

Mass Intentions for the week of March 19

MONDAY, MARCH 20—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed
NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today Virgin Mary

12:05 p.m. John & Rudy Collard ++

6:30 p.m. Duane & Stephen R. Dolezalik ++

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Communion Service

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Stanley + & Maxine Svehlak

6:30 p.m. Healing Conference

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Jan Pruitt +

6:30 p.m. Filimon Alvarez +

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Deloris Kapavik +

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. F.E. Hoefler Jr. + & Catherine Hoefler ++

MARCH 26, LAETARE SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Guadalupe C. & Roman M. Rodriguez ++

11:00 a.m. Will, Mary, & Willie Prachyl +++

1:00 p.m. Aolani Lopez +

5:00 p.m. For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. Mar. 19, 9 am Roberto & Martha Villarreal/Julia Jacinto +

Sun. Mar. 26, 9 am Adolfo, Estanislac, Aucensia Gonzalez

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Entrance: Forty Days and Forty Nights - 411

Offertory: Deep Within - 419

Communion: Hosea - 405

Recessional: No Recessional

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Rick Cepak / Brad Cepak

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“To those who might look askance at alcohol bought by a beggar, the Holy Father observes that a glass of wine might be the only moment of happiness in that day...”

It's possible to consider that after the great Christian witness (martyria) of our time, St. John Paul II, and the profound teacher of the right worship of God (leitourgia), Benedict XVI, we now have a pope whose heart is manifestly open to the suffering through the practical ministry of charity (diakonia) ...

One of the most practically significant and powerfully symbolic reforms of Pope Francis was one of his first, when he appointed Archbishop Konrad Krajewski as the papal almoner, the one who exercises personal charity on behalf of the pope...

Krajewski, who before his appointment as archbishop by Francis was known for his practical aid to the poor of Rome, has been a font of creative activity. **There are now showers and a dormitory for the homeless at St. Peter's, with haircuts and shaves available from volunteer barbers.**

Krajewski's office distributes sleeping bags to the homeless who prefer to remain on the streets, and organizes excursions for them - whether to the beach, or to the Vatican museums. When Pope Francis celebrated his 80th birthday in December, Krajewski brought some of the homeless served by his office to have breakfast with the Holy Father.

I managed to arrange the meeting with Krajewski,... Within minutes he said that he wanted **the Homeless Jesus** (by Timothy Schmalz famous for his “Matthew 25” series, where Jesus is portrayed as homeless, begging, naked, sick, in prison) **in the Vatican, and wanted it outside the charity office. The homeless who came to be helped would be reminded of Jesus' solidarity with them.**

As important, it would be seen by the hundreds of pilgrims who come every day to the almoner's office to order papal blessings, the associated donations of which are used to help the poor. A few months later the Homeless Jesus was installed in the small courtyard at the almoner's office.

I can't imagine that story unfolding in just that way before Pope Francis... it's the distinctive difference that Pope Francis has brought..”

Father Raymond J. De Souza—March 10, 2017

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CEMETERY GATE TIME CHANGE

Cemetery gate will now open at 7:30 am & close at 7:30 pm.

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 11 & 12
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

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| St. John Regular Collection | \$18,279.14 |
| Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions | \$749.67 |
| Epiphany Regular Collection | \$663.00 |
| Second Collection: Building Fund | \$195.60 |

IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF MARCH 19

Sunday, March 19

Second Collection: Altar Server Scholarship

8:30-10:30 am Ed/ Elementary**9:00 am** RCIA/ Rm 101-102**9:30 am** RCIA Inquiry/ Rm 104**6:30 pm** Life Teen**Monday, March 20****5:30-6:30 pm** Confessions**Tuesday, March 21****10:30 am** Little Saints Playgroup/301**12:30 pm** Altar Society Meeting/ Room 101

No Confessions

7:00 pm Upper Room**Wednesday, March 22****6:30 - 8:30 pm** Religious Ed**6:30 - 8:30 pm** EDGE**7:00 - 8:30 pm** Spirituality of 2nd half of life/ Rm 101**Thursday, March 23****Friday, March 24****7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross/ Church**8:00 pm** Stations of the Cross (Spanish) / Church**Saturday, March 25****Sunday, March 26**

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NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

March 21st at 12:30 pm in room 101

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed for both Homebound routes and Mass. To help bring the Lord to His faithful, please Contact Ellene Stout at 972-351-1121 or stoutlittle9@gmail.com.

KJT SOCIETY #35 ENNIS

Graduating 2017 high school seniors that have been members for at least one year are eligible to apply for a local scholarship. Call Joe Landsfeld for applications at 972-875-5443. Deadline is April 30th. **KJT meeting 3/19/17 in KJT meeting room at 1:30 pm.**

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

Hosted by Clayton & Julie Houston. Meetings will be Sundays at 1:30 pm: March 26th, April 23rd, and May 1st. For more info or to register: http://register.ccli.org/class_series/10724

Nepomucene's Men
Spiritual Growth & Fellowship for Men
Monday, March 20 in
Rm 101 @ 7 pm

All males 18 and older are invited.

Topic: Divine Mercy: A Ten Session Study Of The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

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CEMETERY CLEAN UP—March 25th

Please review Rules and Regulations on stjohnncc.net or come by and pick one up at the office. Please collect any out of season items, faded items, items made of glass or metal, or anything stuck in the ground around your monument prior to this date or it will be picked up by the volunteers.

**DIVINE MERCY GROUP**

First meeting: **3/27 at 7:00pm in room 101**
Meetings will be the 4th Monday of every month
EVERYONE is welcome (male, females, couples)

This is more than just a masterful telling of the "Second Greatest Story." .. this amazing story comes to life like never before. In fact, you'll not just learn about the consoling message of Divine Mercy, you'll *experience* it.

ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

\$1,000 scholarships: Five to a 2017 high school graduate who is the child or grandchild of a previous St. John High School graduate & five to adults who have been out of high school for at least one year & have not previously received a St. John Alumni Scholarship. Adults must also be a graduate of St. John High School or the child or grandchild of a previous St. John High School graduate, & entering or returning to college or vocational school for additional education. If you have received one of the scholarships before (student or adult), you are not eligible to apply again. Applications may be picked up at Ennis Main Street Hardware (875-2721) from Gladys Zapletal or an electronic copy can be obtained by emailing stjohnalumni@hotmail.com. Email must contain your full name, year of graduation from St. John or the parent/grandparent upon whom you are establishing your eligibility, & for which scholarship (student or adult) you are applying. Applications must be **postmarked** & sent to P.O. Box 516, Ennis, 75120 by Friday, April 21, 2017. Applications are evaluated by an independent committee.

Deacon Don presents**SPIRITUALITY OF THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE**

Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm in Room 101

March 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th

Please bring pencil, paper, and a bible.

ST. JOHN CHURCH**Sanctuary Light : March 18 – March 24**

In Memory: Elizabeth Schleich

By: Carolyn Schleich

Altar Candles : March 18– March 24

For: Florinda Smith

By: Joe Smith

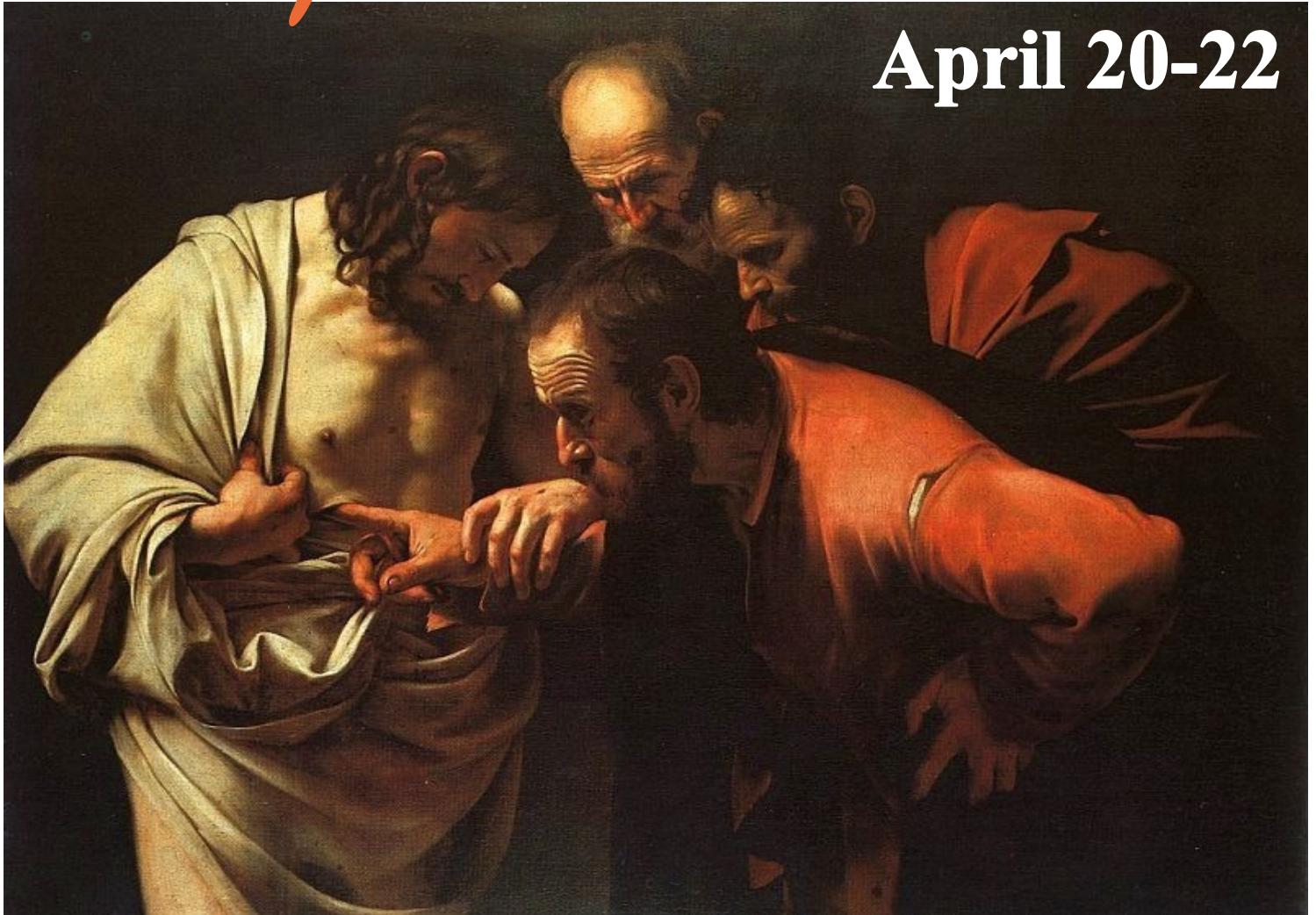
DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**Altar Candles: March 17 - March 23**

For: Dora Cervantes

By: Joel & Theresa Suarez

Healing the Whole Person

April 20-22



Go beyond the issues you know, the issues that preoccupy & distract you, to find healing for the deeper issues - the every day knicks and scrapes that keep you from being who you were made to be, from being free, from belonging totally to God.

Find the truth of who are in Christ and the freedom that goes with it.

Presented by: Dr. Bob Schuchts & Team
Register at: www.JPIIHealingCenter.org
Local Questions: Sharon Kudrna skk72@aol.com



Practical Spiritual Wisdom from St. Francis de Sales

Humility, Holiness, and Love

- “A heart full of love loves the commandments and the more difficult it seems, the more sweet and pleasing they become because it pleases the Beloved and gives Him more honor.”
- “You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so you **learn to love God and man by loving**. Begin as a mere apprentice and the very power of love will lead you on to become a master of the art.”
- “Be patient with everyone, but above all with thyself. Do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always **rise up** with fresh courage.”
- “The **most perfect degree of humility** is to take pleasure in contempt and humiliations. It is worth more before God contempt suffered patiently for love of Him than a thousand fastings and disciplines.”
- “The **true and solid devotion** consists in the constant will, resolve, promptness and activeness to execute what is pleasing to God.”
- “Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and everyday. Either he will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. **Be at peace** then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.”
- “Let us not lower our eyes without humiliating at the same time the heart; let not others think we want the last place without **truly desiring it**.”
- “**Humility perfects us** in what concerns God, and meekness in what concerns our neighbor.”
- “Know that the virtue of patience is what **assures us the most perfection**.”
- “**Prayer**, united with the Divine Sacrifice of the **Holy Mass**, has an indescribable force; therefore by this means celestial favors united to the Beloved abound in the soul.”
- “If your **eye is simple** all of your body will be too.”
- “**Holiness is found in** a path opened to us in our daily lives, the duties of our daily lives are offered to us with unequal attractiveness.”
- “What **makes us holy and pleasing to God** is what our vocation demand of us, and not what our own will chooses.”
- “I wanted to love not knowing what to love. **I have found** he who my soul searched for!”
- “A sign that we love truly love God is that we **love Him the same** in all occasions.”

Litany of Humility

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, **Hear me.**

From the desire of being esteemed,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved...

From the desire of being extolled ...

From the desire of being honored ...

From the desire of being praised ...

From the desire of being preferred to others...

From the desire of being consulted ...

From the desire of being approved ...

From the fear of being humiliated ...

From the fear of being despised...

From the fear of suffering rebukes ...

From the fear of being calumniated ...

From the fear of being forgotten ...

From the fear of being ridiculed ...

From the fear of being wronged ...

From the fear of being suspected ...

That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I ...

That, in the opinion of the world,

others may increase and I may decrease ...

That others may be chosen and I set aside ...

That others may be praised and I unnoticed ...

That others may be preferred to me in everything...

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should...

- Cardinal Merry del Val



"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Jn 4:13-14



Stations of the Cross
FRIDAYS IN LENT
7 pm ENGLISH
8 pm SPANISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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| Jo Ann Dolezalik—3/26/17 | Nancy Escobar—3/5/17 | Amanda Wilson—3/5/17 | Brenden Ruffin—4/23/17 |
| Georgie Ann Nekuza—3/26/17 | Melissa Patterson—3/19/17 | Ed Tysdale—3/5/17 | Melody Rejcek—3/26/17 |
| Sr. Genevieve Prochaska | Evelyn Zmolik—3/26/17 | Ruby Romo—3/5/17 | Carolyn Claxton—3/26/17 |
| Sr. Redempta Bradley | Margaret Bohuslav—2/5/17 | Terry Peyton—3/5/17 | Priscilla Elizonda—4/2/16 |
| Rachel Zmolik—4/23/17 | Pam Hammonds—2/5/17 | Lonnie Grace—3/5/17 | Gloria Garcia—4/2/16 |
| Catherine Roberts—4/9/17 | Jeff Frazier—3/26/17 | Lillian Barto—3/12/17 | Carl Fira—4/2/16 |
| Mildred Trojacek—3/26/17 | Jimmy Aguilar—2/5/17 | Janie Marusak—3/12/17 | Harry Fira—4/2/16 |
| David Trojacek—3/26/17 | Joan Trojacek—4/23/17 | Pauline Novy—3/12/17 | Alcario Sanchez—4/2/17 |
| Margie Dvorak—3/26/17 | Frank Tapia—4/16/17 | Kadie Hernandez—3/12/17 | Teresa Wiebold—4/2/17 |
| Marguerite Patterson—4/9/17 | Lynn Carter—3/26/17 | Gabino Guido—3/12/17 | Nancy Prewitt—4/9/17 |
| Arnold Twins—3/12/17 | Patsy & Jerry Zmolik - 3/19/17 | Matt Hartley—3/12/17 | Sebastian Cadena—4/9/17 |
| Jeanette/Martin Hunter - 4/23 | Emily Peppers—3/26/17 | Don Hartley—3/12/17 | Greg Navarro—4/9/17 |
| Sherri Longoria—4/9/17 | Analiese Mahaley—3/26/17 | Dorothy Sonka—3/12/17 | Tina Jones—4/9/17 |
| Calvin Baw, Jr. —3/26/17 | Riley Emerson—3/26/17 | Robbin Roberson—4/16/17 | Ashley Harryman—4/9/17 |
| Jennifer Wright—4/9/17 | Mary Trojacek—4/23/17 | Larry Christopher—3/19/17 | Norma Juricek - 4/9/17 |
| Rachel Dyson—2/12/17 | Mildred Kohen—3/19 | Kenneth Svhelak—3/19/17 | Eugene Pena - 4/16/17 |
| Mary Ludwig—3/26/17 | Marion Haba—3/26/17 | Bonnie Bacak—3/26/17 | Deanna Richardson—4/23/17 |
| Epi Garfias—3/26/17 | Fred Scarbrough—3/5/17 | Melody Rejcek—4/23/17 | Jane Rychlik—4/23/17 |
| Paul Tolliver—3/26/17 | Mauricio Bravo Pineda—3/5/17 | Joe Barak Sr—3/26/17 | Erin Tomlinson—4/23/17 |
| Joe Barak, Jr.—3/26/17 | Tom Peyton—3/5/17 | Rose Sladeczek Buckner—3/26/17 | Beth Johnson—4/23/17 |
| Geraldine Kubin—3/5/17 | Johnny Joe Lopez—3/5/17 | David Maliska—3/26/17 | |
| JoAnn Strunc—3/26/17 | Karen Glaspy—3/5/17 | Mary Praslicka—3/26/17 | |