JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY AT ST. JOSEPH'S:
WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church with well over 3 million active members in most every country of the world. It gives Catholics an opportunity to do something positive for the Church while at the same time deepening their spiritual life and strengthening their Catholic faith. The Legion has had a Praesidium here at St. Joseph's since January, 2014 and we would very much like to add some new members to help us with our work. Some of you have been to videos and coffee hours we sponsored, or we may have brought the Pilgrim Virgin to your home; these are some of the works that we do.

The members of the Legion of Mary will be at the rear of church at all the Masses the weekend of October 28/29 with more information about the Legion. You’re invited to stop by and find out more about this wonderful organization. We look forward to speaking with you and answering any questions that you may have.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to “Chat with the Pope” to learn more about his missions. For more information, visit ChatWithThePope.org.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC TO PLAY RECITAL AT ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL

Alistair Reid, Saint Joseph's Director of Music, is honored to be playing an organ recital at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, October 29th at 3:15 pm. The recital will include Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Mulet's Rose Window and Boëllmann's Suite Gothique. The latter two works draw attention to sublime features of the newly-restored cathedral. The recital will last 30 minutes and admission is free. Please think of supporting our music program, and Alistair, by attending this recital!

THE JESUITS & EDUCATION: COME TO BELIEVE: HOW THE JESUITS ARE REINVENTING EDUCATION (AGAIN)

Fr. Stephen Katsouros, S.J., former President of Loyola School, is trying something new as the Dean of Arrupe College in Chicago. This ambitious new venture offers free community college education to underprivileged Chicago students. Come to Believe is a memoir and a reflection on the eventful first year of the college's existence. The lecture is on Monday, October 23rd, at 7:00 pm in Wallace Hall at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, located at 84th Street and Park Avenue. For more information, call 212-288-3588.

CONVERSATIONS WITH DIVORCED CATHOLICS AT ST. JEAN BAPTISTE CHURCH

Pope Francis has been a breath of fresh air for the Church. In the spirit of Pope Francis, we want to reach out to a very large group of Catholics, and/or ex-Catholics, who have been excluded, or feel excluded, from the life of the Church. These are our divorced Catholics. Statistics report that as many as one out of two Catholics has experienced the painful break-up of their marriage. At the time of a divorce the Church should be with the individuals to give consolation and to help in their healing. Many divorced Catholics have either stopped coming to their parish or have joined other Christian denominations that have welcomed them. St. Jean Baptiste Church, located at 184 East 76th Street is hosting “Conversations with Divorced Catholics” on Sunday, November 5th. You are asked to gather at the 11:00 am Mass and then proceed to the School Auditorium for an open discussion. For more information, call 212-288-5082.
OPENINGS AT ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH

"Openings" presents its eleventh annual fall exhibition in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, located at West 60th Street and Columbus Avenue. Twenty-six artists present work that addresses issues of inclusion and respect for others. A diverse collection of work engages “the other,” encouraging us to see people who differ from ourselves as human beings deserving of unconditional respect even in the face of conflicting cultural identities. The exhibit runs until October 26th. For information, please call 212-265-3495.

ST. THOMAS MORE BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the St. Thomas More Book Club, at St. Thomas More Church, 65 East 89th Street, is on Thursday, October 26th, at 7:00 pm. The book that is being read is “The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming,” by Henri J. M. Nouwen. All are welcome. For information, please call 212-877-3111.

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT?

The St. Francis Knitters at St. Francis of Assisi Church, located at 135 West 31st Street, is a group of volunteers who make knitted and crocheted items for the guests of the St. Francis Breadline and others in need of a warm hat or scarf. They welcome new members to join in the ministry, even if you can only work from home. If you are interested, please contact Edward Trochimczuk, Director of Volunteers, at 212-736-8500, Extension 361. The Knitters are always looking for donations of dark colored yarn which you can drop off at the reception desk in the lobby of the Parish House.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH CATHOLIC CATECHISM IN MANHATTAN

The Narnia Clubs are seeking volunteers interested in teaching Catholic catechism to children in Manhattan. Classes begin after school, usually at 3:30 or 4:30 pm, and are held from October through May. A few classes meet after work hours, at around 5:30 pm or 6:30 pm, but most begin earlier. There is a need for various grades and for sacramental preparation such as First Penance and First Communion. Volunteers should be dynamic and enthusiastic Catholics who practice and will faithfully present what the Church teaches. No prior teaching experience is necessary. If you are interested, please email info@narnioclubs.org or call 212-535-9329.

YOU NG ADULT MINISTRY AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The young adult ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Church, located at 135 West 31st Street, is a ministry of, by, and for Catholic men and women in their 20s and 30s. At St. Francis we believe that ministering to young adults begins by creating an environment where people feel welcome, especially by worshipping God together in a way that feeds the spirit. For more information please email youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org.

October 7th and October 8th
Regular collection $6,062
Second collection $2,189
Persons attending 713

A Look Ahead
Twenty-Ninth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord’s anointed one, and through God’s intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21
Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, “Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?” Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar’s, he answers, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, but give to God what is God’s.”

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14th
4:00 PM  Hank Gregory (D)

Sunday, October 15th
8:00 AM  Judith Conlin (D)
10:00 AM  St. Joseph's Parishioners
12:00 PM  Bob Higgins (D)
2:00 PM  Hungarian Mass
6:00 PM  Odilio Rodriguez (D)

Monday, October 16th
7:00 AM  Violeta Rico (D)
12:15 PM  Anna Mary Rogers (L)

Tuesday, October 17th
7:00 AM  Benjamin Neri (D)
12:15 PM  Anne Murphy (D)

Wednesday, October 18th
7:00 AM  Edmund T. Wrenn, (D)
12:15 PM  Anna Napolitano (D)

Thursday, October 19th
7:00 AM  Frank Grabarits, Sr. (D)
12:15 PM  Anne E. Talamas and Family (L)

Friday, October 20th
7:00 AM  Cecilia Giannasio (D)
12:15 PM  Bernadette Michelé, 1st Anniversary (D)

Saturday, October 21st
8:00 AM  William P. D. Bailey (D)
10:00 AM  In thanksgiving to St. Joseph
4:00 PM  Marvie Fabroa (D)

Sunday, October 22nd
8:00 AM  St. Joseph's Parishioners
10:00 AM  Edward J. Scheider (D)
12:00 PM  Frank and Rose Christoforo (D)
2:00 PM  Emil Wittek (D) Hungarian Mass
6:00 PM  Francis Ray Meyer (D)

This Week at St. Joseph's

Rosary Prayer Group meets after the 12:15 Mass

Tuesday, October 17th
6:30-7:30 PM - Legion of Mary, Rectory
4:30-6:00 PM - Brownies/Daisies, Parish Hall
6:00-7:30 PM - Junior/Cadettes, Parish Hall
For information contact Nicole Santos at nikid819@aol.com.

Wednesday, October 18th
7:00 PM - AA, Parish Hall

Thursday, October 19th
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Irish Dancing, Parish Hall
For information call Betty Sheehan at 201-988-4937

Friday, October 20th
7:30 PM - NA, Parish Hall

Saturday, October 21st
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM - A regular weekly series is offered by volunteers from the NY Junior League, in collaboration with Mt. Sinai Hospital, and scheduled before Chair Yoga classes.
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Chair Yoga for Seniors, in the Parish Hall. Call Health Advocates for Older People in order to register at 212-980-1700.

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Rectory Office Hours are Monday to Friday 9:00AM-7:00PM; and Saturday 9:00 AM -1:30PM. The office is closed on Saturdays.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00PM
Sunday Masses: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:00PM.
*Choir sings at the 12:00 Noon Mass late September – June

Weekdays after Easter: Monday-Friday 7:00AM and 12:15PM and 6:00PM
Weekdays during Lent: Monday-Friday 7:00AM, 12:15PM and 6:00PM
German Mass: 10:00AM first Sunday of each month
Family Mass: 10:00AM on other Sundays from September to June
Hungarian Mass: 2:00PM every Sunday
Holy Days: 6:00PM Vigil;
7:00AM, 12:15PM and 6:00PM

RAMP ACCESSIBLE

BAPTISMS
Baptisms scheduled on an individual basis.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Confessions:  Saturdays 3:30PM – 3:45PM.

MARRIAGES
Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN K-8
Inter-parish Religious Education at St. Ignatius Loyola.
212-288-3588 and www.stignatiusloyola.org

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Sundays 3:15PM - 5:30PM

HOLY HOUR
First Friday following the 12:15PM Mass: September –June

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND
Contact the Rectory

PARISH MEMBERSHIP
All parishioners should participate fully in parish life, be registered in the parish and support the parish. We often receive requests for recommendations and permissions for parishioners to serve as godparents and sponsors. If we do not know you, we cannot give such testimony. The Church requires that Baptisms and Marriages should be celebrated in one’s own parish. If one is not registered in a parish, problems could arise at those important times.

When moving please inform the rectory office.
Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Mon., Oct. 16 | Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

**Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.** Some scholars think the Book of Jonah is a fairy tale. But Jesus thought it was real enough to hammer “an evil generation” with its message. So let’s not ignore its “sign.” With his message of repentance, Jonah shook the city of Nineveh to its foundations before he even got downtown! Social media never moved so fast. The city’s conversion, to what Paul calls in Romans “the obedience of faith,” was instantaneous and universal. I would love to hear that preaching, and no doubt I already have, and I probably slept through it. But I dare not miss the call.

**O Lord, you have made your salvation known;** you remembered your kindness and your faithfulness.

Tues., Oct. 17 | Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, Martyr

**Brothers and sisters: I am not ashamed of the Gospel.** In our antiseptic culture, we might be as amazed as the Pharisee that Jesus did not wash his hands before the meal. We might be unprepared, too, for the tongue-lashing that ensued. “Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil. You fools!” Well, bon appétit! But this fiery talk probably inspired the saint celebrated today, Ignatius of Antioch, who also accepted an invitation to a meal, in the Roman Coliseum, where he would be the main course! “I am the wheat of God to be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may be found to be pure bread of Christ.”

**Through all the earth your voice resounds, O Lord, and to the ends of the world, your message!**

Wed., Oct. 18 | 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9 St. Luke, Evangelist

**Luke is the only one with me.** We are reading from Luke every day this time of year, so his feast day is just icing on the cake. I hope no one is complaining. It used to be a common judgment that the Gospel of Luke is the most beautiful book ever written. Paul’s affection helps us to remember that Luke was a real person, a Gentile raised in ignorance of the Scriptures but, no doubt, thrilled to be baptized into a real faith, instead of adhering to alternative myths about Jupiter and Juno, et al. No wonder he developed such a taste for history! **O Lord, you are near to all who call upon you in truth.**


**[We] are justified freely by God’s grace.** Controversy swirls over “common-sense” gun control. Jesus is just as frustrated by a pattern of deadly violence throughout history. “This generation might be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah!” What could possibly provoke such fury? Paul sums up the fighting words in the quotation above. So, what’s the answer? Jesus bent the arc of history toward mercy with his death and resurrection. My own resistance to mercy must not blind me to the love I owe to God and neighbor.

**If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand?**

Fri., Oct. 20 | Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

**Beware of the leaven — that is, the hypocrisy — of the Pharisees!** The leaven of hypocrisy abounds today! I push it away every time it puffs itself up — unless of course it’s my own deceit. Often I rebuke in others the same arrogance I display. On Facebook I expose the inconsistencies of “friends” while papering over my own contradictions. Could I just be as honest with myself and with others as Jesus is with me? He says, “There’s nothing concealed that will not be revealed.” Could that include God’s mercy? God has such care for me, like a little sparrow. “Even the hairs of your head have all been counted.” So, let me count my blessings and be a blessing for others. **Dear Lord, I said, “I will confess my faults,” and you took away the guilt of my sin.**

Sat., Oct. 21 | Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

**Everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God.** You know, I like to think that I acknowledge Jesus in public. But I need to be sure I’m not just making Jesus a conservative or a liberal, heavily influenced by my own prejudices. When you’ve got a possible charge of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit hanging over your head, as Jesus warns, you better not mess up. Maybe we need to acknowledge a collective blasphemy in wars, abortion, poverty and guns, also political corruption, drugs, consumerism. Paul holds up Abraham as our example: “He believed, hoping against hope.” I want to be faith-ful! **O Lord, you remembered your holy word to your servant Abraham, who led forth your people with joy, your chosen ones.**