

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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Parish Office Hours

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

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If you cannot make our office hours, please call
and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We are closed Saturday and Sunday.

Parish Directory

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Parish Registration

Registration forms are available at the parish
office and at the parish web site.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please contact Parish Office for pastoral visits in
the hospital or at home. Pastoral ministers are
available to visit the sick and homebound.

We offer a warm welcome to all our guests &
newcomers! We at the Catholic Community of St.
Joseph are pleased to have celebrated liturgy
with you and we hope you will join us again.



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

8:00pm to 9:30pm Neo-Catechumenal Mass

Sunday: 8:00am 10:00am 12:00 pm

Monday thru Friday

7:30am and 12:05pm IN THE CONVENT CHAPEL

Civic Holidays—8:30am

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday — 11:00am - 12:00 Noon

Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of the month — 1:00pm

For information regarding baptisms
please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Plans are usually made one year in advance to
prepare for marriage. Please call the parish
office to schedule an appointment.

Devotions follow the 12:05 pm Mass

St. Anthony Novena—Every Tuesday

St. Joseph Novena—Every Wednesday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Every
Thursday.

PALM SUNDAY— April 13, 2014

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, April 12

5:00 pm + Christine Sottilaro

SUNDAY, April 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am + Frances Good
10:00 am + Maria Pedoto
12:00 pm + Mimi & Walter Bode

MONDAY, April 14

7:30 am + Anne Ioli
12:05 pm + Matilda "Matty" Voto

TUESDAY, April 15

7:30 am + Dennis Augustin
12:05 pm + Vinny De Lorenzo

WEDNESDAY, April 16

7:30 am + People of the Parish
12:05 pm + Helene H. Capone

THURSDAY, April 17

7:30 pm + The Lord's supper

FRIDAY, April 18

12:00 to 3 pm+ The Last seven words
3:30 pm + Good Friday Service
7:00 pm + Stations of the cross

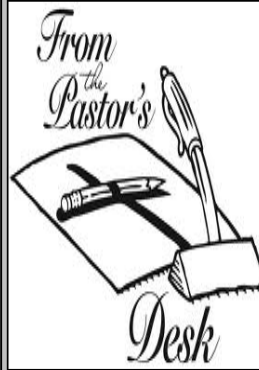
SATURDAY, April 19

8:00 pm + Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 20

Easter Sunday

8:00 am + People of the Parish
10:00 am + People of the Parish
12:00 pm + People of the Parish



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

After the worst winter in recent memory Palm Sunday is here, which is the beginning of the Holy Week. God gives us the opportunity to walk with his Son during this week starting with his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, and ending with his death and resurrection.

We hear today of the suffering servant of Isaiah written many centuries before Jesus Christ came and yet speaking prophetically of him and his passion that we proclaim today. Isaiah reminds us that suffering will open our ear and that Jesus Christ did not turn his face away from spit and suffering. It is a good week to consider if we are willing to do the same; I think I know the answer.

So let us use today and this Holy Week to enter into the passion and death of Jesus Christ. This is the only thing that can help us to make sense of our life. The Fridays of Lent have hopefully prepared us for this, and even if we did not use Lent well this year God comes to help us today. Jesus comes to take away all of our sins and bring us to a place of peace and reconciliation. He is not fooled by the waving of the palms; he knows what awaits him in just a few days, and this is what awaits us also. Let us ask the Lord to help us enter into our cross, into the thing in my life that I cannot accept, and there is where we will find life, a life that never ends. Let us not complain and grumble about what faces us today. Ask the Lord to have the grace to accept our situation in life: priest, married, single, divorced, alone. When we see that this is God's will for us we will find joy. The difficulties remain but someone they no longer matter, when we have Jesus Christ.

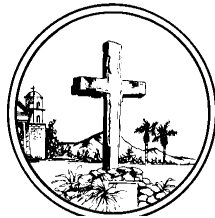
Please join us for the Triduum of Easter as we relive the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



The *Acolyte Candles* will burn this week in
Memory of
Souls in purgatory.

The *Wine & Host* are offered this week in
Memory of
HELEN SORRENTINO
requested by
Pat & Dennis Grossano

The *Sanctuary Candle* will burn
this week in Memory of
Unborn children.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 768 people attended Mass.

Total Giving: \$ 7,926.00

1st Collection	\$ 6,107.00
Number of Envelopes 219	\$ 3,651.00
Cash Received	\$ 2,456.00

2nd Collection	\$ 1,819.00
Number of Envelopes 159	\$ 1,500.00
Cash received	\$ 319.00

ARCHDIOCESAN PARISH ASSESSMENT
The Lord will bless you
for your generosity!



THE PRAYER CORNER
*“Like burning incense, Lord,
let my prayer rise up to you.”*

As a community of faith, we offer the support of our prayers for one another. These brothers and sisters are in **acute** need of our prayers:

Rosemary Montagna Landers, Rosa Ramirez, Thomas Sanders, Patrick Chapman, Stanley Sudol, Gianna Dilemme, Lenore Papale, Daniel Leach, Claire Palmieri, Joe DiGradina, Kathy Szedlacik, Linda Judge, Bryan Consulmagno, Lourdes Taveras, Geraldine Litter, Rich Hirsch, Franziska Maria Taba Karu, Frank Antonini, Lillian Danscuk, Beth Bodnar, Christine Taueras, Lorna Schweer, Maybelle Desiongco, Linda Berenger, Carolyn Novello, Dolores Pezzolla, Eden Azor, Mike Moran, Deborah Ravettini, Jonna Calvanico, Steve Danos, Don Stein, Nancy Schumann, Trish Spittler, Ingrid Bayard, Audrey Frey and all who are sick and suffering around us.

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

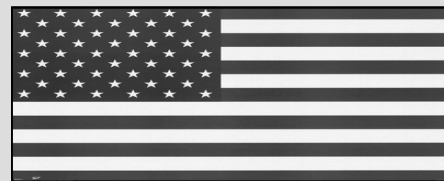
FOR OUR COURAGEOUS SOLDIERS

“O Lord, we pray for all the national and world leaders, for the safety and well being of all the military personnel defending our freedom”

Michael Brockway (Afghanistan)

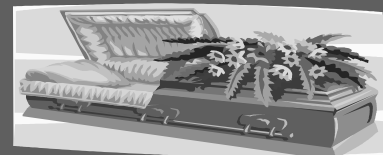
Lt. Patrick Stevens (Iraq 2nd tour)

Lance Corp. Kevin Murphy (Afghanistan)



RESTING IN THE LORD

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”





SOCIAL CONCERNS

"In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to all parishioners for your continuous support of the Food Pantry, your donations are great and so necessary.

A special thanks to the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS who are always helping with their donations.

Now we would like to wish all of you a happy, long waited spring and at the same time take advantage of your generosity by asking for the following everyday needs:

JELLY, TUNA, COLD CEREAL, CANNED VEGGIES, BEEF STEW/CHILI, CANNED BEANS, 2or3 LBS RICE, COFFEE/TEA, CANNED FRUIT, EVAPORATED or POWDER MILK & TOILETRIES.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2014 AAA

Our Goal is \$28,000.00

How We Are Doing:

Total pledged to date- \$18,880.00

Number of Donors- 80

Many thanks to the Parishioners who gave so generously to the AAA. Don't delay in giving anything that you can to the Archbishop's appeal.

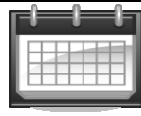
Thank you for your generosity.

ST. FRANCIS INN

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

TEA BAGS.

Your donations may be left at the Giving Tree.
(For information please visit www.stfrancisinn.org
[or] call Tony Pierantoni 201-933-4850)



CALENDAR SECTION

BAPTISMS

"In all truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born through water and the Spirit; what is born of human nature is human; what is born of the Spirit is Spirit."

BAPTISM DATES AND MEETINGS SCHEDULE

April

Baptism—April 27

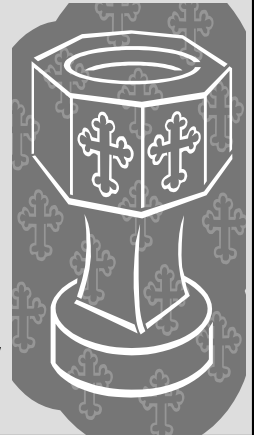
Meetings—Apr 10 & Apr 24

May

Baptism—May 25

Meetings—May 15 & May 22

Meetings are held in the Rectory at 7 PM on the dates listed.



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

APRIL

- 14- Chrism Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Newark @ 8 pm
- 17- The Lord's Super @ 7 : 30 PM
- 18- The last seven words @ 12—3 pm
Good Friday service @ 3:30 pm
Station of the Cross @ 6:30 pm
- 19- Morning Prayer @ 9 am
Easter Vigil @ 8 pm
All night vigil @ 11 pm to 5 am

MARRIAGE BANNS

"This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and they become one flesh."

**JARETT FOOTE &
JENNIFER HENKELMAN**

On May 25, 2014 @ 4 PM





CHURCH CHUCKLES

When the Father Bob finishes today's sermon, please join us in singing "Joy to the World."



TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

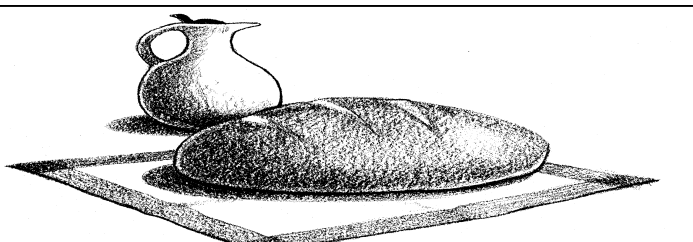
Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
- Monday: St. Patrick
- Tuesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- Wednesday: St. Joseph
- Thursday: Spring begins
- Friday: Abstinence



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

There will be a meeting of the Holy Name Society on April 13, 2014 at 9 am in the rectory. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEEDS CHILDREN!

Our five young members did a very wonderful job singing for the first time last Sunday. AND we need many more children (especially older grades) to sign up! Preferable age range 3rd - 9th grade. The children will sing next for the parish First Communion celebration on May 17. We rehearse on Thursdays 4-5pm. Please contact me for more info StJoesMusicBel@gmail.com or see me after any Mass! Candidates for Confirmation, this would be a great service to our parish!

Diana Belkowski (Director of Music)

New Music Books

We are planning to order new hymnals, hard-covered, and including the Sunday readings for the three year cycle. In this way we have a much better and updated music book and there will be no need to order the small missalettes every season. The *Breaking Bread* song book would remain for some of our favorites and the new hymnal would be our primary book. We need four hundred of the new books and twenty-five for the choir. If anyone would like to contribute to this wonderful improvement of our music ministry, we would be very grateful.

EASTER FLOWERS

Once again Easter will be upon us soon (we hope) and we invite you to bring lilies and azaleas to the church during Holy Week so that we can decorate our beautiful church. We will need some help to decorate everything and will keep you posted as to when.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

We are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2014. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark:

April 6, 2014 @ 3:00 PM 50 years
(All counties)

May 4, 2014 @ 3:00 PM 25 years & 5 years
(All counties)

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society. Those who are interested please call the rectory office.

NEW CANTORS

This month not one but two new cantors joined the Music Ministry here at St. Joes, **Chris Carrico** (a former member of the NY City Opera) and **Mark Jacobus**, also a guitarist and parishioner.

Welcome! We are also always looking for new choir members. Many in our choir have devoted years (even decades) of service to St. Joes; we would like to see "the next" generation of parishioners come forward and further develop our youth music ministry, especially at the Noon Mass! Please consider this wonderful ministry if you love to sing.

Contact Music Director Diana Belkowski at
StJoesMusicBel@gmail.com

NEW CHAIRS FOR CONVENT CHAPEL

We now have wonderful new clear plastic chairs for the convent chapel and the beauty of the room stands out more and does not appear to be cluttered with metal chairs. Each chair comes from Italy and costs \$75, if someone would like to donate one or more. Also an altar will be fabricated with a glass top that will cost about \$2,000, and a new presider's chair.

Come and see the chapel soon!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Pope John XXIII

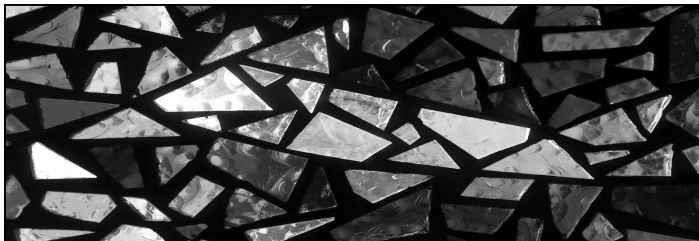
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was the fourth of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers that lived in a village in Lombardy.^[2] He was ordained a priest on 10 August 1904 and served in various posts including appointments as a papal nuncio in France, and a delegate to Bulgaria and Greece. Pope Pius XII made Roncalli a cardinal in a consistory on 12 January 1953 in addition to naming him the Patriarch of Venice and the Cardinal-Priest of Santa Prisca.

Roncalli was elected pope on 28 October 1958 at the age of 76 after eleven ballots. No one could have been more surprised with the election than Roncalli himself, who had come to Rome with a return train ticket to Venice. He was the first pope to take the pontifical name of "John" upon election in more than 500 years, and his choice settled the complicated question of official numbering attached to this papal name due to the antipope of this name.

Pope John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962–65), the first session opening on 11 October 1962. However, he did not live to see it to completion, dying on 3 June 1963 of stomach cancer, four-and-a-half years after his election, and two months after the completion of his final and famed encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*.

Pope John XXIII was buried in the Vatican grottoes beneath Saint Peter's Basilica on 6 June 1963 and his cause for canonization was opened on 18 November 1965 by his successor, Pope Paul VI, who declared him a Servant of God. In addition to being named Venerable on 20 December 1999, he was beatified on 3 September 2000 by Pope John Paul II alongside Pope Pius IX and three others. Following his beatification, his body was moved on 3 June 2001 from its original place to the altar of Saint Jerome where it could be seen by the faithful. Bypassing the traditionally required second miracle, Pope Francis declared John XXIII a saint based on his merits of opening the Second Vatican Council on 5 July 2013. He is to be canonised alongside John Paul II on 27 April 2014.^[5] John XXIII today is affectionately known as the "Good Pope" and in Italian, "il Papa buono".

His feast day is not celebrated on the date of his death as is usual, but it is on 11 October, the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council. He is also commemorated in the Anglican Communion with a feast day of 4 June. It was originally 3 June, but this was later changed.



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ELECTRONIC GIVING



St. Joseph Parish asks you to consider utilizing the many benefits of Electronic Giving through ParishPay. EGiving provides you the opportunity to make prayerful, consistent gifts to our parish without using checks. Much in the same way you may use the Internet to pay your mortgage, car and other bill payments, you can now use the same technology to help you fulfill your stewardship intention to our church using electronic checks or credit cards.

Parish Pay is completely safe and simple to use. We are pleased to be able to offer our parish family a greener, more convenient way to give.

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1-866-PARISH1 (727-4741) or by calling the parish office to pick up a parishioner commitment card.

SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTER

Several Sources Shelters, a prolife shelter for mothers who seek to give God’s blessed gift of life to their children, rather than sacrifice them through abortion, will ask parishioners for their



assistance this weekend. A representative will speak at the masses. Your assistance can help save the life of a child. Jesus said of children, “Their angels do behold the Face of

God in heaven daily.” Can you be a child’s earthly Angel? Please assist with their work on May 10 & 11, 2014.

Dutch Missionary Priest in Syria Shot Dead

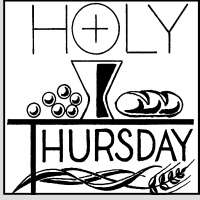
A priest helping Christians find shelter in Syria’s Old City of Homs has been murdered. Dutch Jesuit Father Frans van der Lugt was shot twice in the head this morning, April 7, by an unknown sniper who killed him while he tended his small garden. Speaking from Syria, fellow Jesuit Father Ziad Hillal said, “Father Frans was apparently killed execution-style with shots to the head. We have received a phone report from a Christian who was with him in the Old City.” The 75-year-old Van der Lugt, who had worked in Syria since 1967, had been looking after 89 Christians trapped in the Old City who had sought shelter in an old monastery.

Fr. Hillal spoke with Father van der Lugt, via Skype, from Brussels, and discussed, among other things, the possibility of a modest celebration of the Dutch priest’s birthday. He was due to turn 76 on April 10. Fr Hillal said: “For me, [Fr van der Lugt] represents Christ in the world who is willing to lay down his life for his friends, who always gives us hope. He always asks how I am and does not talk much about himself.” He added: “He was a ray of joy and hope to all those trapped in the Old City of Homs, waiting for yet another UN permission to evacuate. God have mercy on us, who could not save him from sniper fire.” Fr. Hillal also said that at present it is not possible to reach the Old City to recover Fr van der Lugt’s corpse.

HEARING AID

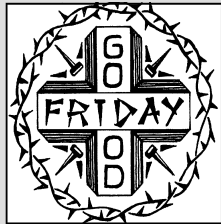
Many thanks to a very generous parishioner who has donated the cost of the new hearing assistance system, which we will have installed before or after Easter!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



April 17 - HOLY THURSDAY 7:30 pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

This liturgy opens the Sacred Triduum. The Mass of the Lord's Supper includes the ceremonial Washing of Feet. The altar of repose will be at the convent and will be open for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.



April 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 noon to 3:00 pm — 7 Last Words— preaching, prayer and singing,

3:30 pm— Good Friday Service—This is the second in the three part liturgy of Holy Week. We celebrate The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

6:30 pm —Stations of the Cross will be led by the Youth Ministry of St. Joseph's Parish.



April 19 - HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer— 9:00 AM

Easter Vigil— 8:00 PM This night we observe The Great Vigil, the high point of the Sacred Triduum. Through our recounting of salvation history, we "remember" again the saving acts of Christ.

All Night Vigil—11 pm to 5 AM in the School Auditorium

April 20

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Beautiful Easter flowers fill the sanctuary in the church during this holy season. The flowering plants are donated by the parishioners who contribute an offering in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make such an offering, please fill in the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket, with your contribution. The names of those remembered will appear in a Book of Remembrance during the Easter season.

In memory of: _____

Your name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Donation: \$10 ____ \$20 ____ \$30 ____ Other ____

Please print clearly