

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018



““A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, ‘If you wish you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’”

This week, we begin the season of Lent, a time of renewal and repentance. We have a tendency to approach this time from a traditional posture. Ashes, meatless Fridays and Stations of the Cross. All are part of our practice and tradition.

Wait a minute. Picture the lonely leper, ill and isolated, but with firm faith and determination, violating the rules imposed through Moses, approaching Jesus, seeking much needed help. I am he!

Consider for a moment what it took for him to act. He was desperate, knowing the reality of His condition. He spoke ‘If you wish,..’ He heard the will of Jesus, felt His compassion, was touched by the healer. I am he!

May I seriously consider how to begin Lent this year and live renewal and repentance with the leper to be healed, cleansed and enlivened. Lent is God’s gift to me this year.

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS &
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, February 10 *Saint Scholastica, Virgin, 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10 (334)*

12:10 p.m. Fr. John Hamrogue

5:30 p.m. Ruey-Tzuen Lin

Sunday, February 11 *Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45 (77)*

9:00 a.m. Dr. Marcelito (Mars) Custodio

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Mary G. McKeveny (Living)

Monday, February 12 *Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13 (335)*

12:10 p.m. James E. Mac Donald

Tuesday, February 13 *Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21 (336)*

12:10 p.m. Felipe Tanglao

Wednesday, February 14 *Ash Wednesday, Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)*

12:10 p.m. Colleen Carney

Thursday, February 15 *Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25 (220)*

12:10 p.m. Carl & Angelo Conetta

Friday, February 16 *Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15 (221)*

12:10 p.m. Mazziotto Family

Saturday, February 17 *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32 (222)*

12:10 p.m. Samantha Noto

5:30 p.m.

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends of Saint Joseph,

I just received a letter from the good folks at Bideawee, New York's leading pet welfare organization. They asked me to share with you their gratitude for all of the gifts you gave at Christmas time through our parish Giving Tree. The Missionaries of Charity also reached out to communicate their deep appreciation for all of your generosity. Your kindness made a big difference in the lives of a great many people and animals and helped to make their holiday season a little brighter. Way to go!

A special word of thanks is due to Judy Magida. Judy has been organizing the Giving Tree for years now and oversees every little bit of the operation, from putting ornaments on the tree to delivering the gifts once they arrive. Great work, Judy, and on behalf of the whole parish, please know of my thankful appreciation.

God bless you all,
Fr. James

SECOND COLLECTION

PETER'S PENCE

All Masses

February 10th-11th

Thank you for your generosity!

OUR COLLECTION

Collection for

February 3rd and 4th, 2018

By Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$850 9:00 am: \$6,929

11:30 am: \$2,492 6:00 pm: \$569

Sunday Masses Total: \$10,840

WeShare:\$35

Faith Street: \$1,382

Grand Total: 12,257

Upcoming Events

CALLING ALL WOMEN!!

Mardi Gras Tuesday



February 13th @ 7:00pm

Come celebrate Fat Tuesday with us with a
WOMEN'S POTLUCK SUPPER

All we need is YOU!!

It'll be a wonderful chance for women from all the different Masses and age groups to break bread together and get to know each other.

There will be **signup sheets** in the back of the church to let us know what you plan on bringing (an entrée, salad, dessert, bread, or drink.).

If you can't bake or make it, buy it!!

If you can't find a sitter, bring the little ones!!

The important thing is to come!!

LOCATION: Casserly Hall

(Downstairs around the corner from the main St. Joseph's entrance)

Saturday, February 24th @ 7:30pm

Catholic Center @ NYU
238 Thompson Street

Next lecture of the Catholic Artists Society

A Counter-Reformation for Sacred Art Today

(A reception and Compline will follow)

Mr. Duncan Stroik— Architect, author, and professor at the University of Notre Dame

Duncan Stroik's award-winning work includes Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Chapel in California, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wisconsin, and Saint Joseph Cathedral in South Dakota. A frequent lecturer on sacred architecture and the classical tradition, Stroik has recently authored *The Church Building as a Sacred Place: Beauty, Transcendence and the Eternal*.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Sunday, March 11th

BOOK DRIVE



We are Seeking High School Volunteers to help out with a book drive for

BOOKS THROUGH BARS

which sends books to incarcerated men and women who lack access to free reading material. It's a really great organization that is looking for resources such as books, paper bags, postage and other things.

We need help collecting books after Mass and making announcements as well.

If you are interested in participating, Please contact Emlyn at:

EMileafPatel@gmail.com

LECTIO DIVINA

Looking for a way to draw closer to the Lord during this Lenten Season? Consider the practice of *Lectio Divina*, or “Holy Reading.” This traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer, and contemplation is intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of Sacred Scripture, the Living Word of God that gives life to all His people.

A group will meet for *Lectio Divina* each Tuesday evening during Lent at 7:00pm in the Parish House. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

Liturgies and Opportunities to Receive Ashes Ash Wednesday, February 14th

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church | 371 Sixth Ave.

8 am | Mass with the Distribution of Ashes

12:10 pm | Mass with the Distribution of Ashes

5 pm | Mass with the Distribution of Ashes

7 pm | Mass with the Distribution of Ashes

Catholic Center at NYU | 238 Thompson St.

10:15-10:45 AM | Confessions Available

11 am | Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Ashes

2 pm | Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Ashes

4:15-5:00 PM | Confessions Available

5:15 pm | Mass with the Distribution of Ashes