

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

A week and a half ago I met with our parish council for the first time. It went well! We spent time in adoration before our first meeting to listen to God and discern His plans for our parish. The meeting was a success and I'm excited to work with our parish council going forward. Soon I'll meet with our finance council and get that group up and running again.

In today's Gospel Bartimaeus follows Jesus after he is healed and regains his sight. That is what Christ does- He heals us, provides us the true sight of faith, and empowers us to follow Him to eternal life. Along our pilgrimage to eternal life we are called to serve Christ, and one way of serving Him is through the ministries at St. Joseph's Church.

The Casserly Hall project is important to me because when it's renovated we'll have space for many ministries in the parish. It can be a center of community and service. In addition to future ministries, we also have existing ministries in place. Many of our existing ministries can use your help.

I've spoken to many of the people engaged in the ministries currently in place, and the common refrain is that those serving in them have been there for many years and would like new people to help out and take leadership. There is also room for better organization within some ministries, and the need for more support for the ministries.

An easy way for the parish to better support our liturgical ministries is to use modern programs that can more easily and efficiency aid in the scheduling of servers, lectors, and ushers. We're going to start using a program that will expedite the scheduling process and make it easier for liturgical ministers to find substitutes and have more input concerning scheduling, and take a lot of the burden of those who prepare the schedules.

I also invite everyone to pray about whether God is calling you to serve St. Joseph's by being a lector, server, or usher. Sometime in the next few months we'll have a training session for each ministry to train new members and help the current members sharpen their skills. Pray about how God is calling you to help, and keep reading the bulletin to hear the call for new ministers.

There will be many other possibilities to serve going forward, and I look forward to serving with all of you. May God bless all of us in our pilgrimage together!

In Christ,

*Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P.*

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Pastor

## Weekly Collection

October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Masses Total-----	\$6,350
WeShare-----	\$520
Faith Street -----	\$421
Second Collection-----	\$1,461
<b>Grand Total-----</b>	<b>\$8,752</b>

### FAITHSTREET

To give effortlessly online, just click the "**Give Online**" button on the home page of our website - [www.stjosephgv.nyc](http://www.stjosephgv.nyc)

### WESHARE

To create online giving account, please visit [stjosephgv.churchgiving.com](http://stjosephgv.churchgiving.com) and click "**Give Online**".

### PRAYER REQUESTS



*Please pray for:*

Paul Gallagher  
Zoila Vallo  
Victoria Ottomanelli  
Barbara Rosenberg

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will be on for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, Weekdays 9AM - 5PM.

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

12:10 pm

5:30 pm

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 am Teodora Somera

11:30 am People of the Parish

6:00 pm William Curley

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:10 am Michael Carlucci

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

12:10 pm

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

12:10 pm Rev. Daniel Cassiero

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

*All Saints*

12:10 pm

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*

12:10 pm Mars Custodio

## RECTORY OFFICE

**Office Hours:**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00am – 5:00pm  
**Office@stjosephgv.nyc**

## CATHOLIC CENTER @ NYU

238 Thompson Street  
New York, NY 10012  
**contact@catholiccenternyu.org**

## UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. If you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email **secretary@stjosephgv.nyc** to check your status.

## FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way! This tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive – via email or text message – from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. There are two easy ways to connect:

Visit our church at  
**www.flocknote.com/SJGV** (or)  
Text SJGV to 84576 from your phone to  
subscribe to updates.

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## PARISH OFFICE CLOSINGS

Please note the parish office will be closed for All Saints Day, Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.  
Also, note the parish office will close at 1:00 pm on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mission Co-Op for the Church of Monrovia**

## BETHLEHEM O HANDICRAFTS

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all Masses. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

## THANK YOU - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$1,461. You may stay connected year round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting **MISSIO.org**.



## LECTIO DIVINA & CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

**Wednesdays, at 7-8:30 pm**  
**Music Room of Parish House**

Lectio Divina is a reflective reading of the Word of God. It is a traditional method of prayer that leads us into the deeper meaning of the Scripture and growing in relationship with Christ, making possible the transformation of our lives. Contemplative Prayer is the final phase of Lectio Divina, it is opening ourselves in silence to God's Presence and Action.



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

Jeremiah speaks of God reuniting the people of Israel after their exile. He states that although they departed in tears, God will lead them all back and protect them, because he is father to Israel.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6**

Each high priest is taken from among people and offers sacrifices for their sins. High priests do not choose to take on this honor, but are chosen by God. Even Christ did not choose this office, but was chosen by God to be a priest forever.

**Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

A blind beggar approached Jesus and pleaded that Jesus heal him. Jesus called the man over and said, "Your faith has healed you." The man immediately received his sight and proceeded to follow Jesus up the road.



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
DAILY READINGS**

**Sunday**

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

**Monday**

Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday**

Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday**

Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday**

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**First Friday**

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9;  
Jn 6:37-40

**First Saturday**

Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



**HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 28, 2018**

**"Bartimaeus, a blind man, son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.' ...Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.' ...He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man replied to him 'Master, I want to see.' Jesus told him, 'Go your way, your faith has saved you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way."**

The parable of the Good Samaritan told on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. It was a story of compassion. Today we have the meeting of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, that took place on that road. He heard it was Jesus, and called out to Him in his need. The dialogue was simple and clear. What he needed and Jesus' response.

How many other Bartimaeus' are there in our own time? People, described by Pope Francis as marginalized sitting on the side. They too want to hear of Jesus, cry out to Him in their pain, and seek the compassion, help and mercy of Jesus. It might seem easy, to cross to the other side of the street, to speed up, or ignore the cry. Is that the Christian response?

In the mail each day, on the television, there are continued requests for the kindness and mercy of Jesus. The requests for donations grow and the hurts of others tug at our hearts and purse strings. We cannot respond to all requests, but we can as Jesus did. The faith of Bartimaeus restored his sight and he followed Jesus on the way. The hand of Jesus reaching out and responding to one more request can make a big change in the life of someone else.