



Church of Saint Joseph

5 Monroe Street, New York, NY 10002



THE MISSIONARIES OF ST. CHARLES
(SCALABRINIANS)

Rev. Walter Tonelotto, C.S., PASTOR

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00am to 7:00pm

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Daily Eucharist

Monday - Friday - 7:10 am (school days), 8 am.

Saturday - 8:00 am

Lord's Day Eucharist

Saturday - 5:15 pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 9:00 am, 10:30 am (Chinese), 12 pm, 3 pm (Chinese)

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.

Parents must meet with the priest prior to Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: It is celebrated in English and Italian on Saturday from 4:30 to 5:00 pm. It is also celebrated in Chinese on Sunday from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. We encourage your frequent reception of this sacrament of God's love. Make an appointment at any time.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

The couple must speak with the parish priest at least six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of emergency, notify the rectory any hour - day or night. If Holy Communion is requested at home, call the office during office hours. Please notify the rectory when parishioners are in the hospital.

St. Joseph Catholic School

1 Monroe Street, New York, N.Y. 10002



APOSTLES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Sr. Deborah Lopez, A.S.C.J., PRINCIPAL

School Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

School Office: (212) 233-5152

School Fax: (212) 267-4357

Convent: 83 Madison Street, (212) 233-5670

Religious Education: The Sacramental Preparation for children's reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation consists of a two-year program. Please call the school or rectory for further information.

Parish Registration: We welcome new parishioners and ask that they register at the Parish Office.



Mon., March 6th – Lenten Weekday

7:10 a.m. Deceased Members of the Pouy & Schmalzer Families by Sr. Deborah
8:00 a.m. Joseph Mullen by Pauline Quidone

Tues., March 7th – St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs

7:10 a.m. For our Sick Parishioners
8:00 a.m. Vincent Bottari by Frank & Diane Marrone & Family

Wed., March 8th – St. John of God, Religious

7:10 a.m. Special Intention
8:00 a.m. Alfred Nota by Daisy & Raymond Carini

Thurs., March 9th – St. Frances of Rome, Religious

7:10 a.m. For all Non Practicing Catholics
8:00 a.m. Kate Del Percio by Family

Fri., March 10th – Lenten Weekday

7:10 a.m. For all Souls
8:00 a.m. Joseph Mullen by P. Kalintzakis
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sat., March 11th – Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Alex Poggioli by Rose Bernieri & Teresa Poggiolo

Saturday, March 11th – Vigil of the Lord's Day

5:15 p.m. Frank Sassi by M/M Peter Matassa

Sunday, March 12th – Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Harry Lo Cicero by Sons Frank & Michael
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
12:00 Noon Linda & Louis Zanazzi by Poggi Family
3:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass for Joseph & Annie Cho

ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE WEEKEND

March 11/12

5:15 p.m. Mass: Michelle, Stephanie & Kristina Valentino

9:00 a.m. Mass: Gina Patti & Sara Teevan & Anna Wong

12:00 noon Mass: Tiffany Ortiz & Gina Patti & Destini Torres

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2006

Dear friends and parishioners.

COVENANT is a very important word in the whole history of Israel, and consequently in the History of Salvation. In the first reading of the first Sunday of Lent we find God, who promises a

NEW covenant with his people. However, that covenant comes as a result of the great FLOOD of Noah.

*I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures
be destroyed by the waters of a flood!*

It seems that God did not keep his promise! Last year the Tsunami underground earthquake caused a flood that probably was of greater proportions of the flood of Noah! So what does it mean the promise of God? Maybe He is not able to control the forces of nature? Maybe he is mad with humankind? Nothing of all that!

The greatest disaster that happened in humanity is the separation and rebellion of humankind from God Himself, which we call "the original sin". That separation caused a lot of damage in our human nature but also in the rest of NATURE. Today we live in a broken nature; we live with broken laws of nature, and this because of the original sin. At the time of Noah the only way to eliminate sin and evil was by eliminating the sinners and the evil people. That is why God saved only a few good people, Noah and his family, to start a new generation of good people. As a consequence, he eliminated all the bad people.

Today, as St. Peter tells us in the second reading, we have Christ, who *suffered for our sins once. "Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit"*. And St. Peter quotes exactly *the spirits in prison, who once had been disobedient... in the days of Noah.*

So now t So now the promise of God is fulfilled: Jesus dies once for all and restores IN THE SPIRIT the relationship and union that humankind had lost through the primitive sin. Nature cannot regenerate itself, but we can be re-generated in the Spirit, which will live for all eternity with God. The way God recuperates nature and humanity is by giving them the chance to be re-united again with Him in the spirit for all eternity.

The ark of Noah *prefigured baptism, which saves you now!* As a conclusion, we cannot re-make our human nature, but through the spirit we can overcome the limitations of nature and humanity. The covenant is RE-ESTABLISHED on a level that can continue for all eternity. When Jesus comes to proclaim that *the Kingdom of God is at hand, this is the time of fulfillment.* The re-unification with God is at hand. Our salvation is gained; nature and humankind have a chance to be restored again in the original plan of God.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon., March 6th: Bingo in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

Wed., March 8th: Senior Citizens Club at 1:15p.m.

Thurs., March 9th: Prayer Group at 7:30 p.m.

Fri., March 10th: Cub/ Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m.

Sat., March 11th: Bingo in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

BREAD AND WINE

In Memory of Adelina Piscopo by Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Linda & Louis Zanazzi by Poggi Family

ALTAR CANDLE

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LENTEN VESPERS

During all Sundays of Lent at 5:00pm in the church we will celebrate a special event: THE LENTEN VESPERS. We will start by singing the Psalms of the vespers; a special CONFERENCE will follow on the new Encyclical Letter of our Pope Benedict XVI. We will close with the Eucharistic Benediction. It will be an evening of prayer, song and education in our faith.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday Afternoon at 3:00pm we will celebrate together the Stations of the Cross. All are invited. Let us make this beautiful tradition a moment of reflection and prayer for all in our parish. I would like to invite especially the parents and grandparents of the School Children. They can stop in church after school, before going back to their apartments.

THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

This year the feast of St. Joseph falls on Sunday.

At the 12:00 o'clock mass we will honor our ALTAR SERVERS, who give their service at the altar, during the whole year. A special thanks to these youngsters, their moms and the organizers, who make sure that our liturgies be always well served during the whole year.

THE CHINESE AUCTION

On Saturday, April 1st, 2006 the Ladies Auxiliaries will host the 45th ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION. Please keep the date open and join us for an evening of fun, laughter and prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information please call: (212) 267-8376.

THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The Cardinal's Appeal dedicates \$ 1,250,000.00 to the support of retired priests and religious who have served our parishes and communities well. Your gift to the 2006 Cardinal's Annual Appeal will help support these men and women who have dedicated their lives to the service of others as they live out their golden years.

THE PARISH MISSION

Our parish mission/renewal is a time to ask some thought-provoking questions: Why am I on this earth? Am I too busy with material cares? Who is really in charge of my life? Has my knowledge of my religion increased this past year? Or maybe I am an illiterate when speaking about religion? Some of these answers will be found in the next PARISH MISSION. It will be conducted by the passionist Father Angelo Iacovone, C.P. He will be available for children in school, for shut-ins, senior citizens and all those who are interested in speaking with him. He has a vast experience as a missionary for 60 years in Africa and Central America.

Remember the dates: March 18-19-20-21-22, 2006.

SPRING CONVOCATION - FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

The Second Annual Spring Convocation will take place at Fordham's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education on April 22, 2006. The keynote speakers will be Fr. Ronald Rolheiser and Dr. Michael Corso. Please check our website at www.fordham.edu/gre, e-mail us at gre@fordham.edu, or call 718-817-4800 to get all the details. The cost is \$ 25.00 or \$ 20.00 for groups of five (lunch and refreshments included).

PLAY ABOUT FR. MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY

Blackfriars Repertory Theatre will present a new play entitled *He was our Father* about the Founder of the Knights of Columbus. March 17-19, Dicapo Opera Theatre, 184 E. 76th St., NYC. Tickets (877) 840-0457 or www.ticktforce.com

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT

A two-day Lenten Retreat will be offered for Young Adults (20-40yrs) at Blair Lodge Retreat House, Putnam Valley, New York on Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12, 2006. If you are interested you may contact the parish office or Sr. Deanna Sabetta at (212) 371-1000 Ext. 2803.