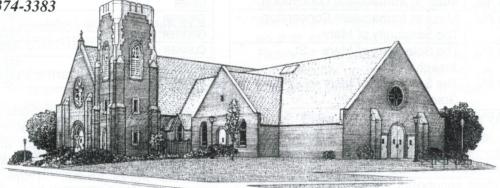
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HOLY EUCHARIST Saturday Evening — 4:00 PM Sunday Morning — 9:00 AM Holy Days: as scheduled

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

A registered parishioner who wishes to celebrate his or her marriage at St. Joseph's is asked to contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the anticipated date (and before any other arrangements are made) in order to begin sacramental preparation.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered members of the parish, baptism may be arranged during a weekend liturgy. Parents should contact the office to attend class in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to any Saturday evening liturgy.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you or someone in your family is going to the hospital for surgery, please request the Sacrament of Anointing by calling the Parish Office. Due to federal regulations, the parish is unable to access inpatient information from hospitals and nursing homes without your consent.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Catholics moving into the area are invited to register in the parish by calling the parish office. MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20TH, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH, 2020

02-20	4:00 PM	Mary DeMaria – Daughter Steven V. Randazzo – Don & Linda Shannon	
02-21	9:00 AM	Irene Seeley – Remo & Isabelle Schiavone Frances G. Tonko – Michael & Bonnie Aldi Diane Updyke – Maggie Loretta Amoroso - Maggie	
02-22	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception	
02-23	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception	
02-24	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception	
02-25		No Mass	
02-26		No Mass	
02-27	4:00 PM	Regina Gabriele – Martin Gabriele & Family	
02-28	9:00 AM	Mildred R. Larson – Remo & Isabella Shiavone	

	Scripture Readings for the Week		
Mon. 02/22	1 Pt 5:1-4	Mt 16:13-19	
Tues. 02/23	ls 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15	
Wed. 02/24	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32	
Thurs.02/25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Mt 7:7-12	
Fri. 02/26	Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26	
Sat. 02/27	Dt 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48	
Sun. 02/28	Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Rom 8:31b-34		
		Mk 9:2-10	

Sanctuary Candle Lit in Remembrance of Angela Zuppa Requested by The Zuppa Family



Sponsor of the Week

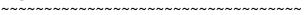


LITURGICAL MINISTERS – FEB. 27/28, 2021					
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM			
LECTOR	D. Mayer	K. DeMarco			
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant			
BREAD 4	C. Kukan	B. Corlew			
USHER	TBD	A. Mitchell			
USHER	TBD	R. Schiavone			
USHER	TBD	C. Reynolds			
USHER	TBD	D. Stec			
GREETER	M. Schwartz	T. Caldwell			
GREETER	A. Schwartz	P. Johnson			
CLEANER	M. Militano	T. Caldwell			
CLEANER	TBD	S. Caldwell			
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We have **12 volunteer positions** (including lector and one Eucharistic minister) that need to be filled for each mass. Sign-up sheets are available in Holy Family Hall for each week. We have many empty slots for the weeks ahead. Thank you to those who continue to volunteer each week so that we may remain open ~ we could not continue to hold mass without you

Parish Stewardship: Our total income for the period **Feb. 8th-14th** amounted to **\$3,539.00.** If attending mass in person, please drop your donations in the donation box on the way into mass. Any donation for a special Second Collection must be in a **separate envelope**, clearly marked for the designated collection. If you are unable to attend in person, but wish to continue your support of your parish, contributions may be mailed or dropped off at our Parish Office at 45 MacArthur Drive, Scotia. God bless you for your continued support & generosity.

SPECIAL PARISH COLLECTION FOR FEB. 27th/28th: Building Maintenance.





Remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are sick or suffering in any way, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes and all of our shut-ins. We also pray for family, friends and those who

have died recently, especially *Patrick Foti*. We pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country, along with first responders and health care workers during this unprecedented time.

	The Week Ahead		
Fri. 2/26	Stations of the Cross – 7 PM @ ICC		



The season of Lent is a time of penance. Kneeling is a symbol of such sacrifice. At our masses during Lent we will begin with the sung Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy). If you are

able to kneel and you find this posture penitential, we invite you to kneel along with the priest presider. If for any reason you prefer or cannot kneel (or worse get up!) we invite you to sit during this time.



There are still a limited supply of Lenten materials available in Holy Family Hall. We would ask that you take only one per family in order for everyone to have a copy. Thank you.



We currently live stream our 9 am mass on Sunday mornings. The link to connect with our live stream is:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDgBXL8RT_ 55biUcsAofgB4w9XGcHR8DA

We remind all parishioners that the dispensation from obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in force until further notice. Those who are at risk or do not feel comfortable attending at this time. are encouraged to remain at home and participate via our live stream mass on YouTube. Please, if you are experiencing ANY cold or flu-like symptoms, DO NOT COME TO MASS. This is for everyone's safety.

Faith Formation News

Both OLG and St. Joseph's will not be returning to class. Most families want to stay with the distance learning. Very few families said they would return to the classroom.

*Parents please contact the office to make arrangements to pick up your child's backpack so that you can have the Children's Bible and other materials to use at home along with the online program.

Roberta Ouinn

Youth Ministry

NOTICE: Grade 7/8 Retreat (scheduled for February 27th) is being postponed in order to make it a virtual retreat.

Confirmation Class: Virtual session will be held February 28th. Grace Fay

A Stranger, And You Welcomed Me is a new collection of homilies and reflections for the liturgical year written by a wide variety of contributors, many with names you will recognize, and others who are less familiar. All proceeds from the book will benefit charities that welcome strangers among us. IC's Pastoral Associate for Administration, Fran Rossi Szpylczyn, is one of the contributors. If you are interested in a copy, please contact Fran at the IC office at 518-399-9168 or icchurch400@gmail.com for details.

As more & more people are receiving their COVID vaccine, we would like to remind everyone that wearing а face covering/mask is NOT OPTIONAL even if you have received both doses of your

vaccine (you can still be a carrier to someone who is not vaccinated). This rule will remain in effect until further notice. Please remember that your nose & mouth must be covered at all times while inside church. Thank you for your patience as we continue to try to keep everyone safe while attending mass.



Our next order for Hannaford gift cards & reloads is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23rd. Please contact Deb

Griffith (518-810-8911) by Monday, February 22nd to have your gift card reloaded or to purchase a card. Thank you to all who support this ongoing fundraiser!

Lenten Book Club Speaking Christian by Marcus J. Borg

Do you ever wonder where our Christian words come from? What they meant yesterday in the Bible and what they mean in today's world?

Join Grace Fay and Roberta Quinn via Zoom, as they explore Sacred Scripture through words during this Lenten season.

We will meet for five weeks, starting Wednesday, February 24 - mornings with Roberta from 9:30 -11:00 AM and evenings with Grace from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

If you would like to be part of the morning session with Roberta, contact Roberta directly at quinnr@nycap.rr.com.

If you would like to be part of the evening session with Grace, contact Grace at olgsjym@gmail.com.

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