ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

LENT and EASTER SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Stations of the Cross and Benediction: 7:30 pm

SACRAMENT of PENANCE

St. Joseph Parish will make available the opportunity for Confession...

Saturday mornings in Lent after the 8:00 am Mass Saturday afternoon 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm (No confession on Holy Saturday 4/19)

Tuesday, April 15: Confessions 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Last Confessions before Easter)

PALM SUNDAY, April 13

Palm will be distributed at all Masses: Vigil 5:00 pm Saturday Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

8:00 am: Morning Prayer 7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

8:00 am: Morning Prayer 3:00 pm: Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion 7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

8:00 am: Morning Prayer 7:30 pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

Masses: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am

My Dear Parishioners,

One of the most beautiful images in all of Scripture is the image of the Transfiguration. Just picture it. Picture the mountain. Picture the trees. Picture the sky. Picture the sound of the birds. Picture how Jesus looks. Picture how He sounds. Picture the faces of the Apostles.

Now picture Our Blessed Savior clothed in splendor. Picture His interior Glory revealed! Also picture that miraculous moment when Moses and Elijah appear.

As you imagine them, what do they look like? What do their voices sound like? Can you see that they symbolize all of the Holy Ones of the Old Testament—all of the Holy Ones who remained faithful to the Covenant and now wait for Jesus take them to Heaven.

Can you also see that Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets? Can you see that the Law and the Prophets are God's great gifts to us to teach us how to love?

Now imagine the beautiful voice from Heaven, the voice of God the Father Himself. Imagine that you are there, and you are hearing those words for the first time: *This is my chosen Son; listen to Him.* Can you see that by believing in Jesus and by listening to Him, we too will share in His Glory.

Can you picture yourself clothed in Jesus's Glory? Go ahead, picture it! Picture yourself clothed in Heavenly Glory.

Now, this weekend, as you approach the Altar, picture the Sacred Host clothed in Glory. Now picture the Glory of the Sacred Host transferred to you. Go ahead, picture it. This is exactly what happens every time we worthily receive Holy Communion. Jesus transfers His Glory to us. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

As we reflect on this beautiful image of the Transfiguration, we are reminded that our Lenten disciples of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are really gifts. These Lenten disciples are gifts that help rid one of the noisy distractions of life. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving allow us to truly "listen to Him."

Our Lenten disciples, most importantly, help us to form a "healthy detachment" to the things of this world. A healthy detachment of earthly things allows us to stay focused on the Voice that leads to Glory in the next world.

This week I am including an article by author Russell Shaw on "Understanding Detachment" which appeared in one of my favorite blogs, "The Catholic Thing," seven years ago.

This coming week we also celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick and the Feast of our Patron, St. Joseph. May we all have a blessed Triduum of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, our Patron, pray for us!

St. Patrick, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

Understanding Detachment Russell Shaw

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016 Understanding Detachment - The Catholic Thing

Detachment has been a central theme in Christianity from the start. Recall the story of the rich young man, found in all three Synoptic Gospels. He asks Jesus what he must do in order to be better. Jesus answers, "Go, sell what you possess and give to the poor. . .and come, follow me." The young man goes away sad because, the evangelist tells us, "he had great possessions." (Mt 19. 21-22) He wasn't detached – he needed to practice detachment about something big, and couldn't bring himself to do it.

Not just for rich young men, but for all of us who would like to imitate Christ and live by his teaching, detachment is of crucial importance. But what is it? And why is it so important not just for people who have "great possessions," but also for those whose possessions are quite modest? Let me offer a definition that may lead to an answer.

The definition is mine and carries no authority. Accept or ignore it:

To be detached, to practice detachment, is to establish and maintain a relation to everything and everybody in one's life according to which all things are valued by how much they help or hinder us in our relationship with God, the imitation of Christ, and the service of other people.

A mouthful, I admit. What follows may help explain what it means.

By the late Middle Ages, the best thinking on detachment took the form of what is usually called contemptus mundi – contempt for the world. You find this in a pure form in The Imitation of Christ, a spiritual classic (1419) usually attributed to Thomas à Kempis, although others may have had a hand in it. It preaches the message of contemptus mundi throughout, starting with Book One, Chapter One:

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From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

- This is the highest wisdom: to despise the world and to aspire to the kingdom of Heaven.
- It is vanity, therefore, to seek riches which must perish, and to trust in them.
- It is vanity also to be ambitious of honors, and to raise oneself up to a high station.
- It is vanity to follow the desires of the flesh, and to desire that for which you must afterward be grievously punished.
- It is vanity to wish for a long life, and to take little care of leading a good life.
- It is vanity also to attend only to this present life, and not to look forward to those things which are to come.

And so on.

The message of the Imitation is perennial wisdom that has been crucial to the spiritual lives of countless good people for six centuries, and remains so now. Still, there's no denying that its view of life in the world is in contrast, not to say conflict, with the view expressed in "Passionately Loving the World," a famous homily by St. Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei:

God is calling you to serve him in and from the ordinary, material and secular activities of human life. He waits for us every day, in the laboratory, in the operating theatre, in the army barracks, in the university chair, in the factory, in the workshop, in the fields, in the home and in all the immense panorama of work. Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine, hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it.

There is an obvious tension between that and contemptus mundi. So what are Christians who want to practice detachment supposed to do: regard the world with contempt or love it passionately?

The tension is resolved, I believe, in a little-noted but extremely important text of the Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes ("The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World"). Theologians don't seem to have known what to make of it. But in my judgment, it could make a huge difference in the way Christians view life in the world.

The Council is discussing the meaning of human activity in the perspective of faith. Recalling the scriptural teaching that "the form of this world, distorted by sin, is passing away and...God is preparing a new dwelling and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." And continues that, rather than "diminishing our concern to develop this earth," that expectation of a final fulfillment to come, but already begun should "spur us on," inasmuch as it is here and now that the yet to come makes its first, tentative appearance:

When we have spread on earth the fruits of our nature and our Enterprise – human dignity, brotherly communion, and freedom. . .we will find them once again, cleansed this time from the state of sin, illuminated and transfigured, when Christ presents to his Father an eternal and universal kingdom. . (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	Mar. 15	
	5:00 p.m.	Brian Stec
Sunday	Mar. 16	
	7:30 a.m.	Fr. John Bowe
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Hugh Lynagh
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Hugh Lynagh
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Padula Family
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph's Intention
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of
		Michael Pham
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Lillian Fetta
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Raymond Generale
	Mar. 22	
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	Mar. 23	
	7:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the
		Higgins Family
	9:30 a.m.	Richard McEwen,
		Helen McEwen &
		Helen Finnegan
	11:30 a.m.	Giuditta & Pasquale Bonato

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Paula Bielecki, Donna Cunningham, Josh Craft, Paul Han, Don Higgins, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Patricia McCloskey, Dave McKay, Art McLaughlin, John Merritt, Moira Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Patricia Picciocchi, Sarah Rank, Joseph Ranweiler, Michael Tashjian, Gino, Theresa, Dean, & Rick Romaniello, Clare Smith, William Sparke, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, John Zerbe.

Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead Bill Hogan

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, March 17

* $Adoration - 8:30 \ am - 7:30 \ pm$

*Rosary - 7:30 pm



*Rosary/Communion Serv.@ Christ Home – 2:00 pm

Wednesday, March 19

*Children's Choir Practice –

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm *Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 pm

- 9:00 pm



Thursday, March 20

*Charismatic $\overline{Prayer\ Group} - 7:00\ pm - Church\ Hall$

Bulletin Submittals

Email requests to <u>sjc18976@verizon.net</u>. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Readings for The Week

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wed: 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom

4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thurs: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-

21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-

3, 11-32

Sun: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-

6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

Here on earth the kingdom is mysteriously present; when the Lord comes, it will enter into its perfection. (GS 39)

Clearly, this means at least that the human goods for which we labor now and which we sometimes realize, though imperfectly, will not disappear in the next life. There is a real continuity. The human goods will be present in heaven, too, in a perfected and fulfilled form. And although this passage doesn't say so, I suspect the model for what the Council Fathers had in mind is the resurrected humanity of Christ.

Here, then, is the starting point and foundation for a true detachment that cherishes and works to realize human goods, and uses them in serving God and one another, without attaching to them, in their imperfect form, the permanent value they will only have in their perfected form in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Passionately loving the world, means we can bear to let go of it thanks to the promise of resurrection and eternal life, confident that we will find in heaven the best of what we have labored to realize on earth. That is the heart of detachment.

Disciple Maker's Index

St. Joseph's is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS! The first step in helping us assess our greatest strengths and opportunities is to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen St. Joseph's and better prepare us for the future! For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xp3t36

You may have helped with the DMI in the past. Please again fill out the survey and thank you for taking the time for this important aid.

Fr. Pawelko and our faithful staff.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?" —James Field

Alan Ames

On Thursday, March 20, a special Lenten event featuring – Alan Ames, Catholic Evangelist, Author, and Healer, will occur at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070.

Alan Ames has traveled to more than 50 countries on six continents since 1994. During his travels, Alan shares his amazing "Saul to Paul" conversion story and a powerful healing gift. Alan has ministered to multitudes suffering from physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ailments around the world.

The event will begin with the celebration of Mass, followed by Alan's testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service. Confessions will also be offered. For more details, please see the flyer below and attached. Registration is requested (but not required) by going to www.olphmorton.org. All are Welcome! Please note: Alan's books, DVD's, and CD's will be on sale. We ask that if you are considering purchasing any of his materials, please bring cash or a check.



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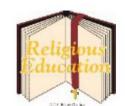
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Tuesday, March 18

All grades in session.

Tuesday, March 25

All grades in session.

Wednesday, March 26

Confirmation practice in Church Hall 6:00 pm. Drop off and pick up at Church.

Thursday, March 27

Confirmation Mass 5:00 pm.
Students should report to Church by 4:15 pm.

Tuesday, April 1

All grades in session.

Final class for Confirmation students (Level 7)

Tuesday, April 8

All grades in session.

Lenten Penance service for all students.

Tuesday, April 15

All grades in session.

Lenten Family gathering in the Church Hall.

Tuesday, April 22

All grades in session.

First communion retreat in the Church Hall.

Thursday, April 24

First Communion practice in Church 6:30 – 7:15 pm.

Saturday, April 26

Sacrament of First Holy Communion – 10:00 am Mass. Students report to Room 18 in Church no later than 9:30 am.



Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 215-343-5100 <u>www.stjstr.org</u>

The Next Step Program is a local organization in Doylestown that offers programming for young adults with intellectual disabilities, helping them develop life skills, gain independence, and engage with the community. SJR has partnered with them over the past few years. This year, their founder, Josh Fields, came to speak to our students about the program. We collected items for them to use and gift cards to support their social and educational programs. Recently, members of our administration and a group of students had the privilege of delivering these donations in person. We were warmly welcomed by members of The Next Step Program, who gave us a wonderful tour of their facility, explaining how their work provides vital support to those they serve. It was both a fun and inspiring experience for all who attended.

At SJR, we believe in living out our faith through service and have made a wonderful partnership. Thank you to everyone who participated or contributed to the effort.

Have a wonderful rest of your week. Mrs. Durkin



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New parishioners are always welcome!

Call the Parish Office Monday - Thursday to register. Help us keep our records updated by notifying us if you are moving from the Parish or have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc., at 215-672-3020 or sjc18976@verizon.net.

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Visit with Our Lady of Guadalupe

"The Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe" is brought to your home by a parishioner on Sunday. Our Lady wants to come and visit with you in a personal way for a whole week. Welcome her with love and gratitude. Gather each day to pray, speak to her about your concerns. Empty your heart out to her then in silence let her fill it with her maternal love, guidance and graces she obtains for you. Let her renew you in the spirit of her Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior. Then on the following Sunday the picture of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" will be picked up and continue on to her next family visit. To schedule a visit call Kathie Zajkowski @ 484-925-8080.

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Stay Informed! We have adopted a new way of communicating with you. Evangelus is the communication system for our parish.

eva.us/carpenter to sign-up. You can also follow us on Social media and download our parish app as well.

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