



SHRINE SPIRIT

News from the Shrine of St. Joseph

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Mass Schedule

Sunday

8:00 AM | Chapel

9:30 AM | Chapel *Emmaus*

11:30 AM | Chapel *Spanish*

Filipino Community Mass

5:30 PM Vigil | 3rd Saturday

Daily

8:00 AM | Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat.

5:30 PM | Tues. & Thurs.

7:00 PM | Wed. *Spanish*

Recovery Mass

12:00 PM | 2nd Saturday

Reconciliation

Mon.-Fri. | 2:00-5:00 PM | Office

Sat. | 3:00-5:00 PM | Chapel

Sun. | 1:00-3:00 PM | Chapel

Devotion to Saint Joseph

Sunday | 3:00 PM | Chapel

Mary and Joseph-Humanity's Way Forward

- Harvard recently concluded a 70-year study of 268 members of their 1946 sophomore class. Following these students through careers, relationships, marriages, sickness and health, they wanted to find out what made for a genuinely "happy" and "successful" life.
- An 87-year-old man living with limited financial resources on a tree farm in rural Vermont received the highest grade: a 97! Harvard's conclusion? He had learned to love, to be kind, caring and compassionate to others - a "successful" life according to these social scientists.
- Yusef and Miriam (Joseph and Mary in Hebrew), living in dusty Nazareth (population 400) over 2000 years ago, already knew this. It was "the way" they taught to their little Son Yeshua (Jesus). Possessions, power, pleasure, and prestige leave your heart empty and alone. Compassion, courage, and commitment to God and others bring happiness and hope, peace and joy. All else is deception.
- This same path is uniquely valid today. The Shrine of St Joseph is here to share this holy "good news" with the world. No "winners and losers", just beloved sons and daughter. It is, for humanity, the only way forward. Peace!

Fr. Dennis, M. Berry, S.T.

Mary, the Mother of God

The title that makes Mary so great, the grace that explains her blessedness is that she is the Mother of Jesus Christ. These are tremendous words. My tongue should stammer and falter as I pronounce them "Mother of God". The general notion that we have of God may be very unsatisfactory, but we know that He is the Infinite, the Eternal, and our necessary Being. The prophets said that we shall speak and say many words but the sum of all our words is this: He is all. We cannot measure God in speech, the Eternal, the Divine, the All Holy, Almighty God, Creator of all things, the First and the Last, He Who is, Who was, Who always shall be. Mary was His Mother, truly the Mother of God. All of you know what a mother is, though speech finds it difficult to explain....Who is it that clings so closely to a child as a mother? Upon whom is the child more dependent than upon his mother? What today is the great, wonderful inspiring power of the world, but the mother? Mary was His Mother. When we speak of the Mother of Jesus many of our small ideas of motherhood are shattered because she was miraculously the Mother of God by the cooperation of the Holy Spirit: "And the Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and...the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Lk. 1:35) When we say the Mother of God, we say everything.

Fr. Judge Cenacle Meditations

Save the Date

Crowning of Mary

Join us for the Procession & Crowning of Mary on Monday, **May 8th** at **7:00 PM**.

Devotions to the Holy Spirit

Join us for devotions on Monday, **June 5th** at **7:00 PM** in the Chapel.

Spiritual Exercises

"Embracing the Promise of Pentecost: Growing in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit" **Thursdays** in June **7:00-8:30 PM**.

Family Devotion to Saint Joseph

Sunday, **June 25th** at **3:00 PM** followed by barbecue in the picnic grove.

Final Vows

There will be a special Mass to celebrate Br. Gustavo Amell, S.T. & Br. Ramon Flores-Duarte, S.T. receiving their final vows on **August 12th** at **2:00 PM** in the Chapel. *All are welcome to attend this very special event!*

Vacation Bible School

August 14th thru **18th**, Volunteers Needed, Please contact Shrine office for more information.

Fr. Tony D'Souza

An internationally acclaimed spiritual leader, Father Tony created Discovering Awareness, a step-by-step program for building inner peace, emotional flexibility and strength. Fr. Tony will be here to present on **September 23rd, 2017** for more information on Fr. Tony visit www.discoveringawareness.org.

Be sure not to miss this special event!

The Shrine offers **Mass cards and Enrollment cards** in the Shrine Residence Office M-F, 9-5. You and your family are welcome to reserve a Dated Mass in our Chapel and bring up the Offertory Gifts on that special date. We offer Mission Mass cards, Mother & Father Day Cards, Perpetual and One Year Birthday, Anniversary Enrollment Cards. Our **NEW** Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass card is also available. Please call 908-647-0208 or stop in the Office to choose a Spiritual Gift for your loved ones.



"The Blessed Sacrament is the center and sun of the spiritual life".
Fr. Judge

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays

9 am - 5 pm

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"Every Catholic an Apostle"

Fr. Thomas Judge

**Tattered Prophets
Survivor of Suicide Loss
Support Group.**

Meeting Information

**2nd Wednesday
Of every month.**

7:30 – 9:00 pm

**We will meet in the Hope
Room, for more info**

Email: houle@aol.com

973-495-0621

The Shrine of St. Joseph welcomes Fr. Bob Sandoz on Sunday, May 21 when he celebrates Mass for the 8 and 10 am communities. Fr. Bob is President of Christ the King Prep., Newark. 'The School That Works' is part of the Cristo Rey network of schools. Please join us on May 21 to meet Fr. Bob and learn more about Christ the King Prep. There will be coffee time after liturgy and a chance to talk with Fr. Bob.



*The 12 Steps throughout
Scripture Every Thursday
@ 7:30 PM at Trinity
House*

*Family & Friends of those affected
by Substance Use Disorder Every
last Wednesday of the Month at
7:30 PM at Trinity House*

*Big Book Conference
June 23rd 5-9pm,
June 24th 9am-8pm
Auditorium | \$50.00 pp*

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