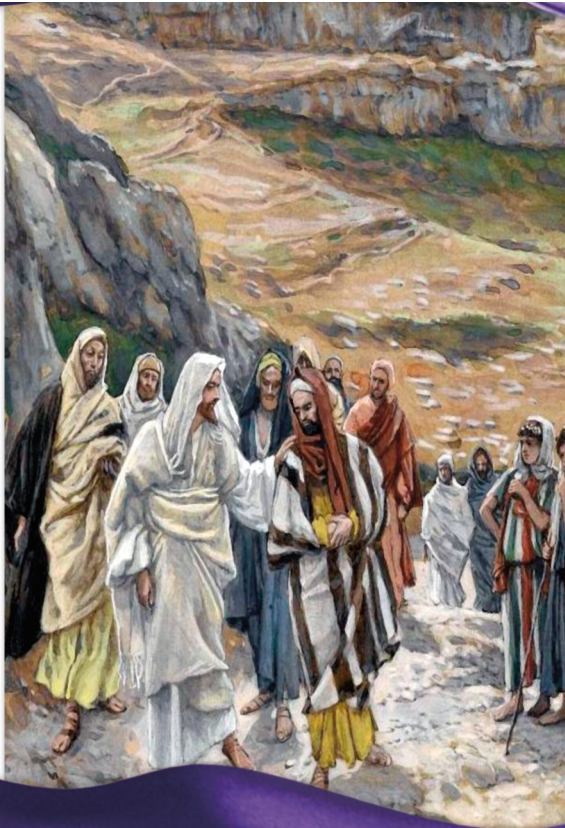


Catholic Neighbors in Faith

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

John 12: 23,24



Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot
Circa 1896-1894



5TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 23rd

4:00 PM – St. James Church and Our Lady of the Snow

5:30 PM – St. Patrick

Sunday, March 24th

8:00 AM – St. James

9:00 AM – St. John and Sacred Heart

10:00 AM – Our Lady of Loreto

11:00 AM – Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Patrick

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:00 PM – St. James

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

12:00 PM - Ss. Peter & Paul - “Seven Last Words”

3:00 PM – Our Lady of Loreto

Service of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:00 PM - St. John - **Easter Vigil Mass**

Easter Sunday, March 31st

8:00 AM – Our Lady of the Snow

9:00 AM – St. James and Sacred Heart

10:00 AM – Our Lady of Loreto

11:00 AM – Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Patrick

Rev. Paul Cygan, Administrator • Rev. Donald Watkins, Parochial Vicar

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Jamestown NY 14701

St. John

282 Newton Ave.
Jamestown NY 14701

St. James

27 Allen St.
Jamestown NY 14701

Our Lady of Victory Oratory

6 Institute St.
Frewsburg NY 14378

Sacred Heart

380 E. Fairmount Ave.
Lakewood NY 14750

Our Lady of the Snows

36 E. Main St.
Panama NY 14767

St. Patrick

189 Main St.
Randolph NY 14772

Our Lady of Loreto

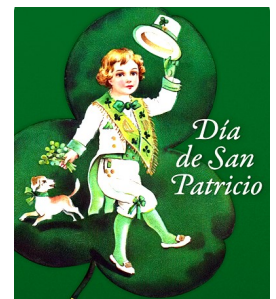
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

March 17, 2024 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

Happenings within Our Parish Families...

- St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at SSPP Church Hall at 3pm.
- Lord Teach Me To Pray meets at St. James on Mondays at 6-7:15pm in the Hall Classroom.
- Be A Man Ministry meets at St. James on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Hall Classroom.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. James chapel every Wednesday - 9am until the 7pm Mass. Anyone interested in taking a scheduled hour of prayer as a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament is asked to call the central office at 716.487.0125. This keeps the chapel doors open for others to visit our Lord!
- Confessions are heard at St. James Church on Wednesdays, 6 - 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm & Saturdays from 3 - 3:30pm followed by Mass at 4pm.
- Liturgy of the Hours on Zoom on Fridays at 9am. Call the central office for the ID & passcode info to join.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. John & Our Lady of Loreto on Wednesdays at 6pm... Also, on Fridays at St. James at 5:15pm & Our Lady of the Snows at 5:30pm. All are welcome!
- The 9 - 12th Grade Youth Group will meet this Sunday, March 17, from 5 - 7 pm at the St. James Church Hall.
- The week of March 17, the altar linens for St. James will be cared for by **Mary Nelson.**
- St. Joseph's Table is March 19 at St. James Church Hall, 5-7pm. See the bulletin for more info!
- Young people in grades 8-12 are invited to *Making Connections: A Day for Catholic Teens* on **Sun., April 28th from 12-5pm** at Villa Maria College in Buffalo!



NIGHT PRAYER continues each night beginning at 9:00pm. Join the clergy on Facebook at Catholic Neighbors in Faith and pray with them and fellow parishioners. **Night Prayer books can be purchased at the Central Office for just \$10 each.**

Please Pray For . . .

Parish Family members who are ill:

John Adams
Rose Atkins
Timothy Dean
Gayle Boudreau
James Boudreau
Collins Family
Erica Collins
Michelle Cracker
Marcia de la Cerda
Grant Damon
Gail Gillig
Bohdan Kanicki
Elizabeth LaMantia

Burke Lindquist
Shelly Pacheco-
Johannessen
Nancy Johnson
Sam McMaster
Nancy Michaels
Elizabeth Nguyen
My Nguyen
James Post
Louis Rieg
Marty Sargent
Andrea Schneider
Jim Scully
Donald Segrue
Dorothy and David Seth

Robert Sprankle
Emily Sechriest
Savannah Steves
Megan and Sean
Ellen Tyler
Therese Whit
The Unborn.
People of the Ukraine.
Those in the military.
All those touched by
loneliness or illness.
Those in purgatory.

And all parishioners in need
of our prayers.

*Call the parish office if you
would like to add a name to
our prayer list.*

Please Note: You must
have the permission of the
person you want listed
before we can add them to
this list.

Please Remember to let us know when you would like someone taken off the Prayer list. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

JMS - 4:00PM † **Shawn Giles & Rosemary Giambra Carlson**
By Kathleen Lombardo Whitmore
† **Fernando Pintagro** (*Birthday*)
By Sister, Josephine Conti & Family

OLS - 4:00PM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**
By Parishioners

PAT - 5:30PM † **Joseph & Clara Carra**
By the Gillen Family

Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

JMS - 8:00AM † **Stanley & Laverne Prus**
By Randy & Raissa Prus

JHN - 9:00AM † **Rosemary Giambra Carlson**
By Maggie Scorse

SHR - 9:00AM † **Family of Pfurtsceller**
By Barbara Irons

OLL -10:00AM † **John & Tillie Cusimano**
By Jim & Sophie

SPP -11:00AM † **Nancy Mistretta**
By Susan Stehling

PAT -11:00AM † **Happy Cornwall**
By the Gillen Family

Monday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

JMS - 8:00AM **Mass for the Parishioners**
By the Priest

SHR - 9:00AM † **Nikolaus Grunert**
By Family

SPP -12:10PM † **Anthony Riolo** (*Anniversary*)
By Wife, Nina

Tuesday, March 19 St. Joseph

PAT - 8:00 AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

OLL - 9:00 AM † **Fr. Joe Janaczek & Fr. Joe Dowdell**
By A Friend

Wednesday, March 20

JHN - 8:00 AM † **Josie Marcello** (*Birthday*)
By Daughter, Joan

JMS - 7:00 PM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**
By Parishioners

Thursday, March 21

OLL - 9:00 AM † **Kathy Spitale** (*Birthday*)
By Lorraine Malenga

OLV - 5:00 PM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

Friday, March 22

JMS - 8:00AM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**
By Parishioners

SHR - 9:00AM † **Fr. Joseph Dowdell**
By Estate

SPP - 12:10PM † **Michael Danielson**
By David & Lu Ann Backus

Saturday, March 23 - Saint Toribio De Mogrovejo

JMS - 4:00PM † **Cala & Fiorella Families**
By Charles Fiorella
† **Emma Berg** (*Birthday*)
By Valerie Scarpino

OLS - 4:00PM † **Mary Tichy** (*Birthday*)
By Daughters

PAT - 5:30PM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday the Passion of the Lord

JMS - 8:00AM † **Johanna Bingham** (*Birthday*)
By Grandson, Anthony Trussalo

JHN - 9:00AM † **Charlie Loverme**
By Tom & Sue Flynn

SHR - 9:00AM † **Robert Perron** (*Anniversary*)
By Wife, Maria & Family

OLL -10:00AM † **Fr. Joe Janaczak**
By Jim & Sophie Cusimano

SPP -11:00AM † **Nancy Mistretta**
By Doris & Ron Pappalardo

PAT -11:00AM † **Rosemary Andrews**
By Niece, Marsha Smith

Call the central office for your 2024 Mass intentions.

“No human tongue can enumerate the favors that trace back to the Sacrifice of the Mass. The sinner is reconciled with God, the just man becomes more upright, sins are wiped away, vices are uprooted, virtue and merit increases, and the devil’s schemes are frustrated.” —*St. Lawrence Justinian*

JMS—St. James
JHN—St. John

OLL—Our Lady of Loreto
OLS—Our Lady of the Snows

OLV—Our Lady of Victory
PAT—St. Patrick

SPP—Ss. Peter & Paul
SHR—Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

Wine, Hosts, Sanctuary Lights and Memorials



FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH “VIVA LA TAVOLA DI SAN GIUSEPPE” “LONG LIVE THE TABLE OF ST. JOSEPH”

St Joseph Table 2010 photo by Tom Franco

The timetable for how to celebrate the feast?
Plan to arrive on time to enjoy the whole event...

5:00 pm The ritual with our priest blessing the meal. This is a “Cafeteria-Style” meal with NO table servers. There is opening seating and a walkup “Takeout” line. Also, the Ala Carte Markey and bakery.

6:00 pm The Official Blessing of the “Table” by our priest. This Meal by tradition is “Meatless,” because the feast falls during Lent. Our spaghetti is served with Red Sauce and sprinkled with seasoned breadcrumbs to represent the “sawdust of a carpenter.”

New Traditional Saint Joseph’s Table

When: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 **Where:** St. James Parish Hall

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm or until SOLD OUT

Plan to come on time to enjoy the whole event...

Cost: Meatless Spaghetti Meal - \$12.00 – “Cafeteria-style” (Homemade Red Sauce served over pasta, side salad, bread and a one beverage ticket). **See you there!**

Eucharistic Minister Training

Eucharistic Ministers are needed at all parishes within our Family. If you have received all your sacraments and are interested in training for this ministry, please contact the Central Office and an application form will be mailed to you. Completed forms must be reviewed and approved by the Parish Administrator. In response to the number of people interested in this training, a date and time will be selected, and you will be notified of this training session. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact the Central Office at 716.487.0125.

FUNERAL ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are still looking for a few more individuals will to assist at funeral masses that may be scheduled at our churches any day Monday thru Saturday, generally at 10am. Anyone interested in becoming a Funeral Altar Server in our family of parishes is asked to contact Doris at the central office, 716.487.0125. Training will be provided. This is a great service to the church and a corporal work of mercy.

Sanctuary Light

St. James Church

Tony Galbato

by Wife, Ann Galbato

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Tanya Bilicki (Birthday)

by Husband, Ted

St. John Church

Vincent Consiglio, Sr. (Birthday)

By Children, Gerri Mazzurco & Sam Consiglio

Hosts

St. James Church

For a Prayer Answered

by Mary Paterniti

St. John Church

In Memory of Josephine Marcello (Birthday)

by Daughter, Joan



The **Options Care Cradle** will be in the vestibule at St. James Church for the month of March. Options Care is our county’s only Pro-Life ministry and crisis pregnancy center.

So, please consider donating to Options Care for their hard work in providing guidance for those who seek their help. Place your donations inside the cradle located in the vestibule.

Make checks payable to:

Options Care Center

All gifts are tax deductible. Be a friend of life!

If you would like more information about the center, please call their staff at 716-664-5459.



Catholic Neighbors in Faith

St. Patrick's Church

Birthday Celebration!

One of our own will be celebrating a very special birthday! **Mercedes Holliday** will be turning **102** on **March 29th!!!** We are asking everyone to "shower" her with cards for this beautiful celebration!! Her address is: Mercedes Holliday, 4198 Whipple Road, Randolph, NY 14772



DONATIONS STILL NEEDED...

Ss. Peter & Paul Church and St. James Church are still in need of your help for two very important upgrades.

1) The Rosetta Window at the back of the church at Ss. Peter & Paul is in need of major repairs. We are asking for your help in trying to ensure that this beautiful window be restored and made structurally sound again.

2) St. James Church and Rectory are in need of foundation masonry repairs. Any donations would be tax deductible. If you have any questions or would like more information, don't hesitate to contact the rectory.

Auto Debit Program

Tired of writing checks each week for your offertory or forgetting your check book at home? Planning a vacation or extended leave but want to make sure you support your church while you are gone? How about signing up for the **Auto Debit Program?**

This is a program that is offered through the church. If you are interested or have questions about the program, call the Central Office at 716.487.0125 and ask for Doris. She will explain how the program works and how to get you enrolled. There is no charge to you. You determine the amount to withdrawal monthly. Whether it's \$5 or \$5,000 per month, or anything in between, this program can work for you. No need for checks or cash. Call the Central Office to enroll or for more information.



“...SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”



Our Stewardship

Date of March 3, 2024

St. James

Offertory - \$6,982.22 Parish Imp. - \$232 Fuel - \$122

Holy Apostles

Offertory - \$5,994 Fuel - \$125

Sacred Heart

Offertory - \$2,337

St. Patrick

Offertory - \$1,620 Fuel - \$295 B&N Missions - \$153

Our Lady of Loreto

Offertory - \$1,798 Maint. - \$367 B&N Missions - \$248

Thank you for your support of our parishes and ministries!

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL FUND

We are once again accepting donations for our Easter Flower Memorial Fund. Minimum donation is \$15. Please make your check out to the Parish that you are registered. Fill in the coupon below and mail or drop it into the Sunday collection basket in a plain white envelope marked "Easter Flower Memorial Fund." Or, mail to: Catholic Neighbors In Faith, 27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701.



No later that Monday, March 25th.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL FUND

_____ \$15.00 (minimum donations)

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Catholic Neighbors in Faith

From Fr. Todd Remick:

"Parishioners and other Catholic members of our wider communities: come to a spiritual conversation on the topic of "For a Synodal Church" on Saturday, March 23 at 9:30am - 11 am at St. James church hall. The questions to be reflected on are:

Where have I seen or experienced successes- and distresses- within the Church's structure (s)/organization/ leadership/life that encourages or hinders the call to proclaim the Gospel and too live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

Following up the 1st question: How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

Your input into these questions will be greatly appreciated and may also be a learning experience for you into moving into a spiritual conversation. If interested, please take some time to pray over Isaiah 61 and ask God to open your heart to respond to these questions. With this we ask that you write down in 3 to 5 sentences and answer to each question.

We hope to see you there.

Fr. Todd

Vicar Forane

TEENAGERS – YOU'RE INVITED . . .

Young people in grades 8-12 are invited to *Making Connections: A Day for Catholic Teens* on **Sun., April 28th from 12-5pm** at Villa Maria College in Buffalo! Gather with teenagers from across the Diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker and musician ValLimar Jansen! ValLimar's unique blend of proclamation, reflection, storytelling, music, movement, insights and wisdom propels faith to new heights. The day concludes with Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher. Teens have the choice of different breakout topics and service activities during the event. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/makingconnections716>.

This will be an experience you won't want to miss!



ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Randolph Central School Backpack Food Program



School.

During the Lenten season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms. With this in mind, we are asking our Religious Education students and parishioners to donate food for the Backpack program at our Elementary

Every Friday a backpack of food is given to five students to help supply food for the weekend. The program currently has over twenty students signed up to receive a backpack of food.

St. Patrick's will be collecting backpack food until Easter Sunday, and then deliver the food to the Elementary School to restock their dwindling supply. The food list below is what the program currently needs:

Single serve packs of anything kid friendly can be broken up to pass out to multiple families. Please do not donate items that need to be refrigerated. Please drop any items into the boxes in the front and rear of St. Patrick's Church, Randolph. Thank you for your support!

Individual applesauce and/or fruit cups

Single serve cereal boxes

Flavored instant oatmeal

SpaghettiOs/Ravioli/

Spaghetti/Lasagna cups

Macaroni & cheese box/cups

Veggie cups

Individual packs of cookies

Muffin packs

Granola/fruit bars

Cracker packs

Individual juice boxes

**Anything else you think would be healthy and convenient for children!*



Nice Weather = Cookouts!!

A brand-new grill sure would make those warm spring, and summer gatherings a lot less stressful! The members of the Our Lady of Loreto Holy Name Society are currently selling tickets for a brand-new Weber Portable Gas Grill! The tickets are only \$10 (while they last!) The drawing date is Sunday May 19th directly after 10am Mass. You can get your ticket from any of the OLL Holy Name Society members, stop by the central office of Catholic Neighbors in Faith, or by contacting Andy Kutchke, at (716)397-4710 to help you in purchasing a ticket. Thank you for your support!

Saints of the Week

March 17th - The Feast of St. Patrick

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans, but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roiled, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers, and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people - eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering, he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.



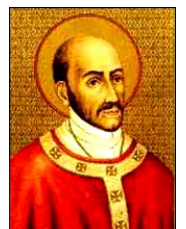
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March 23 - Saint Toribio De Mogrovejo (1538-1606)

In times of crisis, God always "surprises" the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the Reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Toribio de Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Toribio was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Toribio was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomes Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invokes "the shining example of San Toribio."



Reflections

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Father, Forgive Them

The promise made by the LORD in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. He doesn't restrict the promise to only the holiest people: He says that the way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites, who had so many laws and commandments, they needed scribes and Pharisees to keep track of them. When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they were feared punishment or rejection.

Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. In Luke's gospel he even prays for those who crucified him, asking God's forgiveness. (Lk 23:34) By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love.

Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. After all, if I can forgive someone, surely God will forgive them. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. Still not sure if God has forgiven you? The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts.

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Beloved Saint Joseph

"Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord; they never cease to praise you."

This verse before the Gospel reading at today's Mass certainly describes St. Joseph, whose feast day we celebrate today. There is no doubt that his soul dwells in God's house where he gives praise to God. In heaven, St. Joseph and Our Lady are worshipping the son they raised on earth together! Consider the final line of today's Gospel, which says that the twelve-year-old Jesus "went down with [his parents] and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them." Jesus retains an intimate relationship with them, and he allows them to function as powerful intercessors on our behalf. What a great debt humanity owes to the efficacious, perpetual intercession of Our Lady and St. Joseph.

My husband and I belonged to a parish named St. Joseph for many years and, over time, we came to rely on the help and loving concern of our Savior's foster-father. We are convinced that his intercession helped attain great grace for our family. When my husband's father was diagnosed with advanced cancer, he and my mother-in-law came to live with us. For many years, my in-laws had traveled the country, serving others, praying with others, and sharing the love of Christ whenever and wherever they could. Though they had left the Catholic Church twenty-five years earlier, their faith in Christ was radical and inspiring.

Now, with a terminal diagnosis, my father-in-law was approaching his eternal reward. It was a painful, beautiful time, and my husband, though he had always yearned for his dad to return to the Church, rejoiced in his father's faithfulness to God. Nevertheless, he wanted the absolute best for his dad as he approached the end of his life, so he turned to St. Joseph for help. Every day, my husband would stop by the church and kneel before the Blessed Sacrament asking for the intercession of St. Joseph. He prayed for three things: that his father would be willing to receive the Anointing of the Sick before he died, and that, after he died, he would be given a funeral Mass and then be buried in our parish cemetery.

It is a long story, but, miraculously, all three requests were granted. We believe that St. Joseph's intercession played a pivotal role in this happy outcome. With St. Teresa of Avila, we say, "Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious saint, for I know by...experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God." Thank you, beloved St. Joseph, for your faithful witness, your tremendous role in salvation history, and your on-going, loving intercession.

—Christine Hanus

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—Peter Scagnelli

Travel this maze to the Pot of Gold!



"Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me."
~ St. Patrick

Find Your Way to the Pot of Gold!

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In Loving Memory Memorial Page

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen.

Leroy & Ethel Anderson

Christopher Baczynski

Fred Baker

Beaver & Stearns Families

Cora Bonfiglio

Tichy, Horvath & Brunecz Families

Charles E. J. Cassidy

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