

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 3/4, 2018



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR MARCH

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

OUR PARISH PRAYS TOGETHER

Feel free to share your special needs and intentions, so they can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you. Individual names are welcome but not necessary.

For victims of natural disasters and violence
For family members who have died
For all those looking for work
For a woman concerned about her family
For those suffering from the cold and illness
For the end to abortions
For the safety of all who are traveling
For Fr. Predmore's mother, who has died

For a woman with 2 broken ankles
For Ernie Ladores, recovering from spine surgery
For someone preparing for an act of consecration
For those preparing for sacraments
For all those in pain
For justice for immigrants and refugees
For Shannon, undergoing chemotherapy
For Aziza recovering from spine surgery

FIRST CONFESSIONS

On Saturday, March 3rd, at 4 PM, our First Communion candidates will make their First Confessions. It is an important step for them, and an important moment in the life of our parish. All are invited to come and participate in the ceremony. We will begin promptly, since there are 9 candidates. Fr. McChesney will be available to hear adult confessions while the young people are receiving the Sacrament. If you are unable to come, please remember them in your prayers on that day.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK – We will have Anointing of the Sick at both Masses this weekend.

It is a Sacrament of the Church, and thus only available for Catholics. If you or someone you care for want to receive the anointing at Mass at either of the weekend celebrations, and you have not contacted Fr. John, please do it immediately, so we can be prepared.

Lenten Reflections – A weekly gathering to share reflections and help prepare for the great Easter celebrations. Each Saturday at the Jesuit Center, following the 8:30 Mass, until March 31. All are welcome, no reservation necessary.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

March 2 – First Friday; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass
RCIA – Day of Recollection for Catechumens

March 3 - Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass. All are welcome. About one hour.

March 3 – 4 PM - First Confessions for our First Communion candidates

March 4/5 – Anointing of the Sick during Mass; please register if you wish to receive the Sacrament

March 4 – Novena to St. Francis Xavier begins – Patron of the Chapel at the Jesuit Center

March 6 – Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Workshop, Session B, 7 PM

March 9 - Lenten Day of Recollection – 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

March 10/11 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH

March 10 - Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass

March 10 – RCIA First Scrutiny at the 5 PM Mass

March 11 – Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis (2013)

Beginning of the Novena to St. Joseph

March 12 – Canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier; end of the Novena to St. Francis

March 17 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass. All are welcome. About one hour.

RCIA Second Scrutiny at the 5 PM Mass

Feast of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland

March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, end of the novena to St. Joseph

March 20 – First day of Spring

March 21 – Mother’s Day in Jordan. Mass at the Jesuit Center for all mothers.

March 24 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass. All are welcome. About one hour.

RCIA Third Scrutiny at the 5 PM Mass

March 30 – Daylight Savings Time begins in Jordan

March 31 – Final Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass.

March 31/April 1 – Palm Sunday celebration – Usual Mass schedule

April 2-4 – Regular morning Mass at the Jesuit Center

HOLY WEEK – The Holy Week schedule will be posted as soon as the times have been confirmed

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

Go to www.jordanjesuits.org, go to the link for SACRED HEART PARISH and on the right side is a direct link so you can register on line.

Couldn't be easier. Thank you.

Daily Reflections during Lent – Available on request by email, and also available on the Parish Group page on Facebook. Those who have received them in the past will be automatically on the email list. Email Fr. John if you want to be added to the list.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

1 Maria Rosen Solomon
5 Amy VanDorn
8 Jennifer Totary
20 Jayantha Gurusinghe



23 Paul David
24 Lorenz Wild
28 John Franchy
29 Charles Baylor
Micky Pulickal

A NOTE FROM FATHER PETER

Peace and Good News - I am assigned to go 50 miles north of NY City to Cornwall on Hudson, to Jogues Retreat Center. There are two Jesuits there, and I would be the third. It is a beautiful old house and serves for retreats, prayer days as well as a place for Jesuits to get a break. For more info on it, and photos, look it up on **Google search**, and on Facebook which has a number of photos.

Here is the link - <https://www.facebook.com> › Places › Cornwall, New York › Church

Adjoining our property is Storm King Golf Club, a 9 hole course which we have access to, and our own swimming pool. and plenty of deer and turkeys. The Hudson River is visible in the distance from our front lawn. And once again, I will see the stars at night!

I expect to take up this new work in two weeks. I will be working with the Office of Ignatian Spirituality, helping them with items for the internet, and I will have time for my own writing projects. I will also help out at the local Catholic parish in Cornwall.

The new address will be: Jogues Retreat Center, P.O. Box 522, Cornwall, NY. 12518-0522 USA
Telephone 845-534-7570
Cell phone 929-210-4802

Courage, Blessings - Peter S. sj

Lenten Day of Recollection – Friday, March 9 – 8:30 AM (Morning Mass) until approximately 3:30. Lunch is included. No charge, but advance reservations **are** required. Fr. John and Fr. Robert will share the day. Participants are expected to participate in the whole day.

Tentative Schedule:

8:30 Mass

9:00-9:30 – Coffee and settling in

9:30 - 10:00 – Points for Prayer

10:00 – 10:30 – Private prayer and reflection

(Confession available during all prayer sessions)

10:30 – 11:00 – Time for sharing and conversation

11:00 - 11:15 – break

11:15 – 11:45 – Points for Prayer

11:45 – 12:15 – Private prayer and reflection

12:15 – 12:45 – Sharing and conversation

12:45 – 1:30 – Lunch

1:30 – 2:00 – Points for Prayer

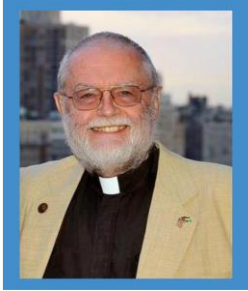
2:30 – 3:00 – Private Prayer and Reflection

3:00 – 3:30 – Sharing and Conversation

Benediction and Blessing

Participants are free to leave or to stay and continue the sharing and conversation

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE? WWW.JORDANJESUITS.ORG



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

How are you?

That's a socially acceptable question that we often ask when greeting someone we know. It is usually not meant to be taken seriously, and the ritual answer is "I'm fine, how are you?" and again, no one expects or usually wants a medical update or a psychological self-evaluation. In a hospital setting, of course, it becomes a very different question. Or if you are greeting someone who has recently been ill. Or when a spiritual director meets his or her directee. Those are moments when the question carries a real weight, and a more serious and reflected answer is expected, even required.

I find myself thinking that it's too bad that we don't take the question more seriously. I wonder if perhaps we should be more open to actually telling other people how we really are. I worked at a retreat house for a while, and every week there was a staff meeting of all the people working there. The first thing we did at the meeting was to go around, and every person shared with us all how he or she was – physically, emotionally, spiritually, psychologically, even if it were only that we were going to be very busy and that carried its own stress. It meant that for the rest of the meeting, and for the immediate future, we really knew how we were.

It was a very valuable exercise.

So as we begin the first full week of Lent – how are you? I may not hear your answer, but you should know for yourself. It is a good question to ask yourself every day – ideally three times a day. It's a good way to start the day, because if you're in a bad mood, or really tired, or stressed, you should be aware of that before you start to interact with other people.

It's a good question to ask in the middle of the day, especially if you stop and review the day to see how you have been doing – and if God was present in your life (Hint: He was) and if you noticed His call and acted on it. And at the end of the day, the same question, the same review, the same exercise both to help you understand yourself more, and to see how you did during the day. Sometimes where you have been is a very good indicator of where you are going. And how you really are.

We are called as Catholics to grow – to grow in our faith, to grow in our ability to care for one another, to grow in our relationship with God. It's a call we should exercise every single day of our lives. During Lent, we get a special "push" from the Church, to remind us and encourage us and hopefully to strengthen us. But the Church cannot do it for us. God WILL not do it for us. Only we can do it – just as only we can answer the question, whether we ask it of ourselves or someone asks it of us – How are you?

And let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John's Email: pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org

Fr. John's Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

Website: Jordanjesuits.org

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)

WORKSHOP SCHEDULES

For anyone interested in becoming a Lector, or men interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, workshop times are below. An RSVP is not required but appreciated, so we can be sure to have enough copies of materials. If you are interested and NONE of the scheduled dates is possible, please let Fr. John know so you can be notified if other dates are added.

LECTOR WORKSHOP (Attendance at one only)

Monday - March 5 – 7 PM to 8:30PM

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST (2 Sessions required, A and B)

Tuesday – March 6 (Session B) – 7:00 to 8:30 PM

PRAYER TIMES DURING LENT

It is often good to simply pray in the company of others, and there will be several times when the Jesuit Chapel will be open and available for prayer. There will be no ceremony, no formal beginning or ending, just a chance to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and hopefully sharing some of that time in silence with others. No need to sign up – just show up and you will be most welcome. Follow the signs – if you need the elevator, call Fr. John (079 013-8985)

Monday, March 5 – 5 PM – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 6 – 5 PM to 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 11 – 3 PM to 5 PM

Friday, March 16 – 9 AM to 11 AM

Monday, March 19 – 9 AM to 11 AM

Wednesday, March 21 – 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Friday, March 23 – 9 AM to 11 AM

Sunday, March 25 – 1 PM to 3PM

Tuesday, March 27 – 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Friday, March 30 – 9 AM to 11 AM

April 5 – HOLY THURSDAY (*Holy Week schedule subject to confirmation*)

No Morning Mass - Mass at Freres at 5 PM

Blessed Sacrament in repose at the Jesuit Chapel after Mass

Chapel will remain open for prayer until 11 or as people have signed up

Advance permission needed for all-night vigil

April 6 - GOOD FRIDAY

Service at Freres at Noon - Jesuit Chapel open for prayer from 3 PM until 8 PM

April 7 – HOLY SATURDAY - Chapel open for prayer from 10 AM until noon

Confession will be available during all of these prayer times

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Stations of the Cross can be prayed in any location, based on the traditional stations which follow Christ in His Passion. But we can move toward Easter as well by finding God in our own world, by praying in or with those places in our world where there are people who are still suffering. Here is one way to pray the stations, by physically going to these places, or placing them with God in your imagination as you pray.

Opening Prayer – Inside the Chapel or a Church

First Station – At the Chapel

We pray for those who are beginning their journey of faith, in whatever form.

Second Station – at the airport or the bus station or a border crossing

We pray for those without the freedom to travel, because of poverty, oppression, lack of resources

Third Station – at the King Hussein Cultural Centre

We pray for greater understanding of other cultures and other people

Fourth Station - at athletic fields or health clubs

We pray for those who are disabled, who lack the freedom to run and play sports

Fifth Station – at a newspaper office or a television station

We pray for those who lack freedom of expression

Sixth Station – at the police station

We pray for those who are imprisoned – in jails, in ignorance, in hatred

Seventh Station – at the library or the university

We pray for those who are denied education – because of gender, religion, lack of money

Eighth Station – at any restaurant

We pray for those who lack sufficient food

Ninth Station – with people who need housing or who live in camps

We pray for those who are alone

Tenth Station – at the hospital

We pray for those who are sick, and for those denied access to medical care

Eleventh Station – at the bank

We pray for the victims of economic oppression

Twelfth Station – along the road in the country

We pray for those who suffer because of the forces of nature

Thirteenth Station – at the cemetery

We pray for those who have died

Fourteenth Station – at the Chapel

We pray for those who cannot worship as they choose

Closing Prayer – Inside the Chapel

A booklet of prayers for this Way of the Cross may be found on the website.