

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2021

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE. The Transfiguration takes place only a few days after Jesus discloses to his disciples the suffering and death he must endure, telling them, “The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.” The disciples had to question what rising from the dead meant and listen to Jesus. How do you take time in prayer not only to talk as a family, but to listen to one another and to Jesus?

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH. On December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, Pope Francis declared the year of St. Joseph. This coincided with the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870. Pope Francis also published his Apostolic Letter about St. Joseph “Patris Corde” or “With a Father’s Loving Heart.” Since March is the month of St. Joseph, it is a good time to reflect on the spiritual importance of St. Joseph, an often times forgotten saint. Pope Francis calls St. Joseph the “ordinary” saint. While we know little about the life of Joseph from the Bible, we do know much about his virtues from his actions. As foster father of Jesus and husband of Mary, he stands as an example for husbands and fathers. He was a father of sacrifice, hard work, a man of responsibility, who was content to remain in the background. He was a man of patience and humility, who faced the uncertainties of life with courage and trust. He was a man of obedience to the will of God, even when he didn’t understand. As a husband and father, Joseph was tender and loving, who always put his family first. He had a normal job as a carpenter, and was a just and God-fearing man.

Especially in this Year of St. Joseph, as we honor him on his feastday, March 19th, we especially invite the men of our parish to recommit themselves to their families, to pray for them and with them in the spirit of St. Joseph. We as the faithful pray for all fathers, and especially new fathers, that they may emulate the virtues of St. Joseph in their family life. Our world needs good, strong, faithful and prayerful fathers. Pray also for the protection of the Church under the patronage of St. Joseph. Learn more about this ordinary, yet remarkable saint by praying the Litany of St. Joseph, the Quiet Man, who speaks eloquently to us with his silence.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT. Remember that all Fridays of Lent are meatless days. Meat is considered the flesh of any warm-blooded animal, which includes chicken.

Today’s Psalm Response:

“I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.”

Last Sunday’s Offering: \$4,890

Church Needs: \$500 from Bob Frederico from raffle prize; \$250 from Christopher Russ; \$30 from Lado & Martina Stimpfel; \$200 in memory of Dorothy Hodnichak from sister, Joanne Peacock & Bob, Bobby and Christy Peacock; \$100 in memory of Edward Gobetz from KSKJ Life Home Office; \$50 in memory of Dušan Maršič from Edward & Catherine Cup; \$50 in memory of Dušan Maršič from Edward & Anna Marie Zalar; \$15 in memory of Marica Lavriša from Amalija Rajk; \$30 in memory of Marica Lavriša from Lado & Martina Stimpfel; \$30 in memory of Edward Gobetz from Lado & Martina Stimpfel.

The following in memory of Ivanka Volcjak: \$25 from Zachary & Maria Bruner, \$20 from Amalija Rajk, \$20 from John & Elijah Hozjan, \$30 from David & Geri Hocevar, \$50 from Edward & Catherine Cup, \$30 from Lado & Martina Stimpfel.

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed on Fridays in English at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Holy Hour concluding with Night Prayer, Litany of the Sacred Heart and Benediction; and in Slovenian on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. followed by Benediction.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY. Council met on Tuesday, February 16th after the 50/50 Raffle drawing. Discussion centered on the effects of the pandemic on the life of the parish, especially the opportunities for social gatherings and the loss of revenue from cancelled fund raisers. At this time, we are not planning on Lenten Fish Fries, but if the number of COVID cases continues to fall and the possibility of getting closer to herd immunity becomes reality in late March, as is being discussed, there is a possibility that we may have a few fish fries toward the end of Lent or in April. We want a safe environment for both workers and diners. We are planning to have our parish summer picnic which will be on Sunday, August 15th. The owner of the house at 701 E. 155th. St. approached the parish about purchasing the property. We expressed our interest and are working with the diocese to move this forward. The issue of the church floor was again brought up. We want to get a few more estimates before making a commitment about doing the work and how and when the work will be done. Deacon David will get information from the Seminary about the company that did their lobby and library. Next meeting will be March 9th.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be prayed on Wednesday, March 3rd, at 6:30 pm in the church.



Masses for the Week of March 1-7, 2021

Monday:	(3/1) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Dorothy Hodnichak (30 Day)
Tuesday:	(3/2) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Josephine Manning (Daughter, Gina)
Wednesday:	(3/3) ST. KATHERINE DREXEL (Virgin)
7:45 a.m.	Frank Wurzer (Annamarie Konte)
Thursday:	(3/4) ST. CASIMIR
7:45 a.m.	Matt Dolenc (Daughters)
Friday:	(3/5) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
7:00 p.m.	g. France Povirk (Sorodniki)
Saturday:	(3/6) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Frank Zagorc (Nada Manieri)
5:00 p.m.	Ignac, Ana & Omahen Family (Nace Omahen)
Sunday:	(3/7) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Altar Society
12:00 noon	Križan Crnjac (Family Crnjac)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Paul Janc, Terezija Zelko, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Brenda Prebevsek, Robert Menart, Tom McNulty, Camilla Brown, Veronika Udovič

POROČILO PASTORALNEGA SVETA. Svet se je sestal v torek 16. februarja po žrebanju 50/50 Raffle. Glavna razprava je bila na učinek pandemije na življenje župnije, posebno o priložnostih za družabno zbiranje in izgubo dohotkov od odpovedanih prireditelj. Za sedaj ne bomo imeli večerje z ribami, toda če nadalje COVID okuženje pada, in je možnost da imunost bo realno koncu marca kot je bila razprava, možno je, da bomo imeli večerje proti koncu Posta ali v aprilu. Mi hočemo varno ambient za delavce in goste. Mi imamo načrt, da bomo imeli župnijski piknik v nedeljo 15. avgusta. Lastnik hiše na 701 E. 155 cesti je ponudil če bi župnija kupila to hišo. Pokazali smo naše zanimanje, sedaj čakamo na škofijo za odgovor. Vprašanje o cerkvenih tleh je spet na razpravi. Hočemo dobiti še nekaj ocenitev predno se bomo odločili začeti delo in kako in kdaj bo delo končano. Diakon David bo dobil informacije od semenišča o kompaniji, ki je delala na veži in knjižnici v semenišču. Naslednji sestanek je 9. marca.

PATRIOTIČNI ROŽNI VENEC bomo molili v sredo, 3. marca ob 6:30 zvečer v cerkvi.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
HODIL BOM PRED GOSPODOM V DEŽELI ŽIVIH.**

DANES JE DRUGA POSTNA NEDELJA.

DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA. Spremenitev na gori je bilo samo nekaj dni kasneje, ko je Jezus razodel svojim učencem njegovo trpljenje in smrt, ki jo mora pretrpeti rekoč, "Sin človekov mora veliko trpeti od starešin, velikih duhovnikov in pismoukov, da bo moral biti umorjen in tretji dan vstati." Učenci so vprašali, kaj pomeni vstati od smrti in poslušali kaj je Jezusa rekel. Kako vi vzamete čas za molitev, ne samo da govorite kot družina, ampak da poslušate drug drugega in Jezusa?

LETO SV. JOŽEFA. Od 8. decembra 2020 do 8. decembra 2021, je papež Frančišek razglasil Leto sv. Jožefa. To sovpade z 150 obletnico proglastitve Sv. Jožefa kot patrona Vesoljne Cerkve od papeža Pija IX, leta 1870. Papež Frančišek je tudi objavil njegovo Apostolsko pismo o Jožefu "Patris Corde" ali "z Očetovim ljubljnim srcem." Ker je marec mesec sv. Jožefa je primeren čas razmišljati na duhovno pomembnost sv. Jožefa, ki je velikokrat pozabljen svetnik. Papež Frančišek imenuje sv. Jožefa kot "navaden" svetnik. Medtem ko mi ne vemo veliko o življenju Jožefa iz Sv. Pisma, mi vemo več o njegovih krepostih od njegovih dejanj. Kot Jezusov rednik in Marijin mož, on je vzgled možem in očetom. On je bil oče žrtve, marljiv delavec, mož odgovornosti, on je bil zadovoljen ostati v ozadju. Bil je mož potrpljenja in ponižnosti, ki je kljuboval negotovostim življenja s pogumom in zaupanjem. Bil je mož pokorščine Božji volji, tudi kadar ni razumel. Kot mož in oče, Jožef je bil sočuten in ljubezniv, ki je vedno postavil družino prvo. Imel je normalno delo kot tesar in je bil pravičen in bogaboječ mož.

Posebno v tem Letu Sv. Jožefa, ko njega častimo na njegov god 19. marca, posebno vabimo naše župnije, ponovno posvetiti njihovim družinam, zanje moliti in z njimi v duhu sv. Jožefa. Mi kot verni, molimo za vse očete, posebno za nove očete, bi posnemali v krepostih sv. Jožefa v njihovem družinskem življenju. Naš svet potrebuje dobre, močne, verne in pobožne očete. Molimo tudi za varstvo Cerkve pod pokroviteljstvom sv. Jožefa. Poučimo se več o tem navadnem in vendar pomembnem svetniku z molitvijo litanij Sv. Jožefa, Tihi mož, ki nam govori izrazito v tišini.

KRIŽEV POT, molimo ob petkih v angleščini ob 6:30 zvečer pred mašo ob 7:00 uri in sv.uro z zaključkom večerne molitve, litanijami Srca Jezusovega z blagoslovom in v slovenščini ob nedeljah ob 2:00 uri popoldan z blagoslovom z Najsvetejšim.

ZDRŽEK OD MESA. Ne pozabite, da vsi petki v Postu so dnevi brez mesa. Meso je smatran od vsake toplo krvne živali, kar je tudi kokoš.

Zakrament sprave je vedno velikonočno dogajane, dogodek veselja in resničnega vstajenja iz smrti v življenje.
(Marjan Turenšek)