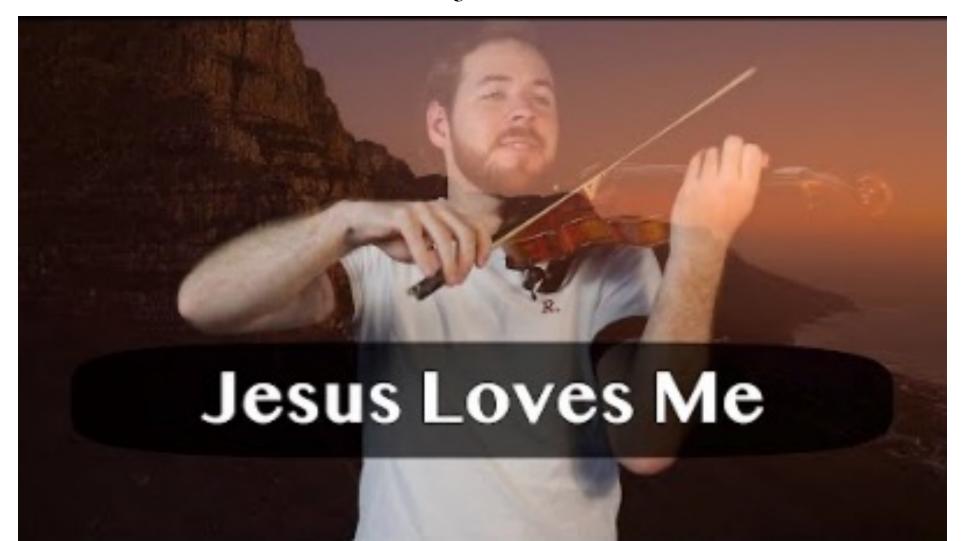




We welcome you to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, the church on the way, with open arms and open hearts.

Please be reverent while we worship; we encourage you to fully participate in our service with responses and with song. Please use the chat to add your prayers, thanksgivings, and petitions—before the sermon—so we may include them in the service.

#### Prelude Hymn | LEV 218



# WELCOME

Officiant:

The Rev. Canon Dr. Fred Vergara

Voice of the People:

Wendy Riley

#### Opening Hymn | 677 (1982 Hymnal)



#### Opening Sentences

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

#### The Invitatory

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen. Alleluia.

#### The Invitatory

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
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Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.

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#### The Invitatory

The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand, \* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

- <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \* the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \* the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \* the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \* sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- <sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened, \* and in keeping them there is great reward.

- <sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends? \* cleanse me from my secret faults.
- Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \* then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Lector Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Numbers, Chapter 11, verses 4 to 6, 10 to 16, and 24 to 29.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents.

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Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!'

I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them;

they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Canticle 10 | The Second Song of Isaiah

- Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \* call upon him when he draws near.
- Let the wicked forsake their ways \* and the evil ones their thoughts;
- And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \* and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \* nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

#### Canticle 10 | The Second Song of Isaiah

- For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \* so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \* and return not again, but water the earth.
- Bringing forth life and giving growth, \* seed for sowing and bread for eating,
- So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \* it will not return to me empty;

#### Canticle 10 | The Second Song of Isaiah

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \* and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



#### The Epistle | Norma Mays

A reading from the Letter of James, Chapter 5, verses 13 to 20.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

#### The Epistle | Norma Mays

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

#### The Epistle | Norma Mays

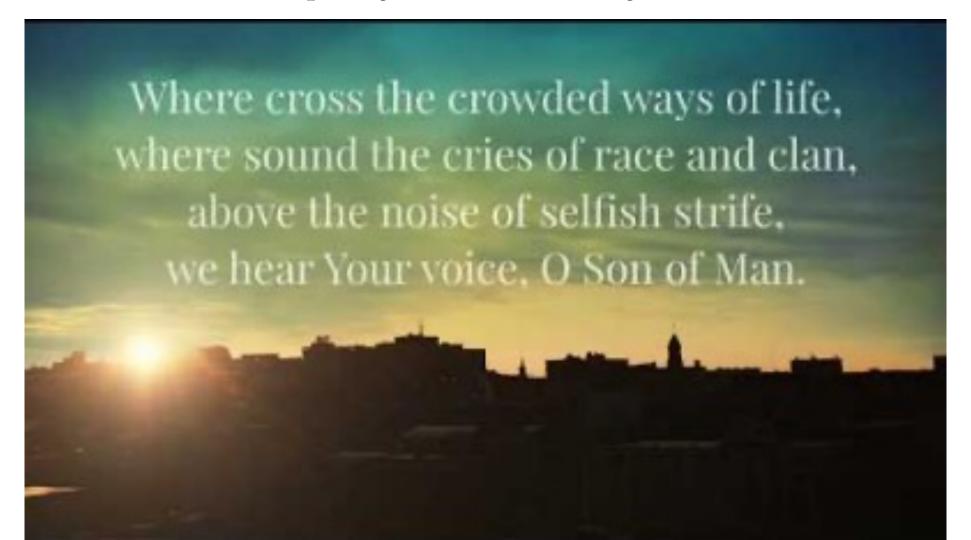
My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



#### Gospel Hymn | 609 (1982 Hymnal)



## The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, Chapter 9, verses 38 to 50.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

#### The Gospel

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

#### The Gospel

And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.



# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

#### The Suffrages

- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### Collect for Our Parish

Almighty God, hear our prayer for this our parish family at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church of Queens Village. Strengthen the faithful, revive the inactive, restore the penitent and inspire us for mission. Grant to us all things necessary for our common life, provide for our ministries and bring us to unity of heart and mind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

My brothers and sisters, the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Believing in the power of prayer, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "God our help; receive our prayer."

Give to your Church, O God, the vision to see you at work in the world. Forgive us when we try to limit or control you. May we rejoice in all good and celebrate all loving deeds.

God our help;

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: comfort all those around the globe who know the devastation of war and the threat of annihilation. We pray for peace.

God our help;

We thank you, O God, that you have provided us with those things that make our lives better—fire for heat, salt for seasoning. We thank you for all of the good gifts we so easily take for granted.

God our help;

We pray, O God, for all those with whom we share this city. Bring people together. Enable healthy relationships. Help us to be at peace with one another.

God our help;

Blessed God, as you command us, we pray for those in need of healing and wholeness. Turn their sorrow into gladness and their mourning into holiday. Lord, raise them up in Jesus' name.

God our help;

Almighty God, were you not on our side, we would be without hope. But you are our salvation. Grant us entrance into your heavenly kingdom; may we become partakers of your heavenly treasure.

God our help;

# Concluding Collect

Holy and Merciful God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts. Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will. In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, we pray. **Amen.** 



# Prayers from the Congregation

**†** We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and ask God to bless them.

### Prayers for Birthdays/Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand, Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Most Gracious God, look with favor upon these your servants as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of Your grace and blessing, that they may continue to cherish each other and continue to grow in love and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

# Prayer for Travelers

Heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation and whose presence we find everywhere: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care, protect them from any danger, and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

# Prayers from the Congregation

We continue to pray for the people of the world affected by natural disasters, and catastrophes caused by climate change especially the California wildfires.

We pray for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, and occupied Palestine. We pray also for the ongoing war in Ukraine, the genocides in Palestine, Sudan, and the Congo, and the protests throughout the world.

We pray for immigrant communities, especially Haitian-Americans in Springfield, Ohio; we pray for the souls of the massacred, for the hungry and thirsty, for the homeless, and the imprisoned.

We pray for political leaders in the United States, especially in NYC corruption as we look for new leadership; we pray for a safe and fair election process in November.

We pray for activists protesting injustice and fighting for liberation.

# Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Prayers from the Congregation

Camylle Haughton thanks her church family for the outpouring of love extended to her during her recent loss. May the Lord continue to bless and guide Father Fred and the members of St. Joseph's, as we continue working in Christ's vineyard.

St. Joseph's prays for the Riley family as they mourn the loss of Ann Riley, aunt and sister-in-law who went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 17th. May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory and her memory be a blessing to all who knew her.

# Prayers from the Congregation

St. Joseph's prays for our Church leadership: Father Fred, Robert, Sandra, Roxanne, Coretta, Justin, Harold, Edline, Reginald, La Verne, Olidia, Jennifer, Angela, Nichola, and Jeffrey—as they continue to meet with the Bishop and his leadership team to secure a path forward for our church.

St. Joseph's continues to pray for all those who have died, may their souls rest in peace and rise in glory, and their memories be blessings to all who knew them. We pray also for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one—that they find comfort in the Almighty.

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Maureen T. Orinthia S. Rupert W.

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Noel J. Rosalind M. Sr. Sheila

Noel K. Rosalind S. Verely P.

Norma J. Rose C. Willacy & Maxfield family

Norma M. Rosemary C. Yolanda E.

You may speak aloud the names of those for whom you would like to pray.



# Prayer for Healing

God of all power and wisdom, by the might of Your command, drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity; grant to your servants your healing touch so that their weakness may vanish and their strength renewed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

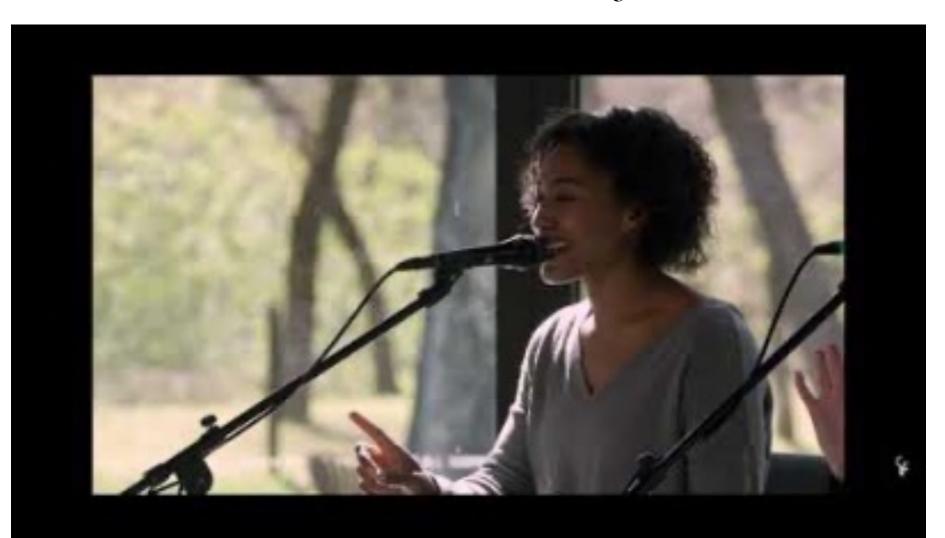
#### The Peace

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People And also with you.



#### The Peace | The Blessing



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# Offertory Prayer

Creator God, you made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You have blessed us with your abundant, abiding love so that we may be inspired to live generously. From your plentiful gifts, we give you our own first fruits, the gathering of our time, talent, and treasure. May they be a blessing to the world. **Amen.** 



# The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

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# The General Thanksgiving

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

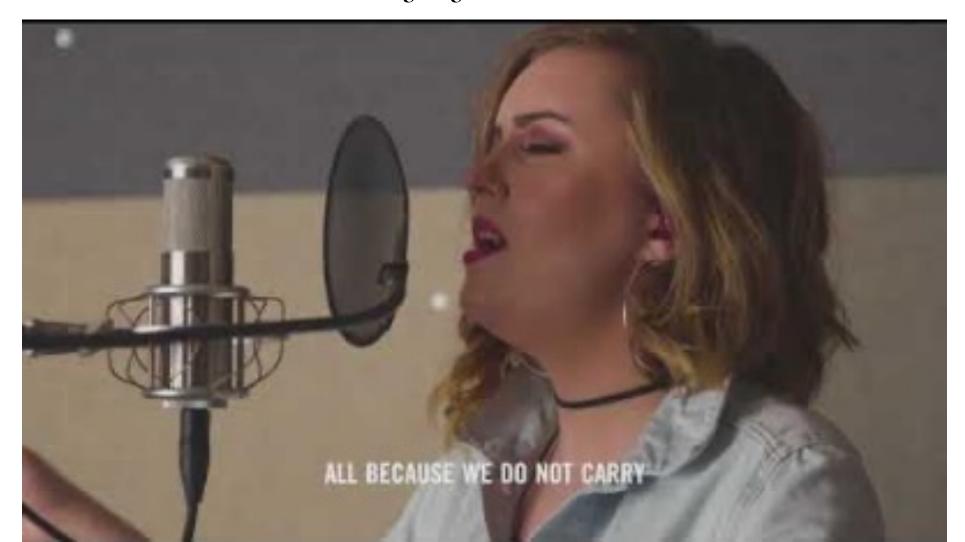
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**.

2 Corinthians 13:14

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#### Closing Hymn | LEV 109



# Announcements



#### St. Joseph's Announcements

Sept. 25 10:30 AM & 8 PM "How to Pray Effectively"

Sept. 22 Sunday School Begins

Oct. 13 The Right Rev. Lawrence Provenzano to visit St. Joseph's

Nov. 1 All Souls/All Saints Service via Zoom at 8 PM

Dec. 6 Rector's Winter Ball



#### St. Joseph's Announcements

#### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR EDGAR G. FRANCIS

#### Wake

Monday, September 23, 2024

5:30 PM to 8 PM

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

6 Commonwealth Boulevard, Bellerose

#### Viewing and Funeral

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Viewing at 9 AM

Funeral Service at 10 AM

Cathedral of the Incarnation

50 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City

#### Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park

2030 Wellwood Avenue, Farmingdale

A repast will follow at 2 PM and more details will follow



#### How to Pray Effectively: A Biblical Way to Pray for Results

The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred B. Vergara presents a thirteen session course starting Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 8 PM EST. Join the weekly Zoom with a lecture followed by small group discussion.

Wednesdays starting September 4, 2024 8 PM EST on Zoom with Small Group Discussion

Join Here

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This course is free but we will accept voluntary donations via Zelle to treasurer@stjosephqv.org or by scanning this QR code. You may also donate to our church through our website at www.stjosephqv.org/donate



Visit our website at www.stjosephqv.org/howtopray to view the sessions and presentations.

#### Sessions and Dates:

- 1. What is effective prayer? | 9/4/24
- 2. How to pray effectively | 9/11/24
- 3. Types of Prayers | 9/18/2024
- 4. Praying in the Name of Jesus | 9/26/2024
- 5. Praying with the Scriptures | 10/2/2024
- 6. Praying in Faith | 10/9/2024
- 7. Praying in the Spirit | 10/16/2024
- 8. Prayer and Fasting | 10/23/2024
- 9. Prayer Intercessions | 10/30/2024
- 10. Developing Good Prayer Habits | 11/6/2024
- 11. Receiving Answers to Prayers | 11/13/2024
- 12. Visualization Prayer | 11/20/2024
- 13. Centering Prayer | 11/27/2024



### St. Joseph's Announcements

#### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters of the King is extending the offer for new members to join. If you are interested, please contact Rhona Sutherland, President, or another Daughter for more information. A discernment class will be scheduled to be held on Zoom for prospective members. All women are welcome to join.

#### **BSA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON**

Join the Queens Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for their Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Antun's. The donation is \$150 per adult and \$75 for children under 12 years. Please contact a Brother for tickets and more information.



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INVITATION TO JOIN

# THE SEASON OF CREATION 2024



#### Saturday, October 5, 2024 9 AM to 3 PM

Join the Creation Care Community for their third annual retreat on Saturday, October 5 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Mercer School. All Episcopalians are invited to attend to find where they fit in the urgent need to act on climate change.

The retreat's agenda will cover the following areas:

- To Hope and Act with Creation reflection on the Christian response to the climate crisis
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions (for instance, installing solar panels)
- Advocacy (for instance, working on campaigns to pass environmental legislation)
- Nature conservation and preserving biodiversity, including greening our spaces
- Reduce/Reuse/Recycle (reducing our consumption at home and in our parishes)
- Community engagement

Visit seasonofcreation.org for more information



### St. Joseph's Announcements

#### CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY | OCTOBER 16

Please join The Right Rev. Lawrence Provenzano and Ministry Leaders across the Diocese for this year's Celebration of Ministry, which will take place on October 16, 2024, at 6:30 PM at The Inn at New Hyde Park.



### St. Joseph's Announcements

#### RECTOR'S BALL

The Third Annual Rector's Ball will be held on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM at Antun's Catering Hall in Queens Village. Ads for the 2024 journal, featuring special events and activities from this year, are open. Please contact Angela Brown, Norma Byfield, or Cynthia Lewis to place a journal ad. The honorees are:

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# End of Announcements



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