

ST. JOACHIM'S MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Saturday	July 9	6:00pm	NO MASS
Sunday	July 10	11:30am	Mary Ann Lane / Edward English
Wednesday	July 13	12 noon	NO MASS
Saturday	July 16	6:00pm	NO MASS
Sunday	July 17	11:30am	Richard Hachey / Thanksgiving

MASS INTENTION**Anniversary**

Faith & Len Murphy invite you to join them in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary downstairs in the parish hall immediately following Mass on Sunday, July 24th. Best wishes only please.

Strawberry Festivals

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sussex: Sunday, July 10th, from 3pm to 6:30pm. Tickets: Adults \$12; Children 6 to 12 years \$6; under 6 years of age are free. Take-out is available. Menu: Ham, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, layer cake and strawberry shortcake.

St. Anthony's, Central Kings Rec Centre, Upham: Sunday, July 10th, from 3pm to 6pm. Adults \$12; Children under 12 \$5; Family Rate (2 adults/2children) \$30. Menu: Ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and strawberry shortcake.

ST. ANN'S MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Thursday	July 14	NO MASS
Friday	July 15	NO MASS
Saturday	July 16	4:00pm
Sunday	July 17	9:30am

Memorial Plaque

Spots are still available on our Memorial Plaque for those who wish to remember a deceased loved one. It is only \$200/plaque, for which a tax receipt will be issued. All proceeds are going towards the repayment of the parish debt.

The following are two suggestions you may wish to consider for wording on a plaque:
In Memory of our Loving Parents Bob & Judy Smith
In Loving Memory of my Sister Mary Jones

We are reasonably flexible on the wording; however there is only so much space on each plaque. To request a Memorial Plaque, or if you want more information, please contact the parish office (653-6852 or office@saintjoachims.com).

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Regular Envelopes	\$1,233.00	
Loose Donations	\$467.55	
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$675.46	
Debt Fund	\$357.00	
Food Bank	\$20.00	
	\$2,753.01	Last Week's Total

The Beauty of Mercy: Pope Francis and Confession, Part 2*Finding God's Forgiveness through the Church*

The Holy Father stresses that forgiveness of our sins is not something that we can give ourselves. In confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus. "Forgiveness is not the fruit of our own efforts but rather a gift, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the wellspring of

mercy and of grace that flows unceasingly from the open heart of the Crucified and Risen Christ.” (General Audience Feb. 2014).

However, it is not enough to simply ask the Lord for forgiveness in one’s own mind and heart because Jesus himself entrusted to the Church the ministry of the forgiveness of sins. “It is necessary humbly and trustingly to confess one’s sins to a minister of the Church. In the celebration of this Sacrament, the priest represents not only God but also the whole community,” points out Pope Francis.

The shame we feel speaking our sins to another makes us more humble, as we unburden ourselves before God, notes the Holy Father. “ When one is in line to go to Confession, one feels all these things, even shame, but then when one finishes Confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession!”

Understanding the struggle that some experience when it comes to accepting, understanding and participating in this sacrament, Pope Francis boldly cries: “Be courageous and go to Confession!”

Urging frequent confession, Pope Francis says: “Go – the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests, Jesus receives you, he receives you with so much love.” (General Audience, Feb. 2014). He continually stresses that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a profound gift that strengthens our personal relationship with Christ, heals us, and renews our baptism when we were first incorporated into the community of faith.

“The Sacrament of Penance or Confession is, in fact, like a ‘second baptism’ that refers back always to the first to strengthen and renew it. In this sense, the day of our Baptism is the point of departure for this most beautiful journey, a journey towards God that lasts a lifetime, a journey of conversion that is continually sustained by the Sacrament of Penance. Think about this: when we go to confess our weaknesses, our sins, we go to ask the pardon of Jesus, but we also go to renew our Baptism through his forgiveness. And this is beautiful, it is like celebrating the day of Baptism in every Confession,” says Pope Francis (General Audience 13 November 2013).

During World Youth Day in July 2013, at the celebration on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro, Pope Francis again described how Jesus awaits us in the Sacrament of Penance, telling youth of the world gathered for the event: “...with his mercy he will cure all the wounds caused by sin. Do not be afraid to ask God’s forgiveness, because he never tires of forgiving us, like a father who loves us. God is pure mercy!”

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 10, 2016

“Who is my neighbor?”

– Luke 10.25-37

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Sacrament Of Baptism

To make arrangements, please call the parish office.

Sacrament Of Penance / Reconciliation

Confessions are celebrated after Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament Of Marriage

If you are planning on getting married, make an appointment with our pastor to discuss your plans and complete the pre-nuptial investigation forms. Six months notice is required.

Sacrament And Ministry To The Sick

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital or confined to their home, who would like to receive a visit from the Pastor, please inform Father Jim.