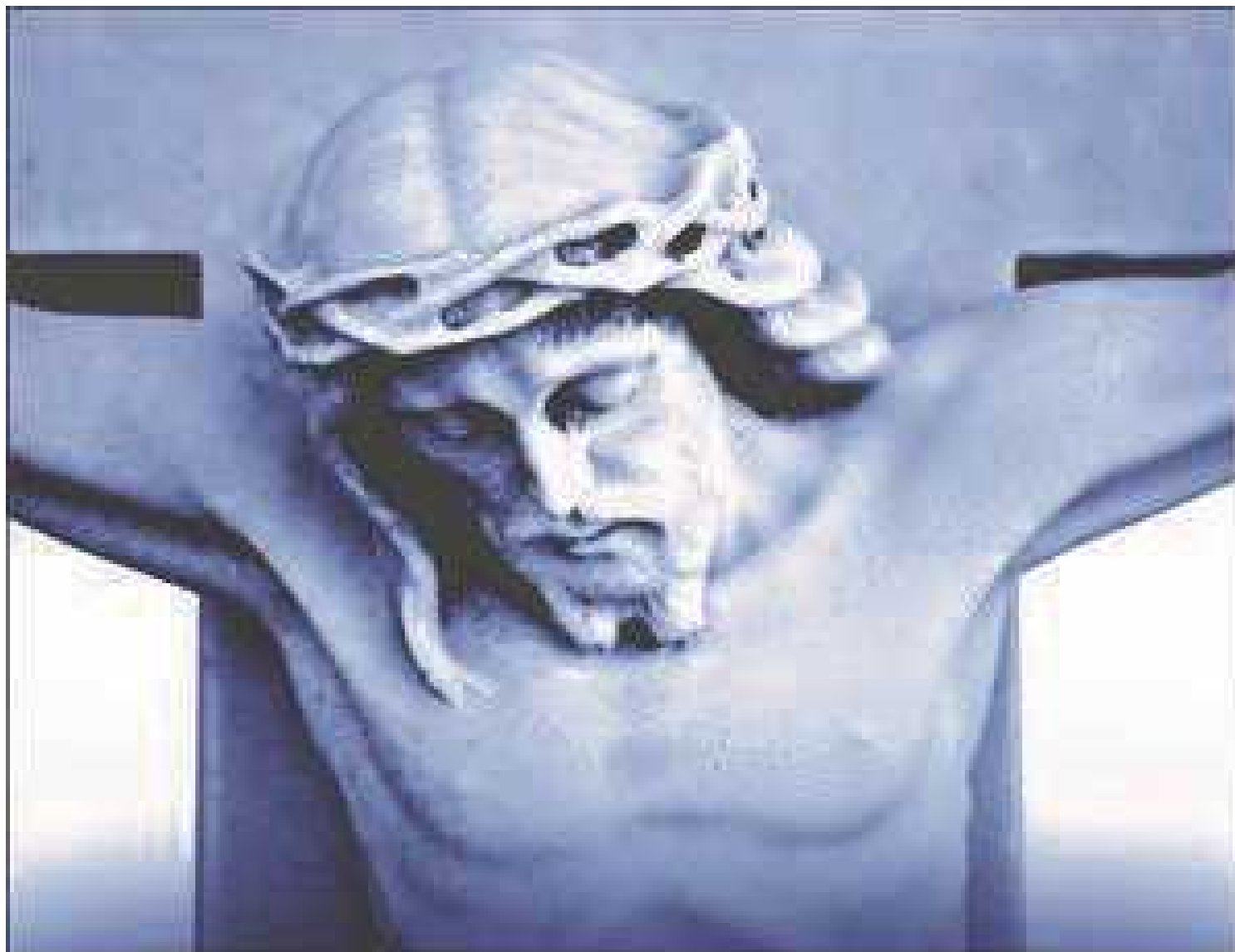


St. Joseph Church

Fredonia, New York



First Sunday
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LENT





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February 26, 2012**

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant

with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

Journey News

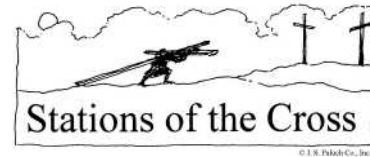
The next session of Journey is Sunday, March 11 from 12:15-3:15 pm and Monday, March 12 from 5:30-8:30 pm and is entitled "I Believe." Please sign up at the entrances of Church.

Soup Kitchen

Imagine if the only meal you had all day was a bowl of soup Come to the Journey "Soup Kitchen" –in the cafeteria—after each Mass on March 3/4, for a bowl of homemade soup and make a donation for homeless and neglected children. Each donation is a vote for your favorite soup! All proceed will go to homeless Indian children at St Joseph school in South Dakota.

First Communion

Sunday, February 26 9:30 am Parent/Child Session I



Sundays of Lent at 3 pm

Lenten Luncheon 2012

All are welcome on Tuesdays at noon during Lent for a simple prayer service with a light luncheon afterward. A free will offering will be received. Proceeds to benefit Rural Ministries After Hours Shelter Program.

- Tuesday, February 28 at Noon at St. John's United Church of Christ at 733 Central Avenue in Dunkirk (entrance on Eagle Street)
- Tuesday, March 6 at noon at Fredonia Baptist Church at 19 Church Street in Fredonia
- Tuesday, March 13 at Noon at Blessed Mary Angela Parish (St. Hedwig worship site) at Doughty and Roberts Road
- Tuesday, March 20 at Noon at Fredonia Methodist Church
- Tuesday, March 27 at Noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Living the Eucharist

Share your experience of and thoughts on Living the Eucharist on our Facebook page: St. Joseph Parish in Fredonia. Look to see what others have said!

Lenten Prayer Opportunity

Taize Prayer blends song, Scripture, and silence into a service through which any Christian can become immersed in the presence of God. Taize Prayer services will be offered at 6:30 pm every Sunday during Lent at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 328 Washington Avenue in Dunkirk. It is a unique and non-denominational prayer experience. You are cordially invited and would be most welcome!

Congratulations!

Saturday, February 25, Bishop Kmiec presented the Altar Server of the Year Award to Katie Mosier. Katie has been very active in the parish, serving at the altar, singing in the Choir, Children's Liturgy, and a member of the youth group. Congratulations to Katie for her award!

Catholic Charities

Protect. Strengthen. Empower, Please give to the 2012 Catholic Charities Appeal

With your help, I am strong. With every donation to the 2012 Appeal for Catholic Charities, families throughout Western New York will be able to receive help and support when they need it most. Your selfless contribution to the Appeal helps provide aid through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, marriage counseling services and food pantry assistance. Your contribution can help a family provide the best for their child. Find out more at www.ccnny.org.

*Do you feel God calling you
to be a Deacon?*

**If you are between the ages of 30 and 55
come learn about the ordained ministry of the Permanent Deacon.**

You are invited to come to one of the following information sessions convenient for you.
Attendance at one session is required for consideration for the inquiry class
beginning in Fall 2012. Wives are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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| February 17, 7 P.M. | St. Vincent DePaul – 6441 Seneca St., Springbrook, NY |
| March 16, 7 P.M. | St. Gregory the Great – 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville, NY |
| March 22, 7 P.M. | St. Joseph – 145 East Main St., Fredonia, NY |
| March 28, 7 P.M. | Immaculate Conception – 6 Maple Ave., Wellsville, NY |
| April 11, 7 P.M. | St. Mary of the Angels – 202 South Union St., Olean, NY |
| April 18, 7 P.M. | St. Mary of the Lake – 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg, NY |
| April 21, 7 P.M. | Resurrection – 303 East Main St., Batavia, NY |



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Service to God's people*

Stewardship in Faith

February 18/19

Sunday Collection.....\$2,751

Black and Indian Mission Collection: Next weekend, March 3/4. This financial contribution helps to support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American evangelization programs particularly in the south. Let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting this collection.

Electronic Giving: Did you know that St. Joseph Parish offers the option to give electronically? Contact the Parish Office at 679-4116 for more details.



Our Prayer list

All powerful God, we humbly put ourselves into Your care as we face today's unknown. May Your hand lead us and

Your love shield us. Let us pray for the needs of those who are sick, those in nursing homes and who are homebound. Place this list of the sick where you pray each day to remember them throughout the week....

Dennis Allen, Maxine Alessi, Joni Andruchowsky, Andy, Christopher Baranick, Ginny Saville Baumgartner, Murray Benson, Dave Burbee, Kim Butcher, Joey Catalano, Ginny DeGolier, Martha Dybka, Linda Francis, Mary Giatas, Ted Gorka, Adele Graminski, Cathy Graves, Denni Gennuso, Tom Goetz, Bea Gotowka, Verna Gworek, Sue Hurley, Patricia Jarvis, Julie, Jane Keddie, Richard Kennedy, Laurie, Sean Kennedy, Herb Lipman, Lorna Ludes, Christopher Lunsford and family, Gillis Mancuso, Linda McCormick, Darryl Mikula, Kevin Miller, Ed Moll, Tom Moscato, Mary Ellen Newman, Michael O'Connor, Matt and Georgie Podniesinski, Michele Porterfield, Al and Delphine Przytula, Jutta Rawcliffe, Jutta Anne Rawcliffe, Lynn Riley, Aida Rivera, Deidre Rogers, Dorothy Roman, Linda Sadler, Sharon, Jane Stelmach, Betsy Teachman, Joanne Tegler, Daryl Thayer, Steve and Dawn Ubaney, Lois VanDette, Addison Volk, Laura Wozniak, Tom Wuerstle, Katie Yates.

Please pray for all who are sick and for all who are shut in or confined to nursing homes. **Please contact the Parish Office at 679-4116 if you wish to have the name removed from the Prayer List. Thank You!**

Our women and men in the military

Please pray for all the men and women who serve our country in the military and for their families; especially Major David Schreiner, Sergeant Ronald Gloss, Lieutenant Brendan Gotowka and Lance Corporal Frank J. Mancuso Jr.

Our Prayerline

Please call Mary Giatas at 672-7350 with your prayer requests.

St. Joseph Bingo

Come enjoy a night of fun at St. Joseph Bingo every Tuesday starting at 7 pm. Bingo phone, Tuesday evening ONLY: 679-1352.



Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 25

4:30 PM Leonard Gotowka by Scotty Nichols

Sunday, February 26, First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Anna Kinney Guest (52nd Anniversary of Death) by Family

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Monday, February 27

8:00 AM Faithful Departed

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 AM Diane M. Chrabasz by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carrus III

Wednesday, February 29

8:00 AM Special Intention

Thursday, March 1

8:00 AM Faithful Departed

Friday, March 2

No Mass

Saturday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel, virgin

8:00 AM Max Walters by Melinda Maupin

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday Vigil

4:30 PM Art and Dorothy Davis by Babcock Family

Sunday, March 4

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Lauren Thompson by Bob and Barbara Condello

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Sanctuary Light

Please call the Parish Office, 679-4116, if you would like to schedule the sanctuary lamp. Usual offering is \$5.00.

Cleaning the Church

Your help is needed in cleaning the church for the upcoming Easter season. If you can give just one hour, please call the Rectory at 679-4116. Your help is greatly appreciated!

St. Joseph Catholic Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on March 7. The selection is Between Heaven And Mirth by James Martin. The book will be available at the Book Nook. There will be no April meeting. The selection for the May 2 meeting will be Father of the Fatherless by Richard Gobble, which is about Father Baker.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Wednesday, February 29: Youth Choir Rehearsal at 6 pm and Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7 pm

Thursday, March 1: Adult Voice Choir Rehearsal at 7 pm

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