

HISTORIC
WATER WELL
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Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in them
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:14

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Mass Schedule *** unless otherwise noted in bulletin schedule*

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church

10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Immaculate Conception Church: Saturday 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

St. Joseph Church: Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m.

☩ anytime upon request

HONEST AND OPEN WITH GOD

The story of the Israelites' grumbling and threatened revolt, and of God's response in our reading from Exodus today, grapples with difficulties of the life of faith. Those who place their lives in the hands of God, as Israel did by following Moses into the desert, may soon face troubling and fearful moments. Sometimes we lose what we think we need, or somehow find it difficult to get what we really need. In our busy lives, it's easy to gradually forget God's presence and action among us.

Moses' prayer to God and God's compassionate response of providing water resolve the situation. Perhaps it was Moses' admirable honesty in his dialogue with God that made a difference. Moses "cried out to the Lord" and he didn't know how God might respond. Honestly expressing our needs in prayer is essential to the life of faith. Waiting in openness to God's response is equally important.

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, like the passage from Exodus, speaks of tired and thirsty people. Jesus is tired and thirsty from his journey. The Samaritan woman is not only tired of the difficult chore of obtaining water, but is thirsty for something more. Jesus presents himself as living water for her, able to satisfy a deeper thirst in her heart. Through his patience and compassion, he opens a new wellspring of God's sustenance for her.

How might we, like Jesus, be water for others in our thirsty world? We can take some cues from Jesus here. Jesus crossed boundaries of gender, ethnicity, and religious division. Jesus began in vulnerability, in need of hospitality from a stranger. His was a non-threatening, compassionate presence. Jesus did not begin by speaking about himself or God, but entered into ordinary conversation with her. He first attended to her practical realities and concerns, which led to deeper dialogue. Perhaps we have opportunities to follow Jesus' example.

THIRDSUNDAY
OF LENT

☘ *Liturgical Schedule ~ Third Sunday of Lent* ☘

Special Prayer Intentions- these are the people for whom we will be praying at Mass:

Sat. March 14

4:30 pm (ICC) **In Honor of Patricia Heaney on her 80th Birthday** (Children & Grandchildren) / **Chris Testa, 2nd anniv.** (Testa Family)

Sun. March 15

8:00 am (SJC) **Marie Guthier** (John Cihy)
 10:30 am (ICC) **Dolores Gillespie** (Bernadette McGinley) /
Owen "Oscar" & Hugh McClafferty (McClafferty Clan)



Mon. March 16

8:00 am (SJC) **Christopher Lennon** (Marge & Jim Smith) / **Katelyn Eder** (Michael & Tricia Snisky)

Tues. March 17

8:00 am (ICC) **Mary Alice Jacobs** (Husband & family) / **All Parishioners, Living Deceased**

Wed. March 18

8:00 am (SJC) **Tom Bordigan** (Mike Martino) / **Jane Muth** (Ladies at Mother Pauline's)
~~6:30 pm (ICC) — Stations of the Cross~~

Thurs. March 19

6:30 pm (SJC) **In Honor of St. Joseph / Intentions of Jo anne Pekarik** (Cousin, David Gilberry)

Fri. March 20

8:00 am (SJC) **Health & Welfare of Larry Volpi** (Regina Klein) / **Mildred Radocha** (Theresa Kattner)
~~6:00 pm (SJC) — Stations of the Cross~~

4th Sunday of Lent

Sat. March 21

4:30 pm (ICC) **Tracy McElmoyle, 45th bday** (Mom & Dad)

Sun. March 22

8:00 am (SJC) **Joseph Kehrli, dec. bday** (Wife)
 10:30 am (ICC) **Virginia & Jake Llewellyn** (Family)



Lay Ministers for the Weekend of March 21/22		
Ministries:	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Lector:	Mary Figura	Jay Llewellyn
.M.:	H Dugan	Rose Reese, L Whitehead
Itar Servers:	L & A Figura	B Goldberg

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~ IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of *Our Dad, Aloysius "Butch" Heaney* (Love, Your Family)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of *Dolores Gillespie* (From, Family)

THE SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is in support of Insurance

The 2nd collection next weekend is for St Vincent de Paul.

WCC Question of the Week
 What do you think Jesus means by living water?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Create a centerpiece for the dinner table on the theme of water. You may want to use a dish of water, a flower to float in the water, or a candle that floats in the water. Go around the table and have family members answer this question. How is Jesus satisfying a thirst of yours?

PLEASE NOTE- Mass on Thursday 3/19 will be held at St. Joseph Church at 6:30pm in Honor of the Feast of St. Joseph.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & BEST WISHES to Patricia Heaney on her 80th Birthday!!



**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL
DONATION ENVELOPES** are included

in your packet of mailed envelopes. You can also use any plain envelope. You may donate in Memory of a Loved one, or In Honor of, or for a Special Intention. The suggested donation is \$10. Please return the envelope to the Rectory **no later than Monday, March 30th** to be included in the booklet.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Jina langu ni Yvone. My name is Yvone.

Ambitious and intelligent, Yvone is 11 years old. She lives with her grandparents, her aunt, three siblings and three cousins in Konjiko, a village in Kenya. Her community is located near Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa. The village is also close to the Equator, so it is very hot there. Yvone and her family speak Kiswahili and English. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams.



"CRS has changed my life—and the life of my family," says Gaudencia, Yvone's aunt. "Before, I could tell Yvone wasn't healthy. But now, she's active." Gaudencia is proud of what she's learned from the CRS program about healthy eating habits. She has taught her family to vary what they eat and include vegetables with every meal. Yvone's family has a hut where the family eats and sleeps, a stable for the animals and a separate kitchen hut. During the rainy season, the family collects water from a system on the roof. When it's dry, they borrow from neighbors or walk to a community water point to fetch water. Yvone's family life has changed for the better thanks to a CRS program that teaches families about healthy food. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

REMEMBERING VOCATIONS IN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONS ~ Third Sunday of Lent: "... do not tire of proclaiming to a world hungry for truth the living Christ, our sole salvation. He alone is our peace; he alone is that richness from which we can always receive strength and inner joy."2 We pray for priests to lead our celebration.

~~**THERE WILL BE A WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING** on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm in McGinley Hall.~~

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In Proactive Response to Virus, Pennsylvania Bishops
Lift Obligation to Attend Mass:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, & UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,

Bishop Alfred Schlert, in union with the Bishops of PA, has

dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of

Allentown from the obligation to attend

Saturday Vigil/Sunday Masses.

Despite the suspension of the obligation to attend,
Masses will remain open to the public for those
who wish to attend.

"The clergy and religious of the Diocese of Allentown continue to stand ready to provide steadfast support and prayers during this difficult time," said Bishop Schlert. "Just as St. Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to St. Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic."

PLEASE KNOW THAT NO ONE IS OBLIGED TO

PUT HIS/HER HEALTH AT RISK DURING

THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC