



# St. Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded 1875

255 North 8th St. (P. O. Box 368) Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Church Phone Number: (985) 386-3749

Church Web site: [www.stjosephsonline.com](http://www.stjosephsonline.com)

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Sunday Mass Schedule:**

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sun. 8:00 am & 11:00 am

**Week Day Mass Schedule:**

M-Th 8:00 am

**Confession:**

Sat. 4:00 PM  
T & Th after Mass

**Baptism:**

Couples who would like their child baptized need to contact Ramona at the office, 985-386-3749 to register for baptism preparation.

**Marriage:**

Contact a priest or deacon of the parish at least 6 months before the wedding at 985-386-3749.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

Please notify the office as soon as a Catholic is seriously ill or is having surgery.

**Adoration:**

Wed. 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
- **Divine Mercy:** 3:00 pm  
- **Vespers & Benediction:** 6:00 pm

**Catechetical Programs:**

PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:30-10:30 am  
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:30-10:30 am  
**High School Formation**  
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm

**SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Parishioners are required to bring and wear a mask while in the worship space. The faithful are encouraged to bring small bottles of hand sanitizer for their personal use.

*February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

## Year of St. Joseph

Do You Know St. Joseph? Do you feel you understand his greatness and love for you? Now is the time for St. Joseph. Why now? Why St. Joseph?

Fr. Calloway who is a Catholic Priest and well-known author of the book, "Consecration to St. Joseph," states there are two main reason for this being the year of St. Joseph.

"First, we need the spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph to help us protect marriage and the family. Marriage and the family have always been under attack, but in modern times, the threats have reached extraordinary heights."

"Second, the entire world needs to be re-evangelized, including the vast majority of baptized Christians. Saint Joseph was the first missionary. Today, he desires again to bring Jesus to the nations."

Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 as the year of St. Joseph. Pope Francis's apostolic letter called "Patris Corde" recalls the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as the patron saint of the Universal Church by Blessed Pope Pius IX. Pope Francis declares 2021 the year of St. Joseph beginning with the feast day of the Immaculate Conception December 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 and goes to the anniversary of the Immaculate Conception 2021.

Pope Francis describes St Joseph as a beloved, tender, obedient father. He is the example of fatherhood who made himself an offering in love at the service of the Messiah who was growing in maturity in his home.

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## Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*  
Larry J. Melancon, *Deacon*  
Michael A. Agnello, *Deacon*  
Angela Perrin, *Business Manager*  
Fernando Morales, *Director of Ministries*  
Paige Bacile, *PSR Coordinator/Child Protection Site Coordinator*  
Kayla Fletcher, *Middle School Youth Minister*  
Nicole Richard, *High School & Young Adult Minister*

Rhonda Rossano, *Music Director*  
Ramona Folse, *Receptionist/Data Entry*  
Kathleen Phillips, *Bookkeeper/Receptionist*  
**St. Joseph School**  
Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*  
Phone Number, 985-386-6421  
Website: www.sjscrusaders.org

## Mission Statement

St. Joseph's Parish is a rapidly growing faith community that serves the spiritual and temporal needs of Southernmost Tangipahoa Parish through its various ministries.

St. Joseph's develops, supports, nurtures and educates Catholic Christians while offering to this entire expanding community a caring environment and a welcoming spirit of Christ present.

## Parish Ministries and Contact Persons

**Altar Servers:** Michele & Glen Ernst, 985-386-6618. sj\_altar\_server@bellsouth.net  
**Bible Studies:** *Cancelled Until Further Notice.*  
**Children's Liturgy Ministry:** Paige Bacile 985-386-3749.  
**Cooking Ministry:** Cook a plate of food for our Priest one day each month, call Linda Guagliardo 985-345-8409.  
**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion:** Angela Pevey (Call / text) 985-507-5757.  
**Readers:** Larry Ernst, 985-386-5731. lernst1@bellsouth.net  
**Marriage Ministry:** Ed & Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.  
**Mass Greeters:** Barbara Martino, 985-386-3622.  
**Music Ministry:** Rhonda Rossano 985-386-3749  
**Parish School of Religion:** Grades K-12; Paige Bacile 985-386-3749  
**Special Education PSR:** 985-386-3749.  
**RCIA:** Ed or Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.  
**St. Joseph Bereavement Food Ministry:** Cheryl Laiche, 985-386-2033 or Anne Phillips, 985-969-2700  
**Stephen Ministry:** Anita or Ronnie Perrin, 985-687-4458 or 985-386-3016.  
**Ushers:** Contact Barry Blackledge 985-510-5502.  
**Widowed Friends of St. Joseph:** Barbara Guy at 985-507-9966.  
**Word & Worship Prayer Ministry:** Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.  
**Women's Ministry:** Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.  
**Youth Ministry:**  
Middle School: Kayla Fletcher: 985-386-3749  
High School: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749

## Organizations

**Ancient Order of Hibernians:** Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.  
**Kaycee Auxiliary:** Maureen Felder 225-294-3092 or maureenfelder75@gmail.com  
**Knights of Columbus:** Buddy Williams, 504-252-2031 (Application for new members)  
**Rosary Altar Society:** Evelyn Lavigne 985-386-6732  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** For membership contact the church office, 985-386-3749. For assistance call 985-370-5459.  
**Core Group:** Ronnie Perrin (Chairman), Lawton Hotard, Barbara Martino, Larry Melancon, Rebecca Smith, Larry Wilson  
**Finance Committee:** Dennis James (Chairman) Michelle Ernst, Mike Fulmer, Larry Melancon, Brian Steib, Barbara Theriot .  
**Council of Ministries:** Vance Balado, Melissa Henderson, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

## Download Our New Parish App!

Our new St. Joseph's app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Joseph's and better engage the New Evangelization.

Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for my parish.



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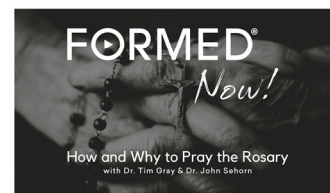
PICK OF THE WEEK

February 7, 2021

WATCH

### BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



### FORMED NOW! HOW AND WHY TO PRAY THE ROSARY

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

LEARN

LISTEN

### TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

This inspiring story depicts St. Bernadette and her encounters with the Blessed Mother. Learn more about the saint who Mary appeared to eighteen times!

### St. Bernadette of Lourdes



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# Year of St. Joseph

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Pope Francis states that St. Joseph is:

- The father of all Christian people
- The father of obedience
- Accepting father
- A minister of salvation

Pope Francis states that with the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude in St. Joseph and full of hope, we can also accept life as it is with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments. Faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad. He stated that St. Joseph confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it. St. Joseph encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are without exception and show a special concern for the weak.

St. Joseph is the example to all of us but he is also, "Terror of Demons" which you see portrayed in the banner as he holds our young Lord in his arms. We can be confident that he protects us as well. Pray to St. Joseph asking for protection over of our families and our church. He is our man of the year!

Please look out for various activities that will be announced in our bulletin at our parish regarding the celebration of St. Joseph this year whether it be in devotions or activities in his honor.

## *Sprinkling - A New Way to us is the Oldest Way of Getting Ashes*

The sprinkling of ashes on the forehead during Ash Wednesday the first day of Lent is a rite performed in Catholic Churches all over the world. The priest sprinkles parishioners' heads with ashes and says "from dust you have come and to dust you will return" or "repent and believe in the Gospel." Only in Africa and the United States do Catholic priests draw the sign of the cross on the forehead with the ashes, rather than sprinkling them. However, this year we will get to experience this tradition in the sprinkling manner, due to Covid guidelines issued by the Vatican.

We will continue to experience new ways of worshipping and gathering as the body of Christ as this pandemic persists. The blue tape in our church was an eyesore until a parishioner came up with a creative way to attach the white ribbons you now see on the pews. But even the blue tape was better than being restricted from having Mass in person as we were last spring! So, if we have to make adjustments in order to continue certain rites and Eucharistic celebrations, then I pray that we can do so with a spirit of humility and surrender.

As first Sacraments approach, I am trying not to be deterred by the obstacles and I am constantly in awe of how the Holy Spirit comes through and works in the details. For example, at the parent orientation, Fernando Morales and Angelina Dupuy sang a beautiful song of Blessing over our parents in the gym despite mic complications. We had to move the Confession seminar for parents to the Church, which was still beautifully decorated for Christmas, and allowed us to have Rhonda and her daughter Julia sing a meditation litany. One of the parents shared his story about his recent return to the Sacrament of Confession with honesty and vulnerability. Each of these scenarios reminds me that I am not in charge, the Holy Spirit is. All I have to do is persevere in prayer, be flexible, show up in my mask, and leave room for God to show up as well.

I believe that this pandemic is not just a physical battle for our health, or a financial battle for our security, but a spiritual battle for our families and Church communities as we struggle to cope with fear and isolation. So, I ask you to join me in participating in Mass, the Sacraments and in ministry opportunities whenever and however we are allowed to, and to participate with a spirit of joy and gratitude and sacrifice.

Col 3:15 "Let the peace of Christ to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts; and be thankful."

Paige Bacile  
PSR Coordinator



ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH MINISTRY  
INVITES ALL TO OUR FIRST....

# Valentine's Day

NEAREST & DEAREST  
SOCIAL

COME WITH YOUR FAM, FRIENDS, OR THOSE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE LOVE IN YOUR HEART!

GREAT FOR GAL-ENTINE'S

BRING YOUR OWN POPCORN/SNACKS, DRINKS AND STADIUM CHAIRS.  
WE'VE GOT THE MOVIE

St Joseph's Grounds  
Saturday, February 13th, 6:00 pm  
RSVP: [nrichard@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org)  
[kfletcher@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:kfletcher@sjscrusaders.org)



ADO (Adoration) for  
HIGH SCHOOL TEENS & YOUNG  
ADULTS

WEDNESDAYS 5-6 PM



CHECK OUT ST. JOSEPH'S THIRST  
FACEBOOK GROUP FOR MRS. NIC'S  
SAINT PICK OF THE DAY

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35  
(OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL)  
Check this Opportunity out...



FEB. 26-28, 2021  
CAMP ISTROUMA  
GREENWELL SPRINGS, LA  
COST: \$135

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## Confirmation Corner

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE:**

April 19th

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Duca  
CANDIDATES ARRIVE dressed with respect by 5:45 PM  
Sponsors arrive dressed with respect by 6:30 pm

April 18th

Confirmation retreat (my oops on the date at meeting. ACT test day)  
11:00 am—7:00 pm  
Includes lunch time, Mass practice, small group, talks, music, confession and quality time with sponsor :)  
Candidates AND Sponsors attend 11:00 am Mass to kick off the day  
Details to come

**MANDATORY ESSAYS DUE:**

To be typed with teen name please. Can be mailed to office,  
dropped off or emailed to  
[nrichard@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org)

1. SAINT PAPER –DUE **FEB 28**

FYI...girls can choose male saints and guys can choose female saints

2. WHY I WISH TO BE CONFIRMED – DUE **MARCH 31**

EMAILS WILL BE SENT  
RECAPPING THE MEETING.  
THANKS TO ALL WHO  
ATTENDED LAST  
MONDAY EVENING.



Let's meet at my house  
Sunday before the game.

- God

(Texas United)



## The Good News

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

## Monica's Journey

"Monica's Journey" is a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church for women who struggle to find answers in the midst of difficult relationships or traumatic experiences in their lives. This ministry gives them a welcoming and non-judgmental place to find the hope and healing they need. Meetings are held in the evening during the week for 90 minutes. Members of other denominations are welcome. **This is a strictly confidential group and a confidentiality statement must be signed by all members.** The place and time of meetings will be disclosed after initial contact is made with the group facilitator. Voicemail: *Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. (985) 467-9520.*

## Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts: A Catholic support group for WOMEN, whose relationships have been negatively impacted by the pornography addiction or sexual addiction of a loved one. This may include a spouse, boyfriend, family member or friend. Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. Contact 985-401-2010 for more information and respond to the prompting.



## Healing from Divorce Group

If you are separated or divorced, the Church cares about you. The loss of a relationship through separation or divorce poses one of the most difficult transitions a person can face. As people journey through a divorce, they face the stress of emotions, life changes, and developing a way to live a new life. As a Church, we are called to imitate Jesus Christ, who always sought to heal the brokenhearted. St. Joseph now has a new ministry for this purpose. For more information please contact Angela Perrin at 985-318-4927.

## Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Victoria "Vickie" Alexander, Ray Aleman, Laurie Allen, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Mark Bear, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Sherri Brown, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christy "KK" Cartaginense, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Joan Duplessis, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Veronica Fannally, Catherine Farlouis, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Geraldine Freeman, Timmy Gates, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Malissa Gonzalez, Linda Guagliardo, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Pat Gullo, Rami Falgout Harknom, Katherine Harris, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Mindy Kershenstine, Alan Klein, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Greg Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Debra Lanian, Norma Larrieu, Dwayne Lato, Diane Lavigne, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Liz LeSaicherre, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Nathan deLord, Elsie Major, Fr. Cayet Mangiaracina, O.P., Heath Martin, Arthur & Tate Mashburn, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, Max McCray, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Toni Meyer, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Aliyah Naquin, Judy Nicholas, CJ Otilio, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Camilla Phillips, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Krystal Raulerson, Baby Damon Reggio, Kayla Reggio, Lise Richard, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Emile Sanchez & Family, Stacy Sanders, Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Kayla Smith, Scott Stanga, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tourmillon, Travis Troxler, Sam Vilardo, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West, Faith Rose Wiltz. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

## Please pray for members of our parish family serving our country in the armed forces and remember also their families:

CM Sgt Christopher Castle, Col. Brad Duplessis, Col. Brian Duplessis, Col. David, Duplessis- Commander, Mason Joiner Sgt Major in Army, Capt. Kathleen Keller, Jacob Milton, Commander Eric Olsen, US Navy, Elijah Whittington. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

## Saints and Special Observations

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life  
Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking  
Wednesday: St. Scholastica  
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group of parents helping parents. PAL is also open to spouses and other family members and friends (18 or older) who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

A local PAL group meets at the St. Joseph's Church every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday at a new location inside the St. Benedict Room at Church.

We look forward to sharing this program of hope and support with you. For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 or review the website [www.palgroup.org](http://www.palgroup.org). All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

## Readings for the Week of

**February 7, 2021**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

### Next Sunday Readings (February 14, 2021)

First Reading.....Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
 Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
 Gospel.....Mark 1: 40-45  
 Psalm.....32:1-2, 5, 11

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 8, 2021

8:00 AM Mike Raiford

### Tuesday, February 9, 2021

8:00 AM Phillip & (L) Roberta Connelley

### Wednesday, February 10, 2021

8:00 AM Dotsy Eleser

### Thursday, February 11, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Anna Foret

### Saturday, February 13, 2021

5:00 PM Susan Barbe  
 Earl Baudin  
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Ronnie Braun  
 Delton Brooks  
 Phillip Connelley  
 Robert Connelley  
 Anthony Costanza  
 Lea Nora David  
 Liv. & Dec. Members of the Ethridge & Ernst Family  
 Mamie Heiring  
 Wayne Kraemer  
 (L) Phil & Katie Kraft  
 Lloyd Krieger  
 Dickie Lamp  
 Raoul Laurent, Jr.  
 Ralf LeSaicherre, Sr.  
 (L) Andrea Malone  
 (L) Becky Naquin  
 Kathleen Pinion Nave  
 Liv. & Dec. Members of the J. C. Peltier Family

(L) Angela Perrin  
 Bill Perrin  
 Rufus Poche  
 Vincent Poche  
 Mike Raiford  
 Dale Roberts  
 Fred Rolfus  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Glenn Snyder  
 (L) Madeline Thibodeaux  
 (L) President Donald Trump  
 Mary Ruffin Wellman  
 Donnie Wilson  
 Katherine Yeargain

### Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Wayne Aymond, Sr.

Bernice Bankston

(L) Johnny Cieutat

Mary Sue Drude

Richard & Clotilde Drude

Virgil McWilliams Kraft

Cotton & Louanna Kraft

(L) David Kraft

Lily Kraft

Patricia LaGroue

Doris Drude Lavigne

Ben LeBoeuf

Anna Mae Miller  
 Martin Muller  
 Henry Novack  
 (L) Cory Pinion  
 Dale Roberts  
 Audrey Scamaro  
 Glenn Snyder  
 (L) David, Holly, Charlie, Sidney,  
 Evan & Alaina Strong  
 (L) President Donald Trump  
 Mary Vicknair  
 Lynda Walker  
 Donnie Wilson

(L) Indicates Living

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are donated:



In Loving Memory of **Alonzo & Frances Raiford**

By: *Pat & Sidney Alexander*

## Stewardship

### “Too Good for Us”

“She’s too good for him.” He needs to find someone else. He’s too good for her.” We’ve thought it. Maybe said it. On reflection, such a perspective seems cruel, even if they’re seated in a desire concerning what’s best for others. The writer of the New Testament book of Hebrews would argue there’s at least one appropriate place for the point-of-view: when we consider the martyred faithful throughout Church history and faithful biblical characters that established the bar for them and for us.

“What more shall I say? I have not time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was righteous, obtained the promises; they closed the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; out of weakness they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword’s point; they went about in skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, in caves and in crevices in the earth. Yet all these, though approved because of their faith, did not receive what had been promised. God had foreseen something better for us, so that without us they should not be made perfect.”

## Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
1/31/2021	\$592,883.00	\$589,000.00	\$ +3,883.05
Church Support	\$ 19,099.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,230.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 237.00		
	<b>\$ 21,566.00</b>		

### Second Collections

Church in Eastern Europe: February 7th  
 St. Joseph School: February 14th  
 Black & Indian Missions: February 21st

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, February 13th & Sunday February 14th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Tom Waller 7b Merle Ozment 8b John Albrecht 9b	Durald Pinion Chris Marmillion Frank Schilling John Howes
8AM	Harry LeBlanc 7b Rose Harper 8b Mary Jo Balado 9b	Roland Terrebbonne Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Ronnie Reggio Jeremy Barado Rodney Schmatlz
11 AM	Nicole Richard 7b Pat Alexander 8b Veronica Pierson 9b	Jeff Ryan Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard

### Lectors

5PM	Blaine Anderson
8AM	Gabby Reggio
11 AM	Tony Guagliardo, III

## Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father- February 2021

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

## *New Adult Formation Class Starting Soon*

**“How to Give Your Testimony”**: Feb. 21st & 28th, 9:30am– 10:30 am - Sarah Fox—  
School Library

### How to Give Your Testimony Part 1

1 Peter 3:15 says, “but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. *Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you*, yet do it with gentleness and reverence.” If someone were to ask you why you’re a Christian while in a check out line, could you do it? Whether you have a book’s worth of how the Lord has worked in your life, or need help finding just one moment, I encourage you to come learn how to give your testimony in as little as 3 minutes. People can disagree with certain teachings you believe but can’t disagree with an experience you’ve had. Come learn how to evangelize and “*always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you.*”

### How to Give Your Testimony Part 2

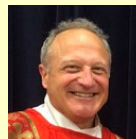
Now that we’ve learned how to give our testimony, we’re going to workshop them to make sure you are confident in sharing your testimony for the glory of God.

## ALL LEADERS MEETING FEBRUARY 25th 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH

### “COME TO ME ALL WHO ARE BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST”



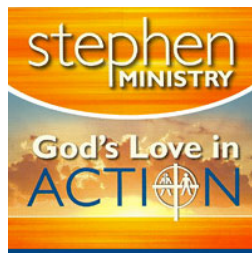
An adoration service led by  
Deacon Chris Schneider of the  
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*Inspirational teaching on Communal Prayer  
and Discernment as leaders*

## *Stephen Ministers Are Care Giver, God Is The Cure Giver*

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## *Mark Your Calendar*

**Sunday, February 7th**  
*Parish School of Religion* 9:30 am in the School

**Sunday, February 7th**  
*Ablaze*—9:30 am

**Sunday, February 7th**  
*Be Seen With Your Mother*—9:30 am in SJS Library

**Sunday, February 7th**  
*Called & Gifted*—9:30am –School Classroom

**Sunday, February 7th**  
*Thirst*—5pm

**Monday, February 8th**  
*Adult Choir Practice*— 6:30 pm in the Church

**Tuesday, February 9th**  
*St. Vincent de Paul Meeting*—6:30 pm in the Ministry Building

**Tuesday, February 9th**  
*Word & Worship*-Church-7:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 10th**  
*Adoration*—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 10th**  
*Divine Mercy*-Church-3:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 10th**  
*Come As You Are*—Ablaze -5pm St. Joseph Room

**Wednesday, February 10th**  
*Vespers*—Church - 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 10th**  
*Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents*  
7pm in the St. Benedict Room

**Saturday, February 13th**  
*Confession*—4:00 pm

**Saturday, February 13th**  
*Nearest & Dearest Social* - 6pm –Please see page 4 for more information.

**Monday, Feb. 15th & Tuesday, Feb. 16th**— **No Masses/ No Communion Services.** Church Office will be Closed.

**Wednesday, February 17th**  
*Ash Wednesday*— Masses at 8 am & 6 pm

**Friday, February 19th**  
*Stations of the Cross*: 1:45 pm & 6 pm

**Sunday, February 21st**  
*New Adult Formation Class*-“How to Give Your Testimony” 9:30 am –School Library

**Thursday, February 25th**  
*All Leaders Meeting*— *Inspirational Teaching on Communal Prayer and Discernment as Leaders*— 7 pm in the Church

## *St. Joseph Gem:*

O most faithful saint who shared the mysteries of our redemption, glorious St. Joseph, the prophecy of Simeon regarding the sufferings of Jesus and Mary caused thee to shudder with mortal dread, but at the same time filled thee with a blessed joy for the salvation and glorious resurrection which, he foretold, would be attained by countless souls.

- Blessed Januarius  
Maria Sarnelli

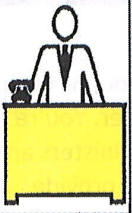






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