



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 17- 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 18 - Women's Bible Study 7pm

Tuesday, March 19 – Feast Day of St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 20 – Rosary Group 8:30am

Adoration 5:30-6:30pm

Parishioner meeting 7pm in the St. Thomas More Center

Thursday, March 21

Friday, March 22 – Stations of the Cross 7pm - Fr. Gurnee

Saturday, March 23

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Servers: S. Lucas

Lector: P. Lee and P. Roehm

EMoHC: S. Lucas and J. Jean-Pierre

Sunday March 24- 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Mass

Servers: J. Drew and L. Slater

Lector: D. Doohar and S. Oursler

EMoHC: J. Drew, M. Granger, K. Clay, D. Poole-Marks,

K.Elsasser and S. Powell

10:30 am Mass

Server: S. Williams and C. Rufael

Lector: E. Pahls and J. Adams

EMoHC: S. Williams, L. Javarone, K. Johnston, D. Hogan,

S.Ojukutu and J. Marafino

Coffee Hour after the 10:30 Mass: Peranich

Noon Mass Server: F. D'Antuono and J. Cushman

Lector: A. Kongs and K. Pereira

EMoHC: F. D'Antuono and B. Krieger

The schedule can always be found on
our website: www.st-josephs.org

Sacramental Congratulations!

Baptism –

Wedding –

Opportunities for Service

McKenna's Wagon: Contact Dn. Gary Bockweg at (202) 544-3767 to sign up for a 3rd Sunday of the month afternoon shift.

Project Rachel: Are you or someone you love suffering from a past abortion? Call Project Rachel for confidential help at (202) 269-HOPE ProjectRachel@adw.org

Knights of Columbus: For information please contact

kofc11302@gmail.com

Vocations - CHECK IT OUT: For you or a friend! For everyone! Become a promoter! Answer the call! Visit www.dcpriest.org, call (202) 636-9020, or email jp2seminary@adw.org

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioner,

One of the parishioners asked me about an intriguing stain glass window here at St. Joseph's. Probably all of us have looked at it and wondered, "What's up with that?" But like a lot of everyday things we begin not to notice. So I was glad she brought it to my attention. The window in question has a serpent in a chalice. In Christianity, we don't normally identify those two things together. As a matter of fact, we probably see them as antithetical.

So I consulted with my favorite theologian, Msgr. Google and he immediately knew the answer. It seems that there is an ancient tradition in the Church that while St. John the Beloved was in Ephesus, someone tried to kill him by putting poison in his wine. Before drinking, St. John blessed the chalice and the poison turned into a snake before slithering out. St. John was able to drink from the cup unharmed. The Roman Ritual used to contain a blessing for a cup of wine on the Feast of St. John (December 27) and as late as the 1950's Catholics in Central Europe would bring wine to church on the feast day.

Thanks to Chris Hunkins for raising the issue and if anyone else is able to find out more information on this, please let me know.

Sincerely in Christ, *Fr. Gurnee*

Parish Announcements

Chant Mass for St. Joseph - St. Dominic Church is inviting our neighbors at St. Joseph to join us for a unique all-sung Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19. The whole Mass will be chanted, mostly in English, with a little Latin. 6:30pm Confessions. 7pm Chant Mass (Homilist: Br. Jonah Teller, OP). 8:30pm Refreshments (Parish Meeting Room). For more information, call St. Dominic's 202-554-7863.

Third Annual Gold Mass, Monday, March 25, 2019, 12:10 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church **Catered Luncheon to follow** Sponsored by the Congressional Catholic Staff Association. All Members, staff, and the public are invited to attend the third annual Gold Mass, sponsored by the Congressional Catholic Staff Association. The Gold Mass will take place at **St. Peter's on Capitol Hill, 2nd and C Streets, SE, at 12:10 pm on Monday, March 25, 2019.** The intention of this Mass is for all congressional staff. The CCSA Chaplain and Pastor of St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, Fr. William Gurnee, will be the celebrant and, Fr. Bill Byrne, Pastor at Our Lady of Mercy, will be the homilist. Fr. Patrick Conroy, S.J., Chaplain of the House, will concelebrate. All are likewise invited to a catered reception that will immediately follow in St. Peter's hall which is directly beneath the church. We hope you will join us in praying for all congressional staff and attend an event that we hope will become a joyous Capitol Hill tradition. **Please RSVP for lunch to: CatholicStaffAssociation@gmail.com** ****Suggested Donation: \$10 - Donations always welcome as all events are funded by CCSA co-chairs.**

A group of lay members of St. Joseph's parish, who are working to address the sex abuse crisis, will be meeting at the St. Thomas More Center, behind the church, on Wednesday, March 20, at 7pm.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Fourth Annual Lenten Fish Fry at St. Peter's!! March 22, 2019 • 5 to 8 PM • St. Peter's Church Hall. Come out for a traditional fish fry to support Boy Scout Troop 380! (To Go boxes available starting at 4PM) Dinner includes Fish & Sides, Iced Tea & Lemonade and Bake Sale Desserts. Adults - \$18; Children (under 12) - \$7; 3 & Under Free. **Tickets available** at <https://troop380dc.org/fishfry>

News from St. Peter School The 2018-2019 St. Peter's CYO Basketball season officially came to end this weekend as our U12 Girls team finished 2-1 in the annual Holy Redeemer Shootout. The U12 Girls team joined a number of other St. Peter's teams to have winning seasons, including the U14 Boys and both U12 Boys teams. St. Peter's also had its first ever U18 team, bringing together alumni from the classes of 2015-2017. St. Peter's basketball continues to produce strong teams across all divisions in which we compete. Congratulations on a great season to all the players, parents, and coaches for representing St. Peter's positively by their performance and conduct. A special thanks to our volunteer coaches: Ned Ertel, Tom Kozeny, Brad Mannion, Mike Sewell, Chris Miller, Kevin Lefebber, Walt Lukken, Suzanne Nelson, Scott Cernich, Yolanda Rodriguez, and Tony Perez for their commitment to St. Peter's and our players. St. Peter's CYO would also like to express gratitude to Fr. Gary and Ms. Clay for their continued support of our athletic programs. For more information about St. Peter's CYO, contact Athletic Director Ryan Donahue at ryandonahue20@gmail.com.

Bible Study class with Fr. Begg is now in recess. We will resume after Easter.

Women's Bible Study group meets Mondays, at 7pm in the St. Thomas More Center. The first book of study is "A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God's Covenant Love in Scripture" by Scott Hahn. Please contact Chris at hunkfam@yahoo.com or 334-868-9091 if you are interested or have questions.

Archdiocese Announcements

Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion A workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) in English will be offered on Saturdays, 9am-12pm, **April 6 at St. Matthias Church (Lanham, MD)**. This workshop will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. It is intended primarily for those who wish to be certified as an EMHC in the Archdiocese of Washington, but it is open to all. A \$5 registration fee can be paid at the door. Please RSVP by emailing liturgy@adw.org. If you have additional questions, you may call Maria Hamm in the Office of Worship at 301-853-4594.

Unplug on a Personal Retreat Day at Our Lady of Bethesda: Mar 22 & May 24 - Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells us to "Come away with me," ... to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. In the short, focused, weekday hours from 8:30am - 4pm, an experienced retreat master will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. With time for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, Mass, Confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and hot lunch, you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His

love for you. Upcoming dates for this personal experience are: March 22 & May 24. \$120 per person. Registration is required www.ourladvofbethesda.org. 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

The Washington Bach Consort's Noontime Cantata Series, now entering its 30th season, brings the music of Johann Sebastian Bach to the community. Concerts are presented at Church of the Epiphany and at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Capitol Hill. All performances are free of charge and open to all attendees. Please visit this link for more information: <https://bachconsort.org/noontime-cantatas/>



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Dn 9: 4b-10 Lk 6: 36-38

8:00 † Dr. Ducarmel Bocag

12:10 † John J. Murray, Jr.

Tuesday, March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

2Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a

8:00 For the Intentions of José E. Gallegos

12:10 † John J. Murray

Wednesday, March 20

Lenten Wednesday

Jer 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28

8:00 † Eloisa Branch

12:10 For the Intentions of the Hollis Family

Thursday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

8:00 † Irmgard Roemer-Lincoln

12:10 † Theodore Slocum

Friday, March 22

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00 † Eloisa Branch

12:10 † Mrs. Yvette P. Bocag

Saturday, March 23

Lenten Weekday - St. Turibius of Mosgrovejo, Bishop

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:30 † Stacey Granger

Sunday, March 24

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Ik 13:1-9

8:30 Pro Populo

10:30 For the Intentions of the Granger Family

12:00 Thanksgiving