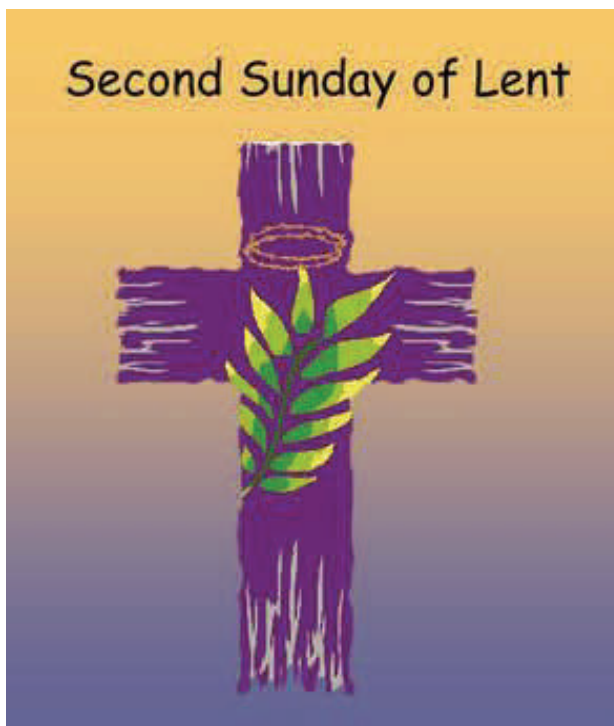
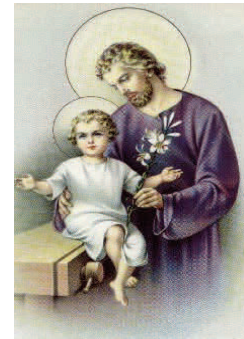


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Second Sunday of Lent, February 25, 2018



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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 24

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. No Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. The Children of Tom & Becky Jackson
by Tom & Becky Jackson

Sunday, February 25

- Second Sunday of Lent -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Jim Cole + by Diana Cole

Monday, February 26

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey & Carolyn Flaughter
by Mike & Jill Morrissey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, February 27

- 7:00 a.m. Adoration
- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, February 28 - Please note Mass time!

- 8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert + by George & Dianne Witwer

- **The Light Is On For You - 6-8:00 p.m.** / Confessions from 6:15-7:15 p.m. / Evening Prayer, Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction follows

Thursday, March 1

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Diane Humphrey Family
- 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, March 2

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 3

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. No Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Terry Flowers + By Family

Sunday, March 4

- Third Sunday of Lent -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- No 7:30 a.m. Mass**
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates + by Their Children



Please remember in your prayers... Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr and Kelsey Peters.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2018, YR. B. WE ARE INVITED TO KNOW THAT IF GOD IS FOR US NO ONE CAN BE AGAINST US.

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, peace be with you all.

N B: 1. Dear Parents remember to continue to encourage your children to make use of the Sacrament of Confession I will schedule for them during this Lenten Period. The adults Confession is fixed on March 7th. Please make use of this Great Sacrament of Penance.

2. Remember: "The Light Is ON for You", an annual two hours Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions in all Churches in our Diocese, as directed by our Bishop Most Rev. K.C. Rhoades, it is fixed for February 28, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Confessions from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Evening Prayer follows, then, Litany of the Most Holy Eucharist, and Benediction at 8:00 p.m. Try to join and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Week day Mass be in the morning 8:00 a.m. So, there will not be Mass that evening after Adoration.

3. Remember that our "Parish Mission Week" is from March 4 Sunday to 8 Thursday. Please leave these days free for the Mission Week Activities. The program will be available soon.

4. As you know, we plan for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to join in the "Foot Steps of Jesus Christ". It is fast approaching. So, consider seriously of joining us to the home land of Our Lord Jesus Christ. You will never regret going. It will help you to understand more vividly the Scripture passages. It is from April 23 to May 2, 2018. If you intend to go, please call Janet Lehman: 260-824-0367 or Stacey Couillard: 260-466-1224 or Parish Office at 260-824-1380 or the organizing agency. The Brochures are available at the Narthex.

Today is the second Sunday of Lent and I hope that everybody is doing his or her best to live in the spirit of Lent. Try and prepare this Lent as if it will be your last lent and as if your salvation depends on doing it well. We are assured that if God is with us no one can be against us. Sometimes in life, we can experience obscurity, darkness that can constitute severe mental pain and physical suffering. It can be when we have doubt about our faith, or when we are sick or, when we have some problems, difficulties at home, in places of work, agony in studies, name them. It can also be when there is problem in keeping the values we cherish, such love, fidelity, unresolved confusion about things and persons around us. Today's Liturgy deals with such problems, and it will help us to cope up, if we can turn to God with faith trusting that he will help us.

Thus, in the first reading today: (Gn 22:1-2, 9a 10-13, 15-18); Abraham is a classic example of man of faith, honest and trust. You can imagine the gravity of his psychic agony when he was asked to offer his only son Isaac, the child of his old age. He knew that Isaac was a miracle child and if God wants him – Isaac, God will still fulfill the promise he made. Therefore, trusting in God Abraham was truly ready to slaughter Isaac. Timely; God intervened and prevented the slaughter of the boy and said: "Do not lay your hand on the boy. ... because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly ... and in your descendants, all the nations of the earth shall find blessing---all this because you obeyed my command."

You see, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, that: **"If God is for us, who can be against us?"** This is the opening sentence of the **second reading, from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans: (Rom 8:31b-34).** No one can really destroy us when God is with us and for us. So, let us be with the Lord that the Lord God will be with us and for us.

And in the Gospel: (Mk 9:2-10), The Lord Jesus took Peter, James and John to mountain Tabor, there He was transfigured and showed his Divine Majesty. He showed them his divinity to strengthen the faith of the three against the scandal of the Cross, which Jesus was discussing with Moses and Elijah. In amazement Peter cried out, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents; one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." You can see the link of the Gospel and the first reading and God's assured intervention in the second reading. The agony Abraham experienced when he was about to slaughter his son, and eventually God's intervention and the Lord's crucifixion and the glorious resurrection, are related. You see that, **"For those who loves God, everything works onto good."**

Like Abraham and like Jesus we must suffer physical and mental pains in our journey to heaven. And like them we will overcome all those pains. Let our prayer be: **"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. (cf. St Francis of Assisi).**

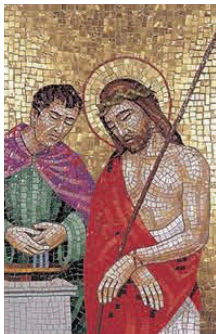
God bless you

Rev. Fr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
at 8:40 a.m. with the Religious
Education Students

We would like to extend an invitation to you, our Parish Family, to join us for Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 4th with our Religious Education Students beginning at 8:40 a.m. The first Sunday of each month, Kindergarten through Grade 12, meet in the church at 8:40 a.m. to pray the Rosary together. It is our 7th Grade Class' turn to lead the Rosary, but as we are in the Lenten Season, they chose to lead The Stations of the Cross instead. If you cannot join us on Sunday March 4th, remember there are Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent beginning at 7:00 p.m.



SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., 26 - Second Week of Lent - Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38
Tues., Feb. 27 - Is 1:10,16-20/ Mt 23:1-12
Wed., Feb. 28 - Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28
Thurs., Mar. 1 - Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31
Fri., Mar. 2 - Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat., Mar. 3 - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin - Mi 7:14-15,18-20/ Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun., Mar. 4 - Third Sunday of Lent - Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25



A BIG THANK YOU

To everyone who contributed to the Baby Bottle Campaign for Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center. A total of \$1,417.82 was raised to help young families in our community who have chosen life for their babies. God's Blessings to you all!

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ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON



Thursday, March 1, 2017 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
 Evening Prayer- 6:30 p.m. /Litany of the Eucharist/
 Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /Mass- 7:00 p.m.
 Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALENDAR- FEBRUARY 2018

- **Wed., Feb. 28- The Light is ON for You.**- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation- beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6-8:00p.m./ Confessions from 6:15-7:15 p.m./ Evening Prayer follows, Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Try to join and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

WEEKEND OF MARCH 3/4, 2018

CANTORS:

5:00 Mike Morrissey
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Larry Leitz (Choir)

LECTORS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Dan Geimer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Monica Harris, Diana Cole, Sandy Smythe, Steve Higgins, Tammi Helm, Larisa Sudhoff,

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Mike/Becky Anderson

SERVERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Crawfis, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of February 17/18, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,723.00
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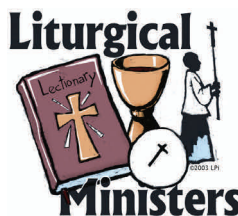
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The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

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SIGN UP SHEET FOR PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

Trained Ministers are needed for Palm Sunday, March 24 & 25 weekend; Holy Week, i.e., Holy Thursday Mass, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday Service, March 30 at 1:00 p.m.; Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) Mass, March 31 at 8:30 p.m. and Easter Sunday Masses, April 1 at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to minister at any of these Masses. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

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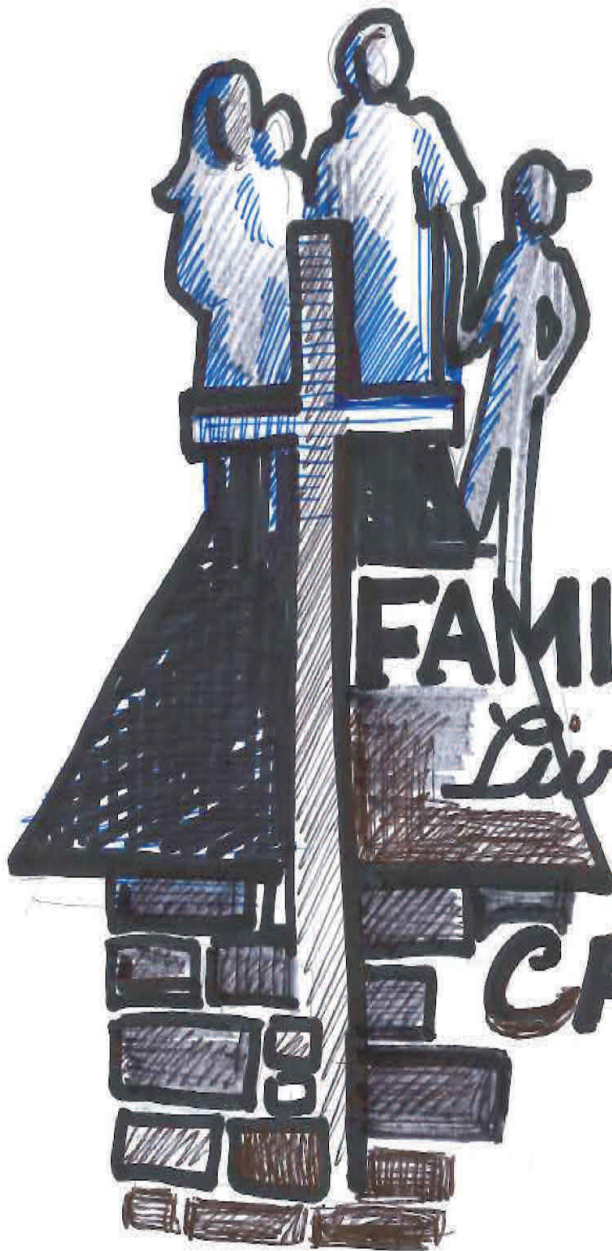
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 Mother Teresa

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March 4- 10:00a.m. Mass

Each Evening March 5 - 8 at 7p.m.

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