



La Tavola Di San Giuseppe “The St Joseph’s Table”

Sunday, March 18, 2018
Church of St Rocco

St Joseph is regarded by many Italians as their Patron Saint. In many Italian American communities, thanks are given to St Joseph for his intercession in answering their prayers. The preparation of the St Joseph Table is an old Italian traditions which dates back to the Middle Ages. During that time, many parts of Italy were suffering from severe drought. The people prayed to St Joseph asking for his intercession in ending the drought. They promised that if he interceded, they would prepare a large feast to honor him. The rains did come and the people of Italy prepared a large banquet in his honor for all to share.

On March 18th, the Holy Name Society will offer a banquet to be shared by all in honor of St Joseph, the Patron and Protector of the entire Catholic Church. The celebration begins with Holy Mass at 10:15 am. The mass will be followed by a procession leading from St Rocco’s Church into the Madonna Room. All are invited to attend this free celebration. Food, drink, and desserts will be served. Donations, in honor of St Joseph will be appreciated.

Donation Opportunities

The Holy Staff of St Joseph

Donation Amount: \$100

The Bible tells us that St Joseph was a “just man”. Several legends state that St Joseph was selected to be Mary’s husband after his staff “blossomed” - a sign from God that He had chosen the young man for this responsibility. This is why many statues of St Joseph depict him carrying a staff topped with lilies in bloom. This act was a true miracle of God.

On March 18th, all donations and intentions offered to the different symbols of St Joseph will be presented at the 10:15 am Mass. Please drop off donations at the Parish Office prior to March 18th.

Most Chaste Heart of St Joseph

Donation Amount: \$50

The heart is the greatest symbol of love and thus of vulnerability. Therefore, many of us are afraid to expose our hearts for the fear of the unknown. St Joseph is a perfect example of one who opened wide his heart to give himself over to God.

Crown of Roses

Donation Amount: \$25

On Earth, St Joseph’s royalty was not with an outward crown but one which was hidden within his chaste and humble heart. A heart in which the Lord Jesus took great consolation and delight.

