

## EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be:

### MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006

7:00AM FRANCIS & ALICE O'CONNOR –  
The O'Connor Family  
9:15AM JOAN GENESKY – Family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006

7:00AM NICOLAS PUCCI – Ann Marie Gabriele  
9:15AM DOROTHY TIMERSON –  
Patty & Joe Janiak

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006

9:15AM LEE MITCHELTREE – Angela Cusimano

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006

7:00AM THERESA BRAUN –  
Robert & MaryAnn Beikirch  
9:15AM DOLORES KUKER – Maria Gabriele

### FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006

Stations of the Cross at 8:50am  
9:15AM MARION KING – Joyce Myers

**Eucharistic Adoration following  
9:15am Mass until 11:00am**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006

5:00PM JOSEPH CANNITO – Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2006

7:30AM THEODORE REUS – Sister  
9:00AM ROBERT J. COOK – Brunette Family  
10:30AM DOROTHY BUSHART – Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in  
loving memory of Joseph Cannito**

## Pastor's Perspective

Light comes; light goes, as the world revolves from day to night. Darkness and light are both a part of life, with times of regret and times of joyful anticipation. The Lenten season begins with humility and darkness on Ash Wednesday. It ends with glory and a dawning sun on Easter morning. The forty days of Lent do not include Sundays, which are seen traditionally as little celebrations of Easter. Each week, then, contains six days of penitence and thoughtful reflection about our lives and one day of celebrating the presence of the living Christ.

During Lent the coming of resurrection begins to dawn on us. Ash Wednesday then, becomes a time before the dawn. The darkness, though, is not gloominess, because we know that dawn is coming. With humbled hearts we admit our failings but set a course toward doing better.

We do not see resurrection in its fullness until Easter, but all of Lent can be a time of brightening, discovering possibilities of hope and promise along the way. The first glimpse of resurrection in Jesus' life was seen in his baptism. Jesus had not sinned, but he still symbolized the need for rebirth. As he came up out of the water, people witnessed a great demonstration of what this rebirth and new glory could bring. The Holy Spirit descended like a dove upon Jesus, and God's voice was heard to say, "You are my beloved Son. In you I am well pleased . . . Listen to Him."

Hope you're all taking six minutes each day with your "Little Black Book" as we strive each day in Lent to "Listen to Him".

Happy Lent,

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 19, 2006**

**SUNDAY**

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym  
 5:30-7:30pm Youth Group (grades 6-12) – Gym

**MONDAY**

4:30-5:30pm Religious Education – School  
 6:30-7:30pm Religious Education – School  
 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1  
 7:00-8:00pm Lenten Prayer Group - Parish Office

**TUESDAY**

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3 & 4  
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3  
 3:45-4:30pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3  
 4:30-5:30pm Religious Education – School

**WEDNESDAY**

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3  
**7:30pm Lenten Evening Prayer – Church**  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
 8:30pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

**THURSDAY**

11:00am – Noon Lenten Prayer Group – Rm 1  
 7:00pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church

**FRIDAY**

8:50am Stations of the Cross – Church  
 9:45-11:00am Eucharistic Adoration – Church  
 2:00pm Jesus Rosary – Church  
**5:00-7:00pm FISH FRY – Gym**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$14,720	\$13,770	+ 950

<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$506,625	\$509,490	- \$2,865

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/05 - 6/30/06)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

\* Monthly Mortgage Payment - \$5,836  
 Current Parish Center Mortgage Balance -\$471,812

**Thank you** for writing the amount of your donation on the outside of your envelope.

**SACRISTAN:**

Week of March 19 Agnes Kopin

**LINENS:**

Week of March 26 Eileen Romeo

**BIBLE READINGS:**

19 Sun **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25  
 20 Mon **St. Joseph** 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a  
 21 Tue Dn 3:25.34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35  
 22 Wed Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19  
 23 Thu Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23  
 24 Fri Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6-11,14,17 Mk 12:28-34  
 25 Sat **The Annunciation of the Lord** Is 7:10-14;8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38  
 26 Sun **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent** 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED  
 NEXT WEEKEND ~ March 25 & 26**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**

Marisa Vargas, Christina Smith, Lily Ciszewski

**Sunday, 7:30am:**

Sandy Loeb, Susan Loeb, Mary Martellotta

**Sunday, 9:00am:**

Brad Chiesa, Zach Barbeau, Tyler Fulmer

**Sunday, 10:30am:**

David Savella, Steven Fantigrossi, Emily Virgil

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**BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!**

Breakfast is served every Sunday morning from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu.

**Next week’s special: Sausage and Egg Bake** served with fresh fruit, fresh baked bread and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.50.

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**Fund Raiser for St. Clement of Rome Parish  
 in the Archdiocese of New Orleans:**

**PASTA DINNER**

(Includes pasta, meatballs, salad, bread & drink)  
 \$6.00 per person ~ \$4.00 children 6-10

**Sunday, April 2 from 5:00 to 7:00pm  
 at St. Paul’s Church Hall.**

Proceeds will benefit St. Clement of Rome parish which suffered extensive damage during hurricane Katrina. Advance reservations appreciated; for more information please call Rosemary Pavia at 671-2100 X 59.

**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

Our gifts have a special part to play in God's plan; one person plants the seed, another waters it, and God makes it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters are stewards working toward the same end – God's co-workers. We are gifted and called.

*Stewardship . . . . Live It!*

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**ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!**

Our St. Rita Society invites you to our next gathering on **Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00pm** in the parish center gym for a special presentation:

**AGE-ING AS A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE**

**Speaker: Rosalee Muschal Reinhardt**

Aging in our culture is rarely imagined as an adventure, let alone a spiritual one! Rosalee will share ideas on how to make our golden years a truly fulfilling experience. Rosalee has 72 years of life experience, has a Masters of Divinity degree and is certified age-ing leader with the spiritual elder-ing institute.

All are most welcome to attend this program.

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**Are you interested in learning more about becoming a Deacon of the Catholic Church?**

The Deacon Personnel Board of the Diocese of Rochester is hosting an informational meeting at:

**St. Joseph's Church Adult Learning Center  
43 Gebhardt Road in Penfield  
Tuesday - March 28, 2006  
7:30pm to 9:00pm**

Please come and join us, if you would like to learn more about the order of deacon, including what's involved in this special ministry and what the requirements are for becoming a permanent deacon. If you are married we encourage you to bring your wife.

Deacon Don Germano will conduct a short presentation and answer questions. If you plan to attend or have questions call Deacon Don at 223-3843 or email: don.germano@axa-advisors.com

**THE SCRUTINIES –  
Period of Purification and Enlightenment**

For our adults and children who are being baptized at the Easter Vigil, they have entered the final period of preparation for their reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. When they completed the Rite of Election two weeks ago and entered the elect, they knew this was a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting of interior reflection based on the scriptures. In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will celebrate the sacraments of initiation.

In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated, beginning this Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy. In this way, the elect are instructed about the mystery of sin, from which we all desire deliverance. Secondly, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water, the light of the world, the resurrection and the life. The scrutinies enable the elect to receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and to open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Savior. At the first scrutiny, the elect are presented with the creed that states what they are assenting to in their baptism. At the third scrutiny, the elect are presented with the Our Father to help them focus on the core of what prayer means on their spiritual journey.

**As part of this scrutiny period the Sunday readings on March 19, March 26 and April 2 will be taken from the Cycle A Readings.** These readings instruct the elect about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world longs to be delivered and saved from its present and future circumstances. Secondly, these readings instruct them that their spirit is filled with Christ the redeemer, who is the living water, the light of the world and the resurrection and the life. The elect progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

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**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

Our **Parish Health Ministry Committee** will be offering free Blood Pressure Screenings **after all Masses next weekend in Room 1.**

**RATION RICE BOWL  
(Ten Coin Folders)**

To Jesus cleansing the Temple. This  
stc of urgency. It is not about anger; it  
is about transformation. Jesus is saying: "No more  
business as usual. There is not much time left. Be  
converted, be cleansed because the reign of God is  
at hand." As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl  
journey let us remember in **prayer** that the ability to  
work, to earn a living, is a right of all people. All  
workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize  
themselves, and to work in good conditions. May our  
**fasting** keep us mindful of the workers who provide  
food for their families. May our **almsgiving** assist  
Catholic Relief Services in helping those in need.

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**LENTEN FISH DINNERS  
Served every Friday in Lent**

**5:00-7:00 PM  
in the Parish Center**

Each Friday during Lent Fish Dinners will be served  
from 5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym. **Fried  
or Baked Haddock** are available as well as **Cheese  
Pizza** for those who do not care for fish! Adult fish  
dinners include coleslaw, french fries and a roll.  
Children's portions are available. Soft Drinks, Milk,  
Coffee, Tea, and Ice Cream cups will also be  
available. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors,  
\$4.00 for children. Eat in or Take Out!

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**PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT  
Sunday, April 9 from 12:30-4:00 p.m.**

The Youth Group is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for  
all children of the parish ages 1-11. Please pick up a  
registration form in the back of church. The  
"entrance fee" is 12 small plastic eggs and one (1)  
small bag of candy along with your registration form.  
**Please return your form and "fee" to the parish  
office no later than Friday, March 31.**

**EASTER CANDY SALE**

Hippity Hop, Hippity Hop ~  
Here come those delicious  
chocolate Easter bunnies. Our  
St. Rita Society will hold their  
annual candy sale in the greeting area after Masses  
beginning the weekend of March 11 & 12 and  
continuing until we're sold out! Chocolate bunnies  
and delicious Mint-Melt-Aways will be sold for \$3.00  
each. Proceeds will be used for Society Projects.

**From the desk of Mary Jo DiDia, Youth  
Minister**

**671-1100 ext. 18 ~ [mdidia@dor.org](mailto:mdidia@dor.org)**

**Sunday, March 19 from 5:30-7:30pm  
COMBINED YOUTH GATHERING**

All youth in grades 6-12 meet in the Parish  
Center Gym. Please come early so we can begin  
right at 5:30. Please call and let me know if you  
are coming so I can order enough pizza.

**Saturday, March 25 from 11:00am to 6:00pm  
CATHOLIC WEBSTER YOUTH RALLY**

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Holy Trinity  
Church for the Catholic Webster Youth  
Connection Youth Rally. Please fill out a  
registration form from the back of church and  
return it to Mary Jo.

**Friday, March 31 at 7:15pm  
ROCHESTER AMERKS YOUTH GROUP NIGHT**

The Amerks vs. Syracuse Crunch at the Blue  
Cross Arena; tickets cost \$10 each. If you are  
interested in going, please contact Mary Jo with  
your name, number of tickets needed and phone  
number. The deadline to order tickets is Friday,  
March 24.

**Sunday, April 9 from 12:30-4:00 p.m.  
PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Youth Group is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt  
for all children of the parish (see other bulletin  
article). Members of the Youth Group are  
needed to help with this event – please call Mary  
Jo as soon as possible to let her know you are  
able to help.

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**New parish registration process** ~ Anyone wishing  
to join St. Rita Parish is asked to meet with Betsy  
McDermott (Deacon John's wife). Betsy will be  
available each Sunday after the 9:00 and 10:30  
Masses in the library in Church. New parishioners  
packets are also available in the parish office.

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**CROP WALK – 2006  
We Walk . . . Because They Walk . . .**

To get water ~ To bring home food ~ To find safe  
shelter ~ To find wood ~ To go to school

Make a difference in your community and in the  
world. Join the Crop Walk or sponsor a Cropwalker.  
Call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 for more  
information.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Watch one hour with me." Spend an hour in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, with common prayer and with personal meditation. Nocturnal Adoration Society invites you to join them on **Saturday, March 25, 8:00 to 9:00 PM, at Christ the King Church.** All are welcome.

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### Trips -

April 28 Last Call- Niagara-On-the-Lake \$69 pp includes tour of city, shopping, lunch at the Lawrenceville Restaurant, and visit to some of St. Catharine's famous vineyards.

June 9 Cayuga Lake Vineyards, MacKenzie-Childs Studio-\$79pp. Includes studio tour of the famous MacKenzie-Childs, lunch at the historic Aurora Inn, visit to two Cayuga Lake Vineyards.

July 15-22 Poland-Footsteps of Pope Paul II- \$1,879pp + depart tax. Round trip from JFK to Warsaw, Tours and sites in Niepokalanow, Czestochowa, Krakow, & More. \$500 deposit due. Add on to Budapest, Vienna, Prague \$699

Please respond to Hear and There Travel (a non profit agency to help the Deaf and Hard of Hearing), 585-719-9433.

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## LENTEN PENITENTIAL REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence. All other Fridays during the season of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat. All persons fourteen years of age and up are obliged to abstain.

Fasting refers to eating one full meal a day with smaller portions that do not constitute a full meal at the other two meal times. Adults eighteen years of age up to the age of sixty are obliged to fast.

**BAPTISMS** ~ Official instructions that accompany the Rite of Baptism state that Baptisms are not to be celebrated during the Lenten Season. To remember the Paschal character of this Sacrament, we will resume Baptisms at Easter time.

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**Women's Faith Formation** is starting Jeff Cavin's Great Adventure Bible series. We meet Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 at Holy Spirit Church in the parish center. Please join us or call Sue Monczynski at 586-0933 for more information.

**Lenten Reflection ~ Beatitudes:** Wednesdays at 7:00pm on March 15, 22, & 29 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 1355 Hatch Road. Holy Spirit Pastoral Associate Mike Struble leads a series of reflections on the gospel passage known as The Beatitudes: *"And they lived happily ever after... What did the Beatitudes mean to the people of Jesus' time? And what do they mean to us, today?"*

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**Widowed, Divorced or Separated?** If you are looking for peer ministry support that can help you on your journey of healing from your loss, Beginning Experience of Rochester will be offering a healing weekend, April 28,29 & 30 at Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush. For information or to register for the weekend call (585) 987-1750.

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**FLAHERTY'S Preferred Diner's Card** are available at the Holy Trinity Church Office and HOPE House. It includes \$350 worth of coupons, 8 free dinners, 8 free dinners, 8 free beverages, plus other values - all for \$25.00 (of which \$10 goes directly to HOPE House). We will stop selling these books at the end of March. Stop in or call Holy Trinity at 265-1616 or HOPE House 265-6694.

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**DON'T MISS MY FAIR LADY** - Performed by students of McQuaid, Mercy and others at McQuaid Jesuit High School Auditorium, March 16-18 & 23-25. Curtain at 7:30pm. Call 473-1130, ext. 100, for tickets. General admission: Adults \$12, students \$10, seniors \$8.

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**REACHING OUT ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI ~ ST. RITA & ST. CLEMENT OF ROME**

This weekend we welcome Deacon Frank Minor and his wife, Dottie, who are visiting us from our sister parish, St. Clement of Rome in Metairie, Louisiana, just outside the city of New Orleans. Deacon Frank spoke of their parish's experiences during the hurricane and their efforts to restore their church's facilities and services. He reinforced the central role the church serves in a community that is struggling to rebuild. In spite of extensive damage to the church and school, the parish continues to provide strength and hope for those working so hard to put their lives back together. Today we had a special second collection for St. Clement's reconstruction efforts. If you were unprepared today, you may send in your donation made payable to St. Rita Church and we will see that they receive your donation. **ALSO - please send along your warm words of encouragement and faith by signing the banner at the back of the church.** Our Parish Twinning Project continues to meet to develop our partnership with St. Clement of Rome. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Michael Lynch at [mlynch@geneseo.edu](mailto:mlynch@geneseo.edu) or 671-6233.

**Wind and Recording Artist Highlight St. Rita's Fiesta**

The Mer Marching Band should be strutting its stuff as the popular parade returns to the 51st annual St. Rita's Fiesta June 2 and 3. The parade was a mainstay of past Fiestas. Parade chairwoman Carol Pilato indicates that several floats and antique cars are also committed to be in line for the parade. She is looking for a coordinator for a St. Rita's Alumni float. Contact Carol Pilato at 265-0931 to volunteer.

**Nashville Recording Artist:** New to the performing venue is Nashville recording artist Sean Patrick McGraw. The Nashville sound is a new feature to this year's Fiesta scene. He performs at 7:00pm on Friday. His latest album has won acclaim. "Songs for Saturday Night is McGraw's third album and this one's a winner," praised *Country Music News* about the former "Nashville Star" contestant.

**Fiesta Plant Sale:** With a great team, and the generous donations of perennials and bushes from parishioners, we are able to offer a great selection for the discerning gardener. This year we will have many more varieties of flowering bushes and perennial plants available. We will dig plants/bushes from your yards. For plant and pot donations or to volunteer contact co-chairpersons Carol Van Atta, 671-7832 or Joyce Hollander, 671-3281.

**Fun for Everyone:** The Fiesta continues to feature a range of activities and games for children and adults, a variety of tantalizing food, and top-caliber entertainment, including *The Dinner Dogs* and *Atlas* on Saturday. Those golfers who just missed 'that putt' can take another shot at being the *Last Golfer Standing*©. Additional details about all the activities will be coming over the next few weeks.

**Auctioneer needed. . . going once, going twice** - We are looking for someone who has experience as an auctioneer? If you or someone you know could help call Virginia or Gary Nicastro at 872-5564.

**Volunteering is good for the soul. The Fiesta always needs volunteers. Call Tom Cali, 671-0428 or Ed Ritzel, 787-1937. Proceeds from the Fiesta help fund many Parish projects including repairs, enhancements, debt reduction, and assistance to needy organizations.**

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**From the Desk of Drew Desmarais . . .**

CUSTOMS AND RITUALS By Paul Mariani, (America, April 21, 2003)

**ST. JOSEPH**

Joseph is one of those figures in the Bible without a speaking part. Not a single word, except for the implied fiat to God's word played out again and again. What you get instead is a dreamer, a good man- the Bible calls him "Just"- someone who seems to have paid attention to what God had planned for him. We learn from the elaborate genealogies that Matthew and Luke give us (both different in their particulars) that Joseph (a common enough name in first century Palestine) was a tekton (in the Greek), that is, a carpenter or worker in wood or stone, and that he was descended from the great house of David. Which tells us- if it tells us anything- just how far downhill that lineage had fallen 1,000 years after David ruled Israel. In retrospect one sees it as all part of God's gracious design, this taking the lowly of this world and raising them to unheard- of- new heights. His plan. His way of proceeding. Certainly not anything Herod or Caesar or even we could have dreamed up. Joseph, engaged to a young girl from the village, finding her pregnant, tries to figure how to divorce her quietly, without exposing her to shame- that is, without having Mary publicly stoned to death for the crime of adultery. And then comes a dream, a dream in which Joseph hears an angel telling him not to be afraid to take Mary into his home, that this child is different, that the father of this child is God, working through the Holy Spirit, and that this child is destined "to save people from their sins."

For 15 centuries- except here and there- Joseph was pretty much overlooked, though you get early images (10<sup>th</sup> century) of a young man watching over his wife and baby, and- half a millennium later- Joseph as an old man with a bald pate, a safe enough figure to guard Mary's virginity, though it is important to remember that the biblical Joseph was accepted as Jesus' father in Nazareth, and so must have been a virile-enough figure to stop the wagging tongues of a small village. In time, as the human imagination became more and more interested in the history of the human Jesus, so too did it become interested in the human figure of Joseph. Each year on March 19, Catholics celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. The other important day in the calendar for Joseph is May 1<sup>st</sup>- May Day- when Joseph is celebrated as patron of workers, a memorial set up originally to counterbalance the Communist worker parades on that day. In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century it was Leo XIII who proclaimed Joseph patron of the universal church, a sort of culmination of the saint's earlier patronage of individual countries like Mexico, Canada and Belgium.

I appreciate even more now Joseph's unobtrusive, necessary role in salvation history. I think of him teaching his young son how to follow the grain of a piece of olive wood, how to plane it, learning patience, trying to earn a fair day's wages for a fair day's work to put that daily bread on the table. Or perhaps patiently standing in queue, looking for work. I think of him dreaming dreams in which he hears voices, as once he believed he'd heard a voice that loved and trusted him enough to place a son – and the son's mother- in his faltering, capable and very human hands.