 | Annunciation of the Lord |
| 8:00 am | <i>Marie Laiosa</i> by the Cawley Family |
| Thu, Mar 26 | |
| 8:00 am | <i>Jack Smith</i> by Tom & Margie Falk |
| Fri, Mar 27 | Day of Abstinence |
| 8:00 am | <i>Anthony J. DiPasquale</i> by MDA DiPasquale <i>Maria Valencia</i> by daughter Maria Towland |
| Sat, Mar 28 | |
| 8:00 am | <i>Gregg Bartus</i> by Carl & Evelyn Stocksclaeder |
| 5:00 pm | <i>Special Intentions of</i> <i>Mary Ascenzi-DiPasquale</i> |
| Sun, Mar 29 | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| 7:30 am | <i>John Mattia, 2nd Anniversary</i> by wife, Joan |
| 9:00 am | <i>Antonio Alfonza Alonci</i> by Charles & Filomena Alonci <i>Brenda DiCesare</i> by Connie & Lou Panzer |
| 11:00 am | <i>Leon Caguioa</i> by Kevin & Lorna Talty |
| 5:00 pm | <i>Robert Zander</i> by the Servatius Family |

Readings for the week of March 22, 2009

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| Sun: | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 |
| Mon: | Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 |
| Tues: | Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 |
| Wed: | Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Thurs: | Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 |
| Fri: | Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Sat: | Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 |

At Home with the Word pg 62: **Preaching:** Fr. Jim
Reflection Question: How are you “dying” to this world
in your Lenten journey?

We Hold in Prayer This Week

Those who are sick...

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| Susan Arena | Charlotte Klose |
| Scott Ayers | Elinor Kreckel |
| Ed and L Burke | Donald Koerner |
| Caroline Burke | Deanna LaManna |
| Mary Buscemi | Davalene Layng |
| Anne Bush | Norbert Liebenguth |
| Vincenza Capozzi | Richard Maccarone |
| Ray Cleary | Helen MacPherson |
| Tom Costa | Bob Maley |
| William Daylor | Michael Mandrick |
| Officer Anthony DiPonzio | Lisa Marinetti |
| Mary Discavage | Jean & Victor Mastrandea |
| Rick Enright | Bishop Jim Moynihan |
| Baby Mia Felicia Fallone | Charlie Oesterly |
| Karen Fishback | Frank Palermo |
| Logan Foster | Patricia Patte |
| Gerry & Dorothy Fly | Michael Petranto |
| Marianna Fragomeni | Fr. John Phillips |
| Mona Gensheimer | Onni Peck |
| Elaine Giuliano | Linda Pedersen |
| Donna Gaiter | Alice Rommel |
| Jean Glanton | Gina Russo |
| Dorothy Hefner | Bobbie Schloff |
| Robert Hendrickson | Kevin Sullivan |
| Mary Kay Hintenach | Helen Talarczyk |
| Jean Hobb | Jacqueline Stukas- |
| Helen Holowka | Tennenbaum |
| Tom Hughes | Ed Wandtke |
| RoseMary Huther | Erica Weber |
| Kirk Johnston | Paul Varghese |

Those who are serving in the military...

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| Jonathan Barber | Michael Giannetti | Kellen Rowley |
| Michael Bartell | Chris Hornig | D.J. Scully |
| Aaron Bush | Eric Horton | Adam Servatius |
| David Carley | A.J. Lopez | Shaun Story |
| Evan Davies | Chris McBride | Michael Stout |
| David Dougherty | Zachary Milne | Brett & Evan |
| Michael | Daniel Murphy | Wilby |
| Dougherty | Samuel Nasso | Christopher |
| Lauren Foley | Thomas O’Toole | Wilson |
| Edward Gerlach | Eric Plant | Daniel Verbridge |

Those who have died in the Peace of Christ... *Paul Callozzo, Kathleen Groschadl, Elizabeth Simeone*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week ...
In loving memory of the deceased members of St. Joseph’s Parish Community

MEETINGS, GATHERINGS & EVENTS



Sunday, March 22

| | | | |
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| St. Joseph's Table after 11 am Mass | | | Gym |
| 10:00 am | RCIA | | Lng |
| 12:15 pm | Children's Choir | | Rm 4 |
| 1:30 pm | Triduum Choir | | Rm 4 |
| 6:00 pm | Youth Group | | Gym |

Monday, Mar 23 (Fr. Jim's Birthday)

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| 7:15 am | SGM - Monday Morning Group | | ALC |
| 5:00 pm | Cemetery Board | | MB |
| 6:15 pm | Family Program | | ALC |
| 7:00 pm | SGM- Olmstead-Long | | Lng |
| 7:30 pm | Ensemble | | Rm 4 |
| 7:30 pm | CYO Sports Advisory Committee | | ALC |

Tuesday, Mar 24

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| 1:00 pm | SJS -Station of the Cross | | Ch |
| 7:00 pm | Family & Friends Choir | | Rm 4 |
| 7:00 pm | Spring First Eucharist Parent Meeting | | ALC |
| 7:00 pm | Worship Leadership Team | | Ch Rm 1 |
| 7:30 pm | St. Joseph's Prayer Group | | Lng |
| 7:30 pm | Tuesday in Lent Prayer Services | | CH |

Wednesday, Mar 25

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| 9:15 am | Women Growing in Christ | | Rm 1 |
| 1:00 pm | Sophia Seekers | | Lng |
| 6:15 pm | Primary Faith Formation | | Sch |
| 6:30 pm | Family Program | | ALC |
| 7:15 pm | 9 am Adult Choir | | Rm 4 |
| 7:30 pm | SGM—Mortenson | | Lng |

Thursday, Mar 26

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| 8:00 am | Parish Library Team | | Lng |
| 8:30 am | New Horizons Employment Network | | Rm 1 |
| 5:30 pm | Handbell Choir | | Rm 4 |
| 6:30 pm | Men's 40+ Hoops | | Gym |
| 7:00 pm | Morningstar Choir | | Rm 4 |
| 7:00 pm | Parish Nurses | | Lng |

Friday, Mar 27

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| 7:30 pm | Youth Ministry Benefit Concert | | Gym |
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Saturday, Mar 28

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| 9:00 am | First Eucharist Saturday Classes | | ALC |
| 6:00 pm | Ladies Night Out (details pg 10) | | Gym |

Sunday, March 29

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| 10:00 am | RCIA | | Lng |
| 12 Noon | Our Lady of Mercy Spaghetti Dinner | | Gym |
| 12:15 pm | Children's Choir | | Rm 4 |
| 1:30 pm | Triduum Choir | | Rm 4 |
| 6:00 pm | Youth Group | | Gym |

THIS WEEK

WE CELEBRATE ... THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH OUR PATRON SAINT

St. Joseph's Table today, March 22 in the Gym after 11:00 Mass.

Fr. Jim will bless the festive table. All are invited to join in the feast in honor of our patron, St. Joseph.

Other traditions associated with the feast of St. Joseph include donations of food to the needy. There are two ways to do that this week. Make a donation to the food pantry or purchase a grocery gift card.

You can bring canned goods to Mass any Sunday and put them in the bins in the PRC foyer.

As the economy continues to challenge us all, our demand for grocery assistance is exceeding our supply of Wegmans, Tops, Aldi's, Wal-Mart and Target gift cards. If you are looking for a way to share with others from your Lenten sacrifice or honor St. Joseph, cards are most appreciated. Drop them off at the Malley Building or in the collection.

Many thanks to all of our parish bakers and cooks who contribute platters of goods to make our St. Joseph's Table a most fitting celebration.



PARISH NURSERY:

Located in the Parish Resource Center Room 2.
Open 10:45 AM until 12:15 PM.

Volunteer Schedule:

Mar 22: Nathalie Pearson, Patty Moynihan, Natalie Zaccardo

Mar 29: Natalie Zaccardo, Sarah Cochran, Melissa Atzl

April 5: Palm Sunday - Nursery Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY-BUILDING/EVANGELIZATION



St. Joseph's Community Blood Drive, Good Friday, April 10, 9:30am-2:30pm, in the Gym—For information about eligibility to give blood, go to www.donatebloodnow.org or call 1-800-GIVELIFE. High school youth and adults are welcome to volunteer to assist the Red Cross that day—contact Cathy Kamp.

Gifts Ministry, Monday, March 30, 6 – 7:15 pm, Malley Building—Join this new ministry to help others explore the gifts God has given each us for the service of others. Help with planning the launch of an ongoing gifts ministry this Pentecost! For more information, contact Cathy Kamp in the Parish Office.

WORSHIP/MUSIC

Lenten Tuesday Evenings of Prayer — Prayer, music, and silent time **every Tuesday evening in Lent at 7:30 pm.**

Mar 24 — Evening Prayer with Adoration and Benediction.

Mar 31 — Evening Prayer in the Taizé Tradition

SOCIAL OUTREACH

The Call to Transform Our Hearts and the World — A presentation by Jack Jezreel, Director of JustFaith Ministries — **Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 - 9:30 pm.** Our Lady of the Americas, 864 East Main Street, Rochester. This is for anyone interested in learning about pursuing justice as a disciple of Christ and about the JustFaith program. Cost: No fee but contributions will be gratefully accepted at the door.

FAITH FORMATION

Family Education—Continues this **Monday March 23 from 6:15-7:15 in the ALC** and this **Wednesday March 25 from 6:30-7:30 in the ALC.**

First Eucharist—We are finalizing our group for the Spring preparation. Our Parents meeting is this **Tuesday March 24 at 7 PM in the ALC.** Our Classes begin on **Saturday March 28 from 9-Noon and Tuesday March 31 from 6:15-7:30.** Please contact Patrick Fox at fox@stjosephjспенfield.org or at 586-8089 Ext. 114 if you have nay questions.

Men's Bible Study Group—Meets **April 1 from 7:30-8:45 in the ALC.**

Confirmation—All candidates need to make an appointment for a family interview between **March 30 and April 30.** Please call Patrick Fox at the Malley building to schedule a time with one of the staff.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Benefit Concert — **March 27th from 7:00 - 9:30 in the Gym.** The bands “441” and “Haven” made up of students from Bay Trail will perform. A \$5 donation will benefit a local family whose home was lost to a recent fire.

Encountering Christ in the Movies — Parish High School retreat at **Camp Stella Maris overnight April 4-5th.** This retreat is an opportunity to enter into Holy week in a new way by watching various forms of media including the movie, The Passion of Christ. Cost is \$40. **Register ASAP!**

**CELEBRATE OUR GIFTS ...
AT THE
STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER**
We will gather at **6pm on April 19 at Shadow Lake** for our traditional Stewardship Appreciation Dinner in honor and recognition of the many ways St. Joseph's parishioners contribute their time and talent in the service of others.

This year we celebrate and offer our gratitude for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, reverence, and wonder and awe in the presence of God. Which best describes your service to the community? Which of these gifts do you see in others around you? Come together in thanksgiving for each other's gifts and God's generosity! Let the St. Joseph's community express its gratitude for the many blessings you bring to us.

Please use the form below or call the Parish Office by Noon on April 13 to RSVP: 586-8089. ext 120 and indicate your dinner choice.

Dinner Selection:

- CHICKEN stuffed with cornbread and red pepper
- HADDOCK baked with white wine sauce
- ROAST PRIME RIB with au jus

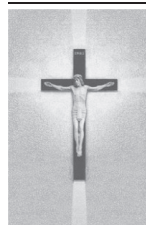
Please return this portion in the collection basket or to the Malley building no later than noon on April 13th.

Number Attending _____
Dinner Choice Please check for each person

Name _____ Chicken ___ Fish ___ Beef ___

Name _____ Chicken ___ Fish ___ Beef ___

Space is limited. Call now or drop this in the collection basket this week.



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**LITURGY OF THE WORD – WEEK FIVE
EXCERPTS ABOUT THE HOMILY**

“A Familiar Talk”



The word homily in Greek is *homilia* which means “a familiar talk.” It is meant to connect with the assembly and be relevant to the lives of the people who are the local Church. Homily is “familiar talk” because the readings are the language of faith enriched by the claim of believers. Tradition flows from the Word and life and back to God who gave us the nourishing Word.

In 1982, the U.S. Catholic bishops presented *Fulfilled in Your Hearing: The Homily in the Sunday Assembly*. The homily takes its life from a particular liturgical moment and from the integration of the Gospel into every aspect of Christian life. In the preaching event, God's active word renews and empowers God's people for mission. The document gives us some insight on preparing a homily and what every homily should contain. According to that document, the homily begins with “faith” and then faith leads to a response. Each person who “breaks open the Word” in the midst of the assembly should know the people and their concerns. The homilist is a person of prayer and one who “dwells” with the scripture.

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* said that “by means of the homily the mysteries of the faith and the guiding principles of the Christian life are expounded from the sacred text during the course of the year” (S.C., 52) Vatican II distinguished the homily from the popular form of preaching of that day, the “sermon.” While the sermon often relied on biblical texts, especially to prove a doctrinal point, it was not rooted in the scriptural readings of the day. By contrast, a homily flows from “the sacred text” and is “highly esteemed as part of the liturgy itself.” (S.C., 52)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE DURING HOLY WEEK, 2009

To assist you in beginning to decide how you will participate this year, here is a general overview of the week.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT COULD APPLY.

We will compile all of your responses and **we will contact YOU*** to CONFIRM our needs and set up any rehearsals.

Thank you so much ... for your time and your talent, Worship Leadership Team, Kathy Best, chair and Louise Panning, co-chair

YOUR NAME/ FAMILY NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Comments or Questions-

Please check the box/ boxes with all that apply below and return by the collection basket or email on or before the week of March 22, 2009 this form is on our website/ bulletin section to copy or scan; you can email your choices to kathybt@rochester.rr.com or call Kathy Best, chairperson at 671-4757.

PALM SUNDAY (April 4-5) and RECONCILIATION SERVICES (April 6)

Help to prepare, give out palms or coordinate or clean up after one or more Palm Sunday Liturgies

*** Please tell us the time of Palm Sunday Mass you will attend:** _____

Help greet at the doors at one of the Reconciliation Services—which one? NOON: _____ 7:30 pm _____

HOLY THURSDAY April 9
9:00 am MORNING PRAYER
7:30 pm MASS-LORD'S SUPPER
 Preparing or Helping with the Morning Prayer at 9:00 am
 Greeter before and after Mass
 Lector or Minister of Communion
 Altar Server (we need very experienced altar servers)
 Thurifer and Incense carrier
 Helping to Clean after the Liturgy and Preparing the environment for Good Friday
 Praying before the Blessed Sacrament (1/2 hour shifts)
Time Preferred: _____
(begins at 9pm-ends at 11:40pm)

 I would like to help in some way, please contact me

GOOD FRIDAY April 10
9:00 am MORNING PRAYER
3:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
 Preparing or Helping with Morning Prayer at 9:00 am
 Greeter before and after the service
 Helping to proclaim the Passion Reading in Parts
[rehearsal held at 2:15 on G.F.]
 Helping to carry the cross/candles into the sanctuary for veneration of the cross ceremony(youth)
 Lector or Minister of Communion
 Reader of one of the Good Friday Petitions *[rehearsal held at 2:15 on G.F.]*
 Usher (special collection)
 Helping to Clean after the Liturgy and Preparing the environment for Friday Evening.
 I would like to help in some way, please contact me

HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER VIGIL April 11
9:00 am MORNING PRAYER
7:30 pm EASTER VIGIL BEGINS
 Preparing or Helping with Morning Prayer at 9:00 am
 Greeter before and after Easter Vigil
 Lector or Minister of Communion
 Altar Servers (experienced altar servers)
 Thurifer-incense carrier
 Usher (Easter Collection)
 Helping to Clean after the Liturgy
 I would like to help in some way, please contact me

EASTER SUNDAY April 12
Circle one:
7:30, 9, 11 and 12:30 pm
(servers, lectors and min. of communion sent on regular schedule)
 Usher
 Greeter before Mass
 Helping to Clean after the Liturgy
 I would like to help in some way, please contact me

*You will be contacted by a member of Worship Leadership Team to confirm needs and specific ministries and duties and instruction times. Thanks!

CARING FOR AN AGING LOVED ONE?

The Alzheimer’s Association offers Caregiver Support Services for those caring for an aging loved one with short term or long term care needs. Information, education, and support groups may help ease the burden. For more information call the resource center at 760-5470.

Let your St. Joseph’s family help. For the person who is aging, we can help with transportation to medical appointments; we can bring Communion to your home; and we can celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick. Call the Parish Office.



As a caregiver for an aging family member, remember to take good physical and spiritual care of yourself. For the caregiver, we encourage you to accept the support a caring listener or someone with whom you can pray. Parishioners who are skilled in listening are eager to walk with you. Contact Stephen Ministry at St. Joseph’s at a confidential phone line: 586-8089 x130. Don’t wait for a crisis—reach out now.

SHEPHERD HOME FUNDRAISER

Shepherd Home is a comfort care home providing care for the terminally ill. It is supported by area Penfield churches and generous contributions. Shepherd Home is offering a creative and helpful way for us to make a donation—purchase a delicious dinner for two prepared by Catering Works! Pick up an order form at the back of Church and drop it off at Shepherd Home with pre-payment by **March 28**. Pick up your dinner on **April 3**. For more information, contact Teri Capozzi at 381-0890.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Contact the Parish Office to respond or place an ad.

Parishioner #27 is in need of moving assistance—someone with a truck and driver to help move furniture a short distance in South Wedge area.

Parishioner #28 is in need of financial or mechanical assistance to get his car running properly. It needs plugs, a coil & tie rod & an inspection.

Parishioner # 29 has a crib to donate.



HUMAN DIGNITY & CONSCIENCE PROTECTION

On March 10, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, proposed *rescinding* federal regulations that protect health care providers from being coerced into performing abortions.

The current regulations enforce laws making it illegal to insist that a doctor, nurse or other health care provider participate in acts that violate their moral or religious principles. Rescinding these regulations puts providers at risk of either violating their consciences or leaving the medical field.

Citizens must object to the proposal to remove conscience protections no later than April 9, 2009.

E-mail comments to: proposedrecision@hhs.gov. The suggested message is “*Please retain the conscience regulation and enforce the laws protecting the right of health care providers to serve patients without violating their moral and religious convictions.*”

To see how the US Catholic Conference of Bishops is speaking out on this issue go to: www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection. Thank you for taking the time to protect our religious liberty during this Lenten season.

Please check out this upcoming pro-life event...all it takes is a red envelope and a stamp to join in and speak to the President! Get a red or white envelope. Address it to: President Barack Obama, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500. Put your return address on the envelope. If you can't get a red envelope a white one will do. On the back, please write the following or a similar message and mail it on March 31:

"This envelope represents one child who died because of an abortion. It is empty because the life that was taken is now unable to be a part of our world. Responsibility begins with conception."



**PROJECT MARK, MARCH 22
READ CHAPTER 15**

This Chapter of Mark's Gospel follows on last week. Jesus is now before Pilate, sentenced to death, mocked by the soldiers, walks to Calvary, is crucified, dies, and is buried. Mark is very much into this story and sees its centrality to the life of the faithful. He tells it with a certain precision, order and economy. He wants us to trust that the promises of the Messiah are fulfilled. He rests his thoughts in his own faith. We recall that he is writing after the resurrection. It is with the passionate conviction of faith that he presents the story and preserves it for all generations. For as long as we return to these words of Mark we are visiting the first accounts of the Gospel story and its' writer gives profound deference to this part of the story. As we move towards Holy Week, we are invited to rest with the story and find our own emphasis, the one which helps us to center on the wonderful story of salvation.

Have your actions ever been mocked because you are a disciple of Christ? How, if you could be a member of the crowd watching do you see the story unfold? Have you ever sat with or observed as someone was dying? Think how you might sit with Christ as he "dies," this Good Friday? What does Jesus' gift of his death for you mean to you?

YOUTH MINISTRY

Last month two of our high school students attended the **Girls Revolve Tour** at Blue Cross Arena. They were inspired by witness talks, and music by Christian artists. Here is what they had to say...

"The message of the tour, giving God 'All Access' to your heart, motivated me to get rid of the obstacles that get in the way of my personal relationship with God. It was a weekend I will never forget!" – **Laura Godly**

"I would say it was Rockin' Worship. I was having a great time praising God, in a new and fun way!" – **Kate Schied**

Read more on Facebook: St. Joseph Youth Ministry

This week a brief change for the following reflection!

Lenten Psalm of Longing

I thank you, O God,
for the warmth of the winds
that brings a melting of the snow,
for daylight hours that daily grow longer
and richer in the aroma of hope.

Spring lingers beneath the horizon
as approaching echoes of Easter
ring in my ears.

I lift up my heart to you, Beloved,
in this season of Lent
that gently sweeps across
my sluggish and sleeping heart,
awakening me
to a deeper love for you.

May the wind of the Spirit
that drove Jesus into the desert,
into the furnace of prayer,
also drive me with a passion
during this Lenten season
to enkindle the fire of my devotion
in the desert of Lenten love.

Birds above, on migratory wings,
signal me to an inner migration,
a message that draws me homeward bound
on Spirit's wings
to the heart of my Beloved.
May I earnestly use this Lenten season
to answer the inner urge
to return.

-Edward Hays

Prayer for a Planetary Pilgrim

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Gregory Kunde Chorale is pleased to present *Ladies' Night Out*, a great way to spend time with your friends and support Rochester's premiere chamber choir. Join us on Saturday, March 28 from 7-10PM in the Saint Joseph School gym for an evening of shopping, refreshments, and community. We have assembled some of your favorite vendors - Silpada Jewelry, Discovery Toys, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay (with our own Karin Schwab), Party Lite, and others; every purchase you make will benefit the Chorale, as vendors will donate a portion of their sales to our group. Our snack bar will feature pies from the School of the Holy Childhood, coffee from Starbucks, wine and cheese samplers, and more. There's no admission, so feel free to stop by for quick visit or spend the evening. Door prizes, raffles, live music, too!

Mercy Respite for Caregivers offers unique respite, relief and supportive services, with prayerful reflections, in a quiet and relaxing environment. Massage is optional. Join us at one or more of the upcoming:

Respite Days: *April 18, May 8, and June 4* **Time:** 9:00 am- 3:00 pm **Location:** Mercy Prayer Center 65 Highland Ave. For more information or to register call: **Mercy Respite for Caregivers 585-271- 0760**
Email: mercyrespite@frontiernet.net Donation: \$70 day (sliding scale fee) Gift Certificates are available
Visit our website: www.caregiverrespite.org

Nazareth Academy Open House Nazareth Academy will host an Open House on **Thursday, March 26 between 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm Nazareth Hall Middle School Open House** Nazareth Hall Middle School will host an Open House on **Thursday, March 26 between 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm** call Mary Stazie-Reinhardt, Director of Enrollment Management at 585 647 8738.

Support the Mercy High School Cheerleading Program by attending their first annual “**Cheer Italiano & Silent Auction**” Fundraising event. **March 29th** ~Join us for delicious pasta, lots of great raffles & kids face painting!~ Don't forget your camera...the Mercy Monarch will be there! **Adults: \$6 Students/ Children: \$5 (Kids 3 & under Free)** **St. Josephs School (in gymnasium): 43 Gebhardt Road Penfield, NY 14526** Call today and book your seating time and tickets! 585-721-6444 *Seating Times: noon – 1pm, 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3pm, & 3pm-4pm*

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