

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH OF THE PANTHER VALLEY

## 40 HOURS EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION



PREACHER FOR ALL  
THREE NIGHTS:  
Father Joe Fitzgerald

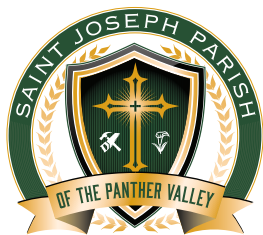
*“Facing Your Giants” – 1 Samuel 17: 37 – 51*

**SUNDAY-TUESDAY | APRIL 28, 29, 30, 2019**

**The Forty Hours Devotion** is a special 40-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition.

Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, the words of our Lord burn in our hearts:

*“I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread, He shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (Jn 6:51)*



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What are the Giants that challenge your life and family – has your relationship been wounded and seem unsalvageable? Have you lost the passion in your faith, your career, your marriage, and your life? Have sins of selfishness, impurity, greed, or pride chipped away at the foundation of who you are and were created to be? Has the noise and distraction of our society and world made it impossible for you to hear God speaking to you? Has God forgotten about you? You are invited to our parish’s celebration of 40 Hours Sunday April 28, Monday, April 29 and, Tuesday, April 30 at 7 PM to pray and grow in your faith with our preacher Fr. Joe Fitzgerald. We are looking forward to a spiritual journey and the opportunity to gain strategies to help all of us face the Giants in our Lives.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

**FOCUS** Know Your Enemy

**11:00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the Mass

**12:00pm** Silent Adoration

**3:00pm** Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet

**7:00pm** Evening Prayer Service for Divine Mercy Sunday

*Social in the Hall and meet and greet with Fr. Fitzgerald*

## MONDAY, APRIL 29

### **Memorial of St. Catharine of Siena**

**FOCUS** Put on Your Armor

**8:00am** Mass ending with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**8:30am-7pm** Silent Adoration

**7:00pm** Evening Prayer Service for the Memorial of St. Catharine of Siena

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30

### **Vigil of St. Joseph the Worker**

**Focus** Choose Your Weapon for Battle

**8:00am** Mass ending with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**8:30am-7pm** Silent Adoration

**7:00pm** Solemn Closing and Evening Prayer Service

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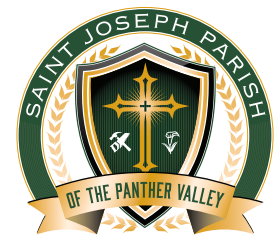
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**Father Joe Fitzgerald** is a native Long Islander. He was born in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, but raised in St. Joseph's parish in Babylon. He is a product of Catholic Elementary School, and Standout Athlete at North Babylon High School before attending Ithaca College from 1989-1993 where he was a history major. Fr. Joe also played football and baseball, he was a quarterback on the 1991 Division III National Championship Football Team.

Fr. Joe was also a member of the 1996 US Olympic Team Handball Squad at the Atlanta Olympic Games. His Olympic and National Team experience allowed him to travel the world to over 60 countries where he experienced the true meaning of our Catholic (Universal) faith while attending Mass in each country. The Eucharist and the Blessed Mother (as well as many prayers from his own Mother) kept him close to his faith and eventually inspired and led him to enter the seminary in August of 2001.

Fr. Joe was ordained on June 9, 2007 - he spent two years serving at St. Kilian parish in Farmingdale, four years as the Chaplain at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School and Hofstra University and is currently the Vocations Director of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He looks to Pope Francis as his inspiration along with the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Joe's Favorite Scripture Quote is Matthew 16: 15-16 - "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."



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