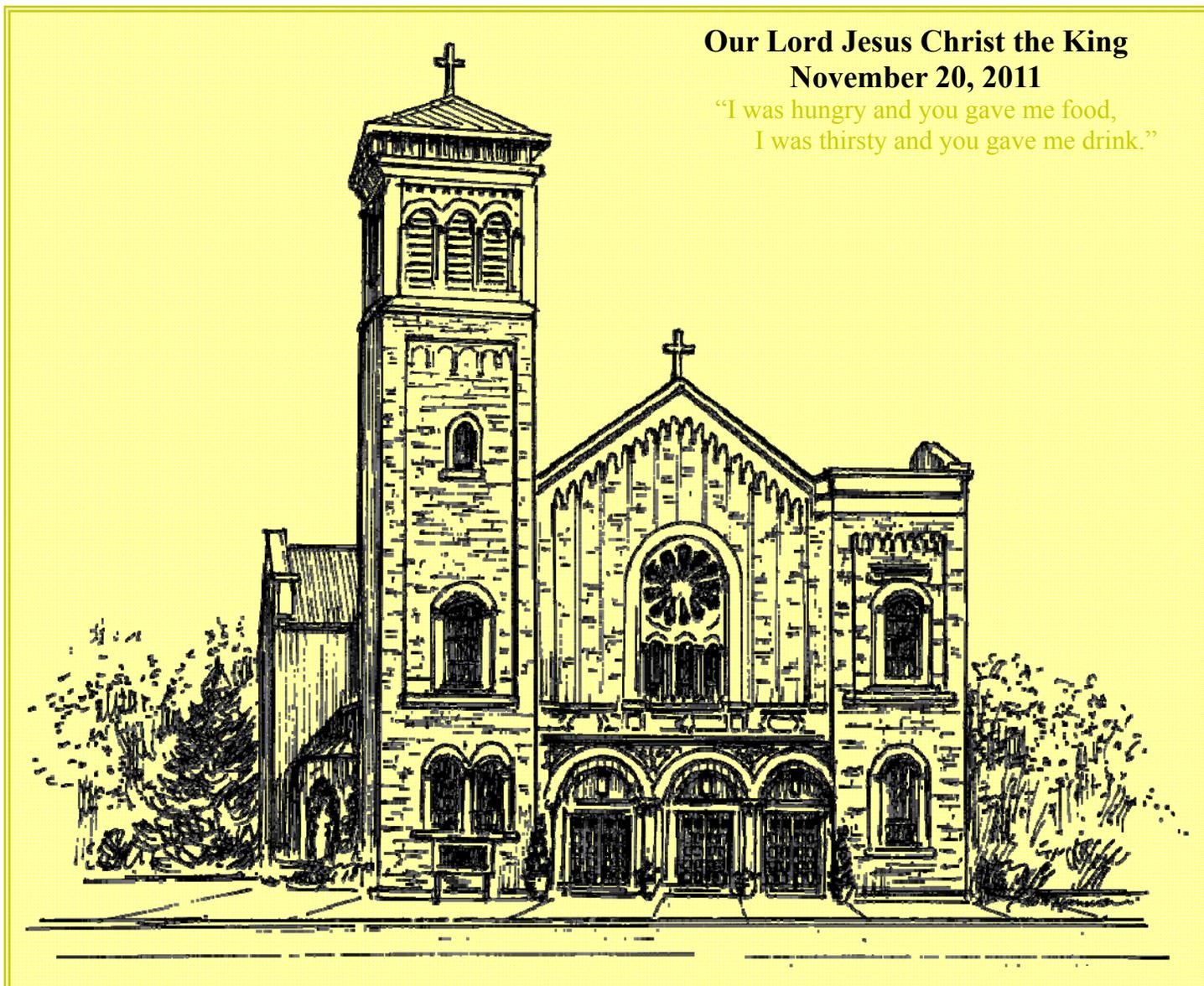


The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 20, 2011**

*"I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink."*



Parish Directory

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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 6:00pm

(The office is closed 1:00-1:30pm for lunch.)

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00am 10:00am 12:00noon

Monday - Friday

7:30am and 12:05pm

Saturday: 8:30am

All Masses are celebrated in the Church.

Confession

Saturday — 11:00am - 12:00 Noon

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For information regarding baptisms and weddings, please contact the Parish Office @ 201-939-0457. (Just a reminder, it is necessary to contact the parish office one year prior to the anticipated wedding date.)

R.C.I.A. *Considering becoming Catholic?*

...or are you an adult Catholic who would like to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation? If you or anyone you know would like to find out more about the RCIA process, please call the Parish Office @ 201-939-0457.

If you would like to bring the gifts of Bread and Wine to the altar during the Offertory Procession or if you cannot come forward to receive Communion, please see an usher before mass.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SJBulletin@aol.com is the e-mail address to use if you wish to place an article in the weekly bulletin. Articles are due the Monday before the published date.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

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| Collection for November 6 | \$4,632.00 |
| Our Second Collection for Church Interior Maintenance— | \$2,474.00 |

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From the Pastor



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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

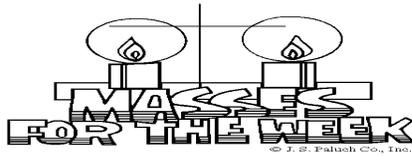
Today's solemnity of Christ the King ends the liturgical year and comes to remind us of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The season of Advent also has this as its purpose. Jesus does not come by force, but as a shepherd. He is looking for those who have gone astray due to sin, to laziness or the distractions of the world and he comes to forgive us, and save us. He comes to build a kingdom of truth, love and peace, especially inside us. Each one of us is called to be part of this kingdom here on earth, and then in heaven. We want him to reign over every aspect of our hearts and our actions, not only what we do on Sundays. His Coming will wipe away every tear and sadness.

Whatever we do for a little one we do for Jesus Christ. Whatever we do for the least of our brothers or sisters we do for him. The Gospel is reminding us of the corporal works of mercy that we are called to live (feed the poor, give drink to the thirsty, cloth the naked, visit the sick and those in prison and bury the dead). The kingdom of God is a call to service, a call to give our lives for those around us; it is much more than dropping off food for the food pantry, important as that is.

At this time of year the Church is reminding us that when we see God face to face we will need to give an account of our lives and what we did for those close to us, or those in need. The smallest action that we do for others is not missed by God who sees everything in our lives.

This feast of Christ the King shows us that everything is subject to God and that he is the Lord of life and death. Jesus Christ has the last word over death and destroys it so that we do not need to be afraid. We can overcome our fear of death at the end of our lives and also of the ontological death that kills us everyday: what will happen to me if I get sick, or if I don't have enough money or if I am not accepted by others. An adult Christian faith gives us the possibility of rising above these deaths and fears and invites us to live in freedom.

As this year ends and Advent begins in another week, let us call upon the Virgin Mary to help us to be humble and to be the servants that Jesus Christ is calling us to be.



HERE AND NOW

SATURDAY, November 19

5:00pm Vincent Arsiero

SUNDAY, November 20

Christ the King

8:00am Edmund Bobrowski
 10:00am Frank Vito & Nunziata Chirichella
 12:00pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am Colella Family & Boccia Family
 12:05pm Anthony Bamonte & Madeline Petrizzo

TUESDAY, November 22

St. Cecilia

7:30am Messineo Family
 12:05pm Giuseppe Faraone

WEDNESDAY, November 23

Ss. Clement I; Columban & Bl. Miguel Agustin

7:30am FML
 12:05pm John Kearney

THURSDAY, November 24 Thanksgiving day

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

8:30am Mildred Cardinali

FRIDAY, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:30am Mari Linke
 12:05pm Dorothy Maurer

SATURDAY, November 26

8:30am Frank Campion
 5:00pm John Kurtz

SUNDAY, November 27

First Week of Advent

8:00am John Palko
 10:00am Victoria & Joseph Malinowski
 12:00pm Nerissa Landayan (Sp. Int)

The Mass Hosts & Wine to be consecrated at all Masses are in Loving Memory of **Deceased Members of the Servideo Family** requested by

Joseph Servideo & Andrea Servideo Margione

The Sanctuary Candle is now burning in Loving Memory of **Catherine Patricia Lawlor** requested by **The Family**

The Acolyte Candle is now burning in Loving Memory of **Italia Giuseppe Esposito** requested by **Maria Calcagno**

One of my favorite Scripture passages is from the Book of Ecclesiastes—yes, that one! “A time for everything under heaven....” simple yet profound, it reminds us of the inevitability of change all through our lives; nothing is forever; nothing is constant except for God’s love and caring for us through every stage of our journey.

Driving around Rutherford—also known as the Borough of Trees for obvious reasons—one cannot but be awed and delighted by the gorgeous Fall foliage. How could one find words to capture the glory of the bronze, gold, every shade of brown, orange, blazing crimson! Sometimes I pull over for couple of minutes, to drink in the beauty of a particular display. And yet, as we remember last week’s freak storm, we also know that very soon these leaves that are so enchanting today will be tomorrow’s mulch. A time to marvel; a time to mourn the bare branches which have a beauty all their own.

And so our lives go from Fall to Winter snow; to Spring’s return of hope and new growth. Through it all, we see the loving hand of our Creator, who is constant, unchanging, and loves each one of us as we are; with our shortcomings, unfulfilled promises; long on good intentions; short on performance. And we begin to get a glimmer of what unconditional love is all about.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 20

10:15am.....Faith Formation..(CCD).....SCH
 1:30pm.....Baptism.....CH

Tuesday, November 22

7:30pm.....Choir.....CH

Wednesday, November 23

..... Parish Office Closed

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

9:00am..... Mass.....(No Adoration).....CH

Friday, November 25

..... Parish Office Closed



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).
Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

Rosary Altar Society

Congratulations to our new officers elected at our November meeting: Vice President, Cookie Evans, Corresponding Secretary, Judy Manzo and Treasurer, Barbara Mayer, who will each serve a two year term. They will be installed at our Christmas/Installation Dinner. Our installing officer will be Lorraine Joewono, our immediate past President. Dolores McGuire, President, Angela Cantatore, Recording Secretary, and Janet Drogo, Financial Secretary, will each serve for one more year.

Tickets are on sale after all the Masses this weekend and next weekend for the Christmas/Installation

Dinner to be held on Monday, December 5, at the Landmark in East Rutherford at 6:00 p.m. The donation is \$27.00 for your choice of beef, chicken or fish for dinner and entertainment featuring "Little Sisters of the Jersey Shore" presented by Kathy Rizzo. Please call Dolores (201-939-5163) for more information and tickets.

News from the East Rutherford Veterans' Alliance
Pearl Harbor Day, Wednesday, December 7, 2011. 7:00 p.m., Public Observance, Borough Hall Park, Paterson Avenue and Everett Place, East Rutherford, NJ. The Veterans cordially invite all to join in the observances and commemoration.

Faith Formation- Sunday Connection

The 2nd grade students are continuing to prepare for the Sacrament of First Penance. While they are in preparation, students in grades 3 to 8 will have the opportunity to again celebrate this wonderful sacrament of God's mercy, love and forgiveness. Review classes for the sacrament of Reconciliation will take place during their regular scheduled classes in November for Sunday, Home Study and Summer Plus students. Reconciliation will be scheduled during the season of Advent.

Ministries Need Help

If you sense that the Lord is inviting you to join the choir or volunteer as a lector or altar server or usher, please call the office and let us know. We can use your help. God always repays us many times over for our service to him and to his church.

A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

GRATITUDE

Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future.



Prayer List...

As a community of faith, we offer the support of our prayers for one another.

Anyone who asks to be on this prayer list will be listed for six weeks. After that time, his/her name will be placed in our Intention Book, which is in the church on the altar rail in front of the tabernacle.

The following list of people are in **acute** need of our prayers:

**Rob Buckley, Charles Cloutier, Mike Salvemini,
Dorothy Pell, Barbara Scherer, Stanley Sudol,
Lenore Papale, Charles Mihm**

(Please call the Parish Office @ 201-939-0457 if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.)



*Michael Brockway (Afghanistan)
Lt. Patrick Stevens (Iraq 2nd tour)
Lance Corp. Kevin Murphy (Afghanistan)
SPC Richard H Foy III- Afghanistan--2nd
tour*

CPL Sean Clarkson (Afghanistan)

Please Pray for our Troops

ST. FRANCIS INN

During **November** we are collecting
Disposable diapers in sizes 4, 5 or 6

Your donations may be left at the Giving Tree.
(For information please visit ww.stfrancisinn.org)

St. Joseph Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is running low on a number of items that we really need. If your means allow, we are asking for the following food items: coffee, tea, canned fruit, stew, chile, jelly, shampoo, soap and toilet tissue. Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of our food pantry.

News from St. Joseph Cemetery

St. Joseph Cemetery in Lyndhurst, which is owned by our parish, is in the process of developing a new section for burials. If you are interested in purchasing a plot in our parish cemetery, kindly contact the rectory.

For Your Information

The school auditorium and/or cafeteria are now available for rental for parties and gatherings. If interested, please contact the rectory office for details.



Pope Benedict VI's reflection on Psalm 23.

Dear brothers and sisters,

God is the way, the right path that leads us to life (cf. John 14:6); the light that illumines the dark valley and conquers our every fear (cf. John 1:9; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46). He is the generous host who welcomes us and saves us from our enemies, preparing for us the table of His body and His blood (cf. Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20), and that definitive table in Heaven's messianic banquet (cf. Luke 14:15ff; Revelation 3:20; 19:9). He is the regal Shepherd, the King of meekness and of pardon, enthroned on the glorious wood of the Cross (cf. John 3:13-15; 12:32; 17:4-5).

Dear brothers and sisters, Psalm 23 invites us to renew our trust in God, by abandoning ourselves totally into His hands. With faith, let us therefore ask the Lord to grant us -- along the difficult roads of our times as well -- to walk always on His paths as a docile and obedient flock. [Let us ask] that He welcome us into His home, to His table, and that He lead us to "still waters", so that in receiving the gift of His Spirit, we may drink from His springs, from the fount of that living water "welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14; cf. 7:37-39).

COPING WITH GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS

A grief recovery seminar will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011, in St. Joseph School Building Cafeteria, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Deacon Nicholas Valdez, an experienced trauma counselor, who also teaches a Death and Dying course at St. Mary's of the Assumption School in Elizabeth.

This time of the year can be extremely difficult after suffering the loss of a loved one. Patricia Lane, Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, will be present to assist you individually. Please call Audrey or Jean Kimak at (201) 438-6708 so that we may arrange for seating and refreshments.

KNEELING FOR THE LAMB OF GOD

The Church in the US calls for us to kneel during the Lamb of God rather than stand so that we worship in the same way in all our churches. We will begin this change on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th, when we start to use the new translations for the prayers of the Mass.

BEQUESTS FOR THE PARISH

If you need help setting up a will and a bequest to help the parish let us know in the office. We are working at providing a free or at least a discounted service so that anyone who wants can have a will and also help the parish if they wish.

THANKSGIVING & THE EUCHARIST

In light of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday it might be worthwhile to see the connections between Thanksgiving and the Eucharist. In the early Church the Eucharist was seen primarily as a song of thanksgiving, a response to the actions of God in salvation history. This intervention of God is the history of the Jews and our history as well. It is no mere idea, it is a historical fact. It is something that can be experienced, and has been experienced throughout history and by us.

The appearance of God in our lives through the sacraments or the preaching or the events of life immediately creates a meaning for us. To such an extent that God appears as in the life of Abraham and sets him out on his journey. God appears through Moses and after 400 years of slavery the way to freedom is opened, through the sea and into the desert. God appears and life suddenly has a meaning, a horizon opens up in front of us and happiness appears. That is why when God appears, eternity enters into time and everything has a meaning. We see this in all conversion experiences. When we have a true experience of God in our lives we recover our senses. We rejoice and give thanks.

This appearance of God in our life immediately causes in us a response. This reply to what God is doing in our lives is the essence of the Eucharist. Maybe we never learned this in our catechesis as a young person and this is what the Second Vatican Council of the Church is trying to restore. The Eucharist or the Mass is a song sung in thanksgiving to God; it is a response, an explosion of grace, of thanksgiving to God for what he has done. As it was for the Jews it is a Passover. We have an experience of overcoming death or slavery or fear and we praise God for this.

The word Eucharist to our minds explains what is in the tabernacle - the bread. However, this is only a small part of what the Eucharist represents. The word Eucharist in its true origins in the primitive church is something different. The Eucharist was above all a celebration, a response, an exultation, a proclamation of what God has done for us, as the Jews still do every Passover. The first Eucharist was a Passover celebration where Jesus Christ changes the meaning slightly from the exultation of freedom from the slavery of Egypt to the joy of his triumph over the slavery of sin, his triumph over death.

The heart of the Eucharist is this exultation, this happiness, this celebration of incredible joy. Jesus Christ is victorious; he does not die, and neither do we! The joy which is the heart of the Eucharist makes it above all a confession of God's work, of what he has done for us. Each one of us should experience it in a different way. The Eucharist is a song of joy, a proclamation; it is more than an act of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is not big enough to explain the Eucharist. It includes the act of giving thanks; but it goes further and praises God and proclaims his greatness. The Eucharist, then, is a response, a confession, a thanksgiving for his Word which is an action that we see in our lives. It is something sacred. It would be ashamed to experience the Eucharist as a duty, as something boring.

Let us give thanks to God for all He has done in our lives by celebrating this Thanksgiving Day with the Eucharist, which is our way of thanking God and proclaiming his goodness and his love for us.

Fr. Joe

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH REMEMBERS THOSE WE HAVE LOST THIS PAST YEAR

**Fr. Brian Linehan OFM
Fr. Francis X. Gunna OFM**

**Frank Champion
Theresa Curley
Kevin McGuire
Frances Good
William Nagel
Gerold Nuzzo
Anna Sabia
Vincent Murphy
John Offreda
Richard Martin
Molly Kenny
Antonetta Simone
Ursula Bartlett McKeown
Henry Telleger
Lois Brucato
Thomas Dunsheath
Angelo Giancaspro
Eileen Bennett
Margaret Landmesser
Donald Lapine, Sr.
Rosemary Czarnogursky
Anna Grillo
Jerome Tomicich
Fernando Prado
Kathryn Sollitto
Geraldine DePeri
Thomas Tantullo
Raymond Conley
Anita Angeles
John Yuhasz
Jose Coloos
Bennie Ciarkowski
Philip Manfredonia
Celina Smerecki
Virginia White
Irene Catanzaro
Edward Faist
Teresa Centomani
John Randall White
Sylvia Monetti**

**Salvatore Picinich
Edward Malinowski
Francis Scherer
Christine Sottilaro
Elizabeth Raftery
James J. Baxter
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Daniele Dominick
Eileen M. Recanati
Anna Hennessey
Marie Linke
Emma Nixon
Vincenza Verga
Patricia Tylanda
Piero Campiotti
Ronald Drogo
Filomena Cirelli
William Nolan
Kathryn Malinowski
Donald Peters
Dolores Gazo
Frank Saggio
Josephine A. Veltri
Rose Staropoli
Ursula H. Newman
Charles Eichholz
Katherine Bespalko
Robert Slater
Margaret N. Olivo
Phillip Molinaro
Maryann Baldasti
Bernice J. Salo
Vincent Yurkovic
Rose Moore
Elizabeth L. Reilly
Maryann Tritico
Rita Fednik
Jack Russell
Paul Scherer**

**MAY ALL THE
SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST
IN PEACE**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM