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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat., February 13th

4:00PM - (St. J.)

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

Sun., February 14th

8AM - (St. P.)

- For William Corrigan (2/4-Birthday) by Eleanor & Family

9:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Rev. Thomas Hobbes by The Parish

Mon., February 15th

8:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Ted Egnaczyk by Betty Moonan

Tues., February 16th

8:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Ellen VanValkenburg by Larry & Gerry Ritter

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed., February 17th

8:30AM - (St. P.)

- For Dcn. Gianni Verginio by The Parish

6:30PM - (St. J.)

- For Msgr. James Kennedy by The Parish

Thurs., February 18th

8:30AM - (St. J.)

- NO DAILY MASS

Fri., February 19th

8:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Alyssa Muscarella by Gail Haile

6:00PM - (St. J.)

Station's Of The Cross

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat., February 20th

4:00PM - (St. J.)

- For Mary A Thayer by The Butts Family

Sun., February 21st

8AM - (St. P.)

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

9:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Janet Bourgeois by Betty Moonan

FEBRUARY FAMILY FORMATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PORCH AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

We remember in our prayers

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Our Regular Confession Times

Saturday - 3:15-3:45PM

at St. Joseph's Church

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Tuesday Evening Holy Hour

at St. Joseph's Church

5:00PM - Exposition

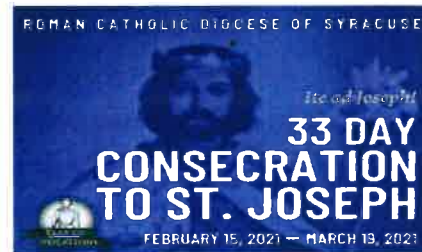
5:15PM - 6:15PM -

Adoration & Confessions

6:15PM - Benediction

Update to Hope Appeal 2020

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WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

This weekend Fr. Rawson will extend a blessing to all those who are living the covenant of marriage with fidelity and love, and to thank God for his grace in helping us to do so joyfully.

How are the Ashes to be distributed during the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Step one: the Priest blesses the ashes after the Homily and sprinkles them with holy water in the usual manner (*Roman Missal*). Step two: the Priest says the formula for the distribution of ashes only once, applying it to all in general: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Step three: the Priest and those assisting with the distribution of ashes sanitize their hands and put on a face mask (and shield if preferred). Step four: the faithful come forward as they do for the reception of Holy Communion to receive ashes. They bow their heads while the minister sprinkles ashes on them. Then they return to their places. Note: this is done without saying anything; the proper antiphon or another appropriate chant is sung. Step five: the Priest and those who have assisted with the distribution of ashes wash and sanitize their hands. The Universal Prayer is said and Mass continues in the usual way.

Catechesis: Why are ashes being distributed "differently" during the COVID-19 Pandemic?

The purpose of the "different" manner of distributing ashes this year is to ensure the health and safety of all who wish to receive them on Ash Wednesday. The measures being taken are similar to the precautions currently in place for the reception of Holy Communion and the conferral of the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick. Ultimately, they are meant to limit contact and the potential exchange of droplets/aerosols.

Since blessed ashes are typically traced in the form of a cross on the foreheads of those who receive them in the United States, the manner in which they will be distributed this year may seem "different" to some. However, in many parts of the world, including Italy, blessed ashes are typically sprinkled on the heads of those who receive them. In fact, this is how our Holy Father, Pope Francis, receives his ashes! The *Roman Missal* instruction for the distribution of ashes actually says: "The Priest places ashes on the head of all those present." Moreover, in the first reading proclaimed at Mass the Lord says, "Return to me with your whole *heart*... Rend your *hearts*, not your garments and return" (Joel 2: 12-13). Therefore, a "different" reception of ashes for some is an occasion for all to begin and maintain Lent as a season not of outward appearances, but of renewal in matters of the heart – faith, hope, and love – through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving done before the Father who sees in secret and repays (Matt 6:1-6, 16-18).

Peace of Christ,

This week we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday which will look a little different this year. Due to the Pandemic, we be distributing ashes in the Roman Rite. Bishop Lucia has asked for the safety of the faithful that this be done this year. What will this look like? The priest will bless the ashes in the usual way following the homily but instead of making the sign of the cross with the ashes on our forehead they will sprinkled on the head as done in Rome Italy by our Holy Father Pope Francis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for wearing their mask at Mass so that we can remain open as a community of faith. In St Paul's letter to the Philippians, we are called to look at the greater community and not to our only own interests. Our faith is to be our guide for this as we profess each week. We pray that we are "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. This is the same faith that the leper in the Gospel this week professed to Christ as He healed Him. When Jesus was in a local town a leper came to Him and knelt down and said if you wish, you can make me clean (Mark1:40). We see in the Gospel that this man was healed not because Jesus found him, but because the man sought out Jesus and knew that Christ could heal him. What healing do we need to ask God for in our lives? Often there are so many things weather it is family issues, health, or relationships. We can be broken in so many ways but we learn to bring that brokenness and offer it up to God.

As we begin the season of Lent this week we will begin to focus on the Cross and the imagery associated with it. When we look to the cross, do we see healing, love, or salvation, or do we see the pain, the suffering, and the hurt that Christ endured? We should see both. Sometimes we will go through a time of trials or suffering before we see happiness, but we know with Christ, that pain and suffering brings salvation and peace. How do you see yourself journeying through some of the more difficult times of your lives to get to the "promised land"? We are all called to come together as one family in faith, this means that we band together in the midst of trials and will emerge stronger in our faith. Lets God Bless,

Fr Matt Rawson

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings begin on pg. 944-- Year B

Feb. 14, 2021

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp.

Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1 Corinthians 10:31, 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

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