March 15, 2020 The Third Sunday of Lent
My Dear Parish Family,

I absolutely love this Gospel story today. I think the woman at the well is a hero. Her life is a mess and she knows it. I’m sure she has tried to change it but the obstacles in her way were insurmountable. Until she meets Jesus. A man was the last person she needed to tell her how to live her life. But as we know, Jesus is different. He restores her dignity and value as a child of God. He lifts the veil that has shrouded her light within. After the encounter with Christ, she is a changed person. So much so, that she becomes one of His disciples. She did not let her sin and shame prevent her from changing her situation. We need to act like this, open and eager to be transformed into the disciple Jesus is calling us to be.

We congratulate Bishop-elect Michael Saporito on his recent appointment. The Church rejoices in this wonderful news. We are proud to say he served here as pastor for seven years. We guarantee him our prayers and support and can’t wait to invite him to celebrate with us.

If you would like to help pay for our new shrines and vestments, please speak with me. We can memorialize your loved one.

With Love & Prayers,
Fr. Jim Worth
Your Pastor

LIVE LENT FULLY
We are now in the Third Week of Lent. How are you doing? Remember, whatever we have chosen to do to be better servants is an ongoing and daily conversion process. If we fall, we get up again. Repeat when necessary! My prayer is that we all draw closer to God and our neighbor. Reconcile with those you feel have hurt you and vice versa. Make this Lent full of life and love.

LENTEN CONCERT
“How Can I Pray”

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th at 7:00PM
in the Church

AN INVITATION
During this Lenten Season pick one person you will pray for every day. It’s even better of this person is someone who you do not like or trust or even possibly hate. Don’t tell them or anyone else you are praying for them. After the 40 Days of Lent, watch and see how your spiritual life will help to transform your thinking and behavior and you will enjoy Easter even more!

LENTEN REMINDERS
Lenten Reflection Books are available at the doors of the Church. Also, small cards with lots of good reminders for your spiritual journey through the desert. The Rice Bowls are there for you to take, fill with your donations during Lent and return to the Church during the Easter Season. Proceeds aid Catholic Relief Services.

400 CLUB RAFFLE
We need more members to make our prize bigger. Please consider joining our 50/50 Raffle!
God’s Plan for Joyful Giving
MARCH 8, 2019
First Collection — $8,721.00
Utilities Collection — $160.00
Online Collection — $2,982.69
TOTAL COLLECTION — $11,863.69
Thank You for making this sacrifice to benefit our Parish Family

MANGIA O’BENE
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Happy Feast of St. Joseph to our Parish Family!
COMING SING WITH US
We rehearse on Thursdays at 7:15 pm in the Church. We sing on Sundays at the 11:30 am Mass. Join us!

ST. JOSEPH’S BASKETBALL

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP
Our CYO Basketball Camp is now accepting registration for our Celtics Summer Basketball Camp open to girls and boys in Grades 2 to 7. There are 6 weeks available: June 22-26, June 29-July 3, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24 & July 27-31. Early Bird discounts available for siblings and multiple weeks. Sign-up now as last year we sold out every week. For information and a brochure contact Gerry O’Connor: stjosephcyobb@aol.com or visit the website: www.stjosephcyo.org.

DONATIONS FOR NEW SHRINES
If you would like to help pay for one of our new statues of St. Padre Pio & St. Therese of Lisieux, as well as our new electronic candles located in the back of the Church, please contact Fr. Jim Worth to discuss the details.

BREAD & WINE / SANCTUARY LAMP
You can honor or memorialize a loved one and have it announced at Mass by contacting the Rectory at 761-5933 and reserving a Sunday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays of Lent at 12:45 pm in the Church

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
We will join our neighbors at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in South Orange for a Lenten Penance at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 16th. All are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be several confessors available.

CLASSES CANCELLED
In light of the growing health concerns surrounding the coronavirus outbreak, we are suspending classes until further notice. We will keep you informed of any new information as it becomes available. We pray for all affected by the disease and those who care for them!

OUR DOSE OF LAUGHTER

HEALTH & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS
As per the Archdiocese, the Cup will be suspended from Mass as well as any physical contact such as greeting before and after Mass as well as the Sign of Peace. Communion only on the hand. Holy water just from the Font.

WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY
$405.00 given to each winner
#96 Jackie O’Connor
#121 Maureen Whelan

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!
Next drawing will be Sunday, March 29th after the 9:00 am Family Mass
Mass Schedule and Weekly Intentions

Saturday March 14, 2020
5:00 pm  Waricka & Dziekonski Families  
\(r/b\) Mary & Jeannie Waricka

Sunday March 15, 2020
7:30 am  Anna Gushanas  (Birthday Remembrance)  
\(r/b\) Maria Gushanas
9:00 am  Michael Fiesta  (Living)  
\(r/b\) Efren & Chatto Fiesta
11:30 am  Helen Spitzer  
\(r/b\) Lorraine Laufhutte

Monday March 16, 2020
8:00 am  Maria Patricco  
\(r/b\) Ed Raymond & Family

Tuesday March 17, 2020
8:00 am  All Suffering from the Coronavirus  
\(r/b\) Fr. Jim

Wednesday March 18, 2020
8:00 am  Mr. & Mrs. John Ward  
\(r/b\) Ward Family

Thursday March 19, 2020
8:00 am  Mary Murphy  
\(r/b\) Grace McGrath

Friday March 20, 2020
8:00 am  Francine Bortzel  (Continued Healing)  
\(r/b\) The Family

Saturday March 21, 2020
8:00 am  Gladys Zephirn  
\(r/b\) Gertrude Brise

Lenten Solace A Musical Meditation  
by Fr. Jim  
Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 pm in the Church

Lenten Morning Prayer  
Please join us for Morning Prayer each weekday at 7:45 am in the Church before the 8:00 am beginning on Ash Wednesday.
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What's My Name?
The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers “What’s my name?” before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

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In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson