

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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

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Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am - 6:00pm
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Parish Directory

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Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00am 10:00am 12:00 noon

Monday thru Friday

7:30am and 12:05pm

Civic Holidays—8:30am

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday — 11:00am - 12:00 Noon

Other times by appointment please.

Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of the month — 1:30pm

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Devotions to follow the 12:05 pm Mass

St. Anthony Novena—Every Tuesday

St. Joseph Novena—Every Wednesday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—

Every First Friday & Other Thursdays

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —November 18, 2012

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, November 17

St. Elizabeth

5:00 pm + Eddie Lamboy

SUNDAY, November 18

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Joseph Welsch

10:00 am + Frank Vito &
Nunziata Chirichella

12:00 pm + Peter J. Behan

MONDAY, November 19

7:30 am + Stanley J. Moczydlowski

12:05 pm + Margaret & Patrick Courtney

TUESDAY, November 20

7:30 am + John Joseph McCormack

12:05 pm + Benjamin Volino

WEDNESDAY, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am + Patrick McAuley

12:05 pm + Anthony Bamonte

THURSDAY, November 22

St. Cecilia

9:00 am + Elizabeth Douglas

FRIDAY, November 23

St. Clement I

7:30 am + Maureen Flynn

12:05 pm + Giuseppe & Italia Esposito

SATURDAY, November 24

St. Andrew

5:00 pm + Marie Linke

SUNDAY, November 25

Feast of Christ the King

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Mary Ann Lopacinski

10:00 am + Joseph Totaro

12:00 pm + Vito Panierino

Pray for the Dead




Brothers and Sisters:

The Lord has a plan for us and will bring us back from our exile in this world. For this reason Jesus promises that he

will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. There are two comings of the Son of God: the one when he assumed human flesh for our salvation and the second one when He will come at the end of the world to judge all mankind. As we approach the final days of the liturgical year the Church reminds us of all these eternal truths, or last things.

Christians of all ages have prayed for this day using that wonderful invocation: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha! Pope John Paul II told us that we ought to use this same prayer, 'Come, Lord Jesus.' This prayer will become a spontaneous prayer of the heart, which can never be satisfied by the things of the world. Our hearts yearn for the promised blessings still to come. When our glorified bodies are in the presence of God we can repeat that prayer, 'Lord, I long to see your face.'

Our Lord describes the last days in today's gospel: and then they will see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. The Fathers of the Church have taught us that he will summon to his tribunal those who judged him on earth. He who remained silent in the face of our Christ's persecutors he will say to them, 'You did this to me and I held my peace.'

God sees everything that we have done, especially the small details of service for God and our neighbor. Jesus will reward those who are faithful to the end. This second coming or *parousia* is an event we ought to look forward to, not out of fear, but of love. As Christians, we long to see the face of Jesus Christ, and be united with our glorified bodies, in heaven. As we pray for those who departed last year, let us ask that we will have the grace to die well and to not be afraid to see the Lord!

Totaro Joe

PARISH CALENDAR

Each parish group needs to schedule your needs for a facility so we do not have any conflicts. Please request your needs by dates and location (rectory, school, church). **All requests must be in writing. Drop them off at the parish office or email us as soon as possible.**

~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~

We are in need of several volunteers for approximately 30 minutes before and after mass on Saturdays and Sundays. Volunteers are needed to sell gift cards and candles, and ushers are needed to help with collection and tidying up the church after mass. If you can donate a few minutes of your time before or after mass, please contact the parish office. Any assistance you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Parish Pasta Dinner Mark Your Calendars!

Fight cabin fever this winter! come and join us at a Parish Pasta Dinner on Sunday **January 27, 2013** at 1-3:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Fellowship, entertainment and prize drawings will make this an enjoyable afternoon. Tickets will be available shortly. More details to follow.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 934 people attended Mass.

Total: \$ 7,416.00

1st Collection \$5,016.00

Number of Envelopes 249 \$2,652.00

Cash Received \$2,364.00

2nd Collection \$2,400.00

Number of Envelopes 214 \$1,694.00

Cash received \$ 706.00

CHURCH INTERIOR RENOVATION

The Lord will bless you for your generosity!



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 or 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:

Nick Errico, Rob Buckley, Charles Cloutier, Mike Salvemini, Dorothy Pell, Stanley Sudol, Laura Izzo, Gianna Dilemme, Lenore Papale, Daniel Leach, Claire Palmieri, Joe DiGradina, Bud Davis, Linda Judge and Bryan Consulmagno
(Please call the Parish Office @ 201-939-0457 if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.)



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Michael Brockway (Afghanistan)

Lt. Patrick Stevens (Iraq 2nd tour)

Lance Corp. Kevin Murphy (Afghanistan)

CPL Sean Clarkson (Afghanistan)



ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is short of many of the foods and supplies that are needed during the fall months. Our inventory has run extremely low. **We are in urgent need of Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Baked Beans, Condensed**

Milk, Instant Potatoes, Soup, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Juice, Coffee and Tea. Please Help Us!

If you would like to support the parish food pantry, please consider volunteering at the pantry during the week or purchasing a gift card in the name of "Food Pantry." We thank you for your generosity and continued support of this ministry. May God Bless you and your family for caring.

ST. FRANCIS INN

During the month of **November** we are collecting

Quick Cooking Oatmeal (Not Instant)

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

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE GLORIOUS BIBLE

It is one of the glories of the Bible that it can embrace many meanings in a single passage.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

THANKS

One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth one thousand thank-yous when things are agreeable to our inclination.

—St. John of Ávila

Remember the Homeless



ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

Please join us at the annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 24, 2012, from 9:00 am—3:30 pm. There will be over 50 crafters and vendors displaying jewelry, candles, family crest ornaments, woodwork, stone sculpture, kid's and women's apparel, crochet items, unique hand-sewn gifts, glass work, handbags, kitchen items, cotton candy, sports caps, and many more unique crafts and purchase.

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping all in one place!

St. Mary High School is located on 64 Chestnut Street in Rutherford.

Free gift bag to first 100 shoppers! Vendor opportunities still available.

Contact M. Piazza at 201-362-1053.



TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalms — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

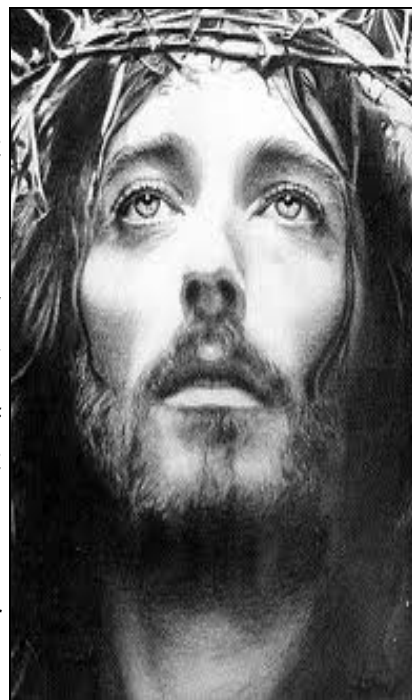
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Congratulations to our officers elected at the November meeting. President Delores McGuire; Recording Secretary, Angela Cantatore and Financial Secretary, Janet Drogo who will each will serve a two year term and be installed at our Installation dinner. Cookie Evans, Vice-President ; Judy Manzo, Corresponding Secretary and Barbara Meyer, Treasurer will each serve one more year.

Tickets are on sale after all masses this weekend and next for our Christmas/Installation dinner on December 3rd at the Landmark at 6pm. Donations are \$28.00 with your choice of dinner and entertainment. Please call Delores (201-939-5163) for more information. Thank you.

GOD'S REIGN

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.





SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Get Your Holiday Shopping Done Early with Scrip Gift Cards !

Thank you to all parishioners who have been participating in our scrip gift card program throughout the year. We always have ShopRite and Stop & Shop gift cards available at the back of the church after each mass.

Gift cards are a perfect gift for family members, teachers, college students, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. On **December 1 & 2**, we will be accepting orders for gift cards for the following retailers:

•	Barnes & Nobel Booksellers	\$10
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•	Bath & Body Works	\$10
•	Bath & Body Works	\$25
•	Cabela's	\$25
•	Children's Place	\$25
•	Crazy 8	\$25
•	Dunkin' Donuts	\$10
•	Gap	\$25
•	Gymboree	\$25
•	L.L. Bean	\$25
•	Lands' End	\$25
•	Macy's	\$25
•	Old Navy	\$25
•	Restaurant.com	\$20
•	Starbucks	\$10
•	Starbucks	\$25

The list of retailers have been selected in order to provide St. Joseph's with the greatest fundraising benefit from your participation. The average return that we would receive is 14% of the face value! Our benefit can add up quickly.

Cards will be available for pick up after all masses on December 8 & 9 or in the parish office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

EASY WAYS TO GIVE

There are many generous people in our parish and some of them are giving automatically through their personal bank, at no charge to them. You can decide to do this monthly or weekly and it makes it easier for you and helps the parish to have a regular income and to save the costs of envelopes.

We are switching soon to a different envelope company, and hopefully will take off people who no longer want to receive envelopes and add new families that would like to help our parish. As you can see most of the collection each week, over 75%, comes from envelope users, and those who use envelopes can also receive from the parish a statement of their giving at year end. Please consider helping us in this way!

AUDITORIUM AND CAFETERIA AVAILABLE

For family or group activities the school auditorium and cafeteria together or separate are available for renting. Please call the parish office for information.

St. Joseph's Annual Advent and Christmas Concert – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Joseph's parish choir and children will be joyously presenting the annual Christmas and Advent concert entitled "Warmth in the Light of Christ" on December 9, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the church. The event is free to everyone. We ask that in lieu of admission, please support our parish food pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item. Refreshments will be served. Please join us for a beautiful and inspirational afternoon.



ST. JOSEPH ADVENT CONCERT

save the date

Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 1:30 pm

Thanksgiving Dinners

There are some envelopes in the entrance of the church for the support of Angels Attic, Angels Walk and the Community Service Committee. If you would like to make a donation to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for someone in need, please drop the envelope in the collection on Sunday or in the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.



COME, ANTICIPATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE SEMINARIANS, AND SUPPORT VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Seminary Christmas Concert & Dinner

Friday, December 14: Dinner at 6 pm &
concert at 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 15: Lunch at 1:30 pm &
Concert at 11:45 am & 3 pm.

Suggested Donation:

1 ticket \$ 50; 3 tickets \$ 40 ea.;

4-9 tickets \$35 ea.; 10+ tickets \$30 ea.

Checks made out to "Family of Nazareth"

For information & tickets call Fr. Tobias

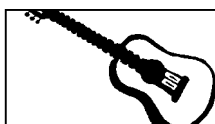
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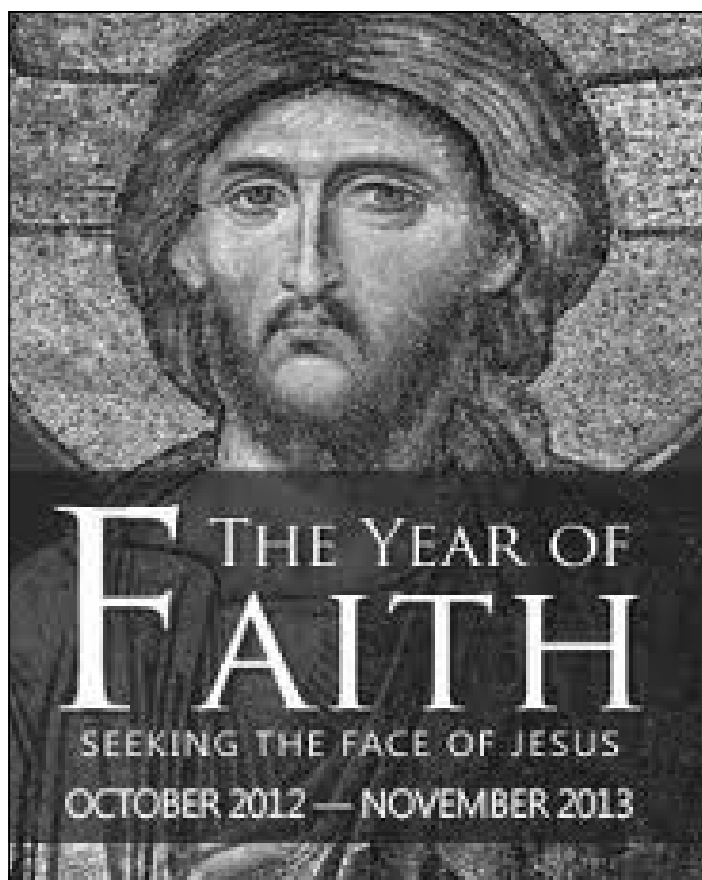
MASS BOOK

The 2013 Mass Book is open.

There are numerous ways in which we can remember and pray for the deceased and/or a special intention for a family member or friend. Please contact the Parish Office.

Mass	\$15.00
Wine	\$25.00
Hosts	\$25.00
Acolyte Candles	\$10.00
Sanctuary Candles	\$15.00

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in memory of Elizabeth Douglas, requested by Rose & Franco Ravennati & Molly Pat Cammarata



ST. JOSEPHS' CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Income:

Sunday Collections	\$288,372
Christmas & Easter Collection	\$ 48,504
Rental Income	\$ 257,875
Perquisites (Baptism, Weddings, Funerals)	\$ 25,975
Fund Raising	\$ 25,237
Society Income	\$ 15,966
Religious Education Program	\$ 53,665
Candle Income	\$ 5,296
Assessment Collection	\$ 22,456
Interest	\$ 5,684
Special Collections	\$ 93,855
Insurance Claims	\$ 46,055
Bulletin Commission	\$ 12,500
Renovation Donations	\$ 88,902
All Other	<u>\$ 23,748</u>
Total	\$1,014,090

Expenses:

Salary and Benefits	\$290,285
Contracted Services	\$ 79,074
Plant Expense	\$ 59,312
Utilities	\$ 85,678
Operating Supplies	\$ 41,268
Religious Education Program	\$ 21,799
Society Expense	\$ 15,342
Fund Raising	\$ 26,327
Rectory Expenses	\$ 9,959
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$ 59,316
Assistance to Others	<u>\$ 2,413</u>
Total	\$690,773

Net Income: \$323,317

Archdiocesan Debts owed: \$294,537

We are in a much better financial position in our parish mainly by reducing the salaries and benefits and using only a few part-time people in the office and many generous volunteers, which I believe is the best way to be in a parish. There has also been in a decline in the overall giving since we have fewer people. We hope the parish will continue to grow as we improve our facilities and attract more people in a variety of ways, as we have been doing. The report from last year has salaries and benefits at \$290,285 and we are budgeting \$159,842.00 for next year, so this is quite a reduction from what was here when I arrived sixteen months ago. Also, you should not think that we have over \$300,000 in our bank account as net income for this year since the rental income of \$257,875 goes directly to the Archdiocese to repay our debt. Without this rental income we are breaking even and also doing some major repairs. By the way, the fundraising numbers reflect the Scrips program we have for Shop-Rite and Stop & Shop cards and shows a small profit which will continue to grow and help our needs.

HEATING

Please be patient with the heat in the church since we are in the process of switching to a gas system which will blow hot air and more quickly heat it. Hopefully this will be ready in December and in the meantime the radiator system takes four or five hours to heat up, and is very costly since it is oil and our system is not in good shape. I was very surprised to see that last year we used almost the same amount of oil in the school, which runs five days a week and eight hours a day, as we did in the church. With this and other changes we can reduce our utility costs of \$86,000 to something more reasonable.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days ("change-of-season days") as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.)

The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Cecilia

Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. There is no trace of honor being paid her in early times. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545. According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. Since the time of the Renaissance she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ.



EXPRESS YOUR FAITH

By Making a Planned Gift of Kindness Today

As Christmas and the year-end approaches, consider giving a gift that will help the Church you



love. There are many options through lifetime giving arrangements that may benefit you, your family, and the Church. Lifetime giving complements your estate planning and often improves your current financial and tax situation. For more information about making a gift to St. Josephs Parish, please

call the Planned Giving Dept. at (973) 497-4042 or email Theresa Lynch at lynchthe@rcan.org.