

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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Parish Office Hours

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

Friday: 8:30 am- 3:00pm

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

Parish Office: 201.939.0457

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201-615-9740

Parish Registration

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

Always Remember

Our Church is open year round, 7 days a week,
offering the sacraments, the Mass, the same
valuable spiritual service, programs and guidance
in the Fall, Winter, *Spring and Summer*.

Therefore, we need your support year round.

Please consider on-line giving. It is safe and
secure. Visit parishpay.com for more details.



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

12:05pm

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – July 27, 2014

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, July 26

5:00 pm + Mario Pedoto
+ Raymond Bennett

SUNDAY, July 27

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Helene M. Capone
10:00 am + Giovanni Ragazzino
12:00 pm + Nikolas Didenko

NO 7:30 AM MASSES IN JULY OR AUGUST

MONDAY, July 28

12:05 pm + Bill Battiston, Jr.

TUESDAY, July 29

St. Martha

12:05 pm + Dora Meunier

WEDNESDAY, July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus

12:05 pm + Tom Collins

THURSDAY, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

12:05 pm + Dorothy Farina

FRIDAY, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

12:05 pm + Cosmo Racanati

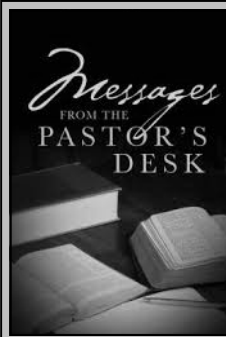
SATURDAY, August 2

5:00 pm + John Sondey

SUNDAY, August 3

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Adolf, Joan & Richard
Trause
10:00 am + Victor Lotito
12:00 pm + Daniel Nigro



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We have been hearing some wonderful parables the last two weeks and we have one more from St. Matthew this weekend, which continues on the theme of the Kingdom of God.

In the first week the parable of the sower had to do with our response to Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and the preaching we hear each week. Do we react with superficial enthusiasm, or do we get distracted on Monday, or Sunday, by worldly concerns and anxieties, or are we good soil that produces a variety of good fruit: acts of reconciliation, generosity and trust in God?

Then last week we heard how the Evil One sows dandelion or weeds for only one purpose: to choke the wheat. And the master reacts with great patience and says to the servants to leave the weeds until harvest time, and then God will make a separation.

This week the parables about the hidden treasure, fine pearls and the fishing net show us that there is a common element of hiddenness in all these parables, and their fruitfulness matures suddenly. This week we see that all these things: treasure, pearl and fish, are meant to be found. For a long time the kingdom is unperceived and develops on its own, and suddenly a light shows God's design for our salvation.

A large part of the mystery for us is contained in the hiding and finding. God acts in a similar way in his Son. He gives himself to us in Jesus Christ, and many reject him or think he is a mad man. The treasure of God has been buried by the Spirit as it was in the Virgin and it takes a while to be found.

What is our treasure? Coming to understand Jesus Christ and knowing that our life comes from him. Not just any life, but *the very Life of God*, which is the life of the Trinity. May the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ give us all this spirit of wisdom!



John Joe

The Acolyte Candles will burn this week
in Memory of **unborn children.**

The Wine & Host is offered this week in
Memory of **the sick of the parish.**

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week
in Memory of **the people of the parish.**

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2014 AAA

Our Goal is \$28,000.00

How We Are Doing:

Total pledged to date- \$ 24, 150.00

Number of Donors- 109

*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.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 732 people attended Mass.

Total Giving: \$ 6,791.00

1st Collection	\$ 4,661.00
Number of Envelopes 184	\$ 2,910.00
Cash Received	\$ 1,751.00

2nd Collection	\$ 2,130.00
Number of Envelopes 134	\$ 1,301.00
Cash received	\$ 829.00

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL
The Lord will bless you
for your generosity!



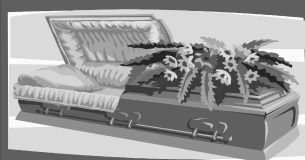
THE PRAYER CORNER
*“Like burning incense, Lord,
let my prayer rise up to you.”*

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:
Pat Paparella, Joseph Biamonte, Carlos Rivera, Rosemary Montagna Landers, Rosa Ramirez, Thomas Sanders, Justin Schaber, 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, Hasan Mahmood, 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, 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.

Ausencio Lopez



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

Hope you are well and enjoying this lovely summer weather.

We wish to acknowledge the continuous and generous contributions from the East Rutherford Library staff to the Food Pantry. The collection and delivery of these goods have made it easier to keep our shelves well stocked and the food itself has made a significant difference in the lives of the people we serve. Many, many thanks for your kindness.

Now that summer vacation is here, children are no longer receiving lunches in school. Anyone who feeds kids on a daily basis knows the enormous amount of food they can consume. Please help keep them fed this summer. Your donations are also enjoyed by seniors, veterans and others who are just down on their luck. If you feel so inclined, gift cards to Stop & Shop and/or Shop Rite (not to exceed \$25) are always appreciated. Just put them in an envelope clearly marked Food Pantry.

Right now we need: PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED FRUITS, ICED TEA, LEMONADE MIX, SHAMPOO, BAR SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, TOILET TISSUE

We do NOT need: FOODS THAT HAVE PASSED THE EXPIRATION DATE

In addition, kindly do NOT leave used clothes. We do not have the space or facilities to distribute them effectively. Please bring them to Angels' Attic or some other organization that distributes clothing. Again, deepest gratitude for your generosity. May his choicest blessings be yours!

ST. FRANCIS INN

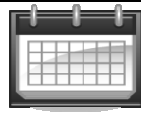
During the month of **JULY**
we are collecting

POWDERED MILK.

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

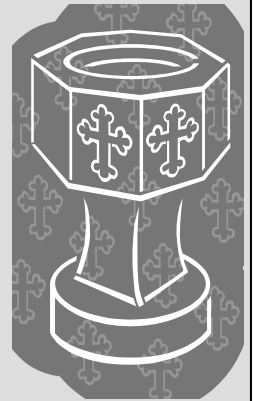
July

Baptism—July 27

August

No baptisms

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



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS NEEDED

—*Rich Janusz*

After my wife died 17 years ago, I told Fr. Richard, the pastor, that I wanted to serve in the church. Well as it turned out I had one idea and standing true to form he had a different one. Since then I have served as a lector. We once had a good number of them and Eucharistic ministers. However, our numbers have dropped and we really need help here for both ministries, especially for lectors.

What is needed is the desire to please and serve God to help St Joseph's Church. Anyone with this desire can build the talent to read or publicly serve in the church with guidance from other ministers and by practicing. I've heard that some parishioners are afraid to serve because they are afraid of making mistakes. I think every new minister has had that same feeling. But those who decide to do it have trust in God to get past their fear. Mistakes are a part of life whether at home, work, school or church. As far as I'm concerned, God doesn't care about those, only about the desire to serve. For example we have good lectors who haven't done public speaking or Eucharistic ministers who never carried the chalice before. Yet they are no different from other parishioners and no one dwells on mistakes. We need help in these ministries and are asking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Joe at the parish office 201-939-0457 or at jastarita@gmail.com



CHURCH CHUCKLES

Thomas John remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for another transfusion. He is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Father Bill's latest sermons.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalms — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who

love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Eid al-Fitr
- Tuesday: St. Martha
- Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus
- Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

NEW MUSIC BOOKS

The new hymnals, hard-covered and including the Sunday readings for the three year cycle, are here! The *Breaking Bread* song book will remain for some of our favorite songs.

A family or person can have a book dedicated in their name for a \$20 donation.

Book Dedication:

Please Submit to parish office

Please help us to keep the pews in order and to care for the new GIA music books. In most pews there is one hardbound music book per box, so place it horizontally in the box and it is easier to get in and out. When there are two hardbound books place them vertically.

The old *Breaking Bread* song books with the blue plastic covers should be placed in the corners of the pew; often there are four corners depending on the pew. If you see the white music handouts please throw them out, and any other papers, especially at the end of each mass. Thank You!

EXPRESS YOUR FAITH

By Making a Planned Gift of Kindness Today As the summer begins, 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. Joseph's Parish, please call the parish office. Thank you.

AUDITORIUM & 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.

Thank you.



SUMMER CHOIR

Anyone who would like to get to be part of the choir during the summer break! Just walk on over to the music area in church at the 10am mass and we'll sit you down with some of our regular members who continue to come when they can around their vacation plans. You can just sing along with the melody or follow harmony parts provided. We have music ready just like we would during the year, and welcome children too (second grade or older). So if you have been considering joining the music ministry, or can't make that commitment during our regular year, now is the perfect opportunity to serve your parish.

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. For more information, please visit www.ParishPay.com or pick up a commitment card after Mass. To learn more, please visit: ParishPay.com

Three Ways to Enroll:

Online » ParishPay.com | By Phone »

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

Parishpay.com now allows you to make your contributions on line. You can do so on a one-time, weekly, monthly or annual basis. Simply go to parishpay.com and search for St. Joe's by zip code (07073), by city (East Rutherford) or by parish (St. Joseph). Select 'start giving'. You will then be prompted to enter the amount of your gift. Follow the prompts and you can then set up a personal account so that you can login for future contributions. By setting up a personal account parish pay will retain your payment information and the frequency with which you want to make donations. It's similar to paying any of your utility bills on-line. It's an easy way to give without completing weekly envelopes, writing out checks. God never takes anything away from us and gives us back a hundred fold.



Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Needed

We need extra Eucharistic Ministers for the 10 and 12 Masses, and lectors at the 8 AM Mass. Please consider serving our parish in this way. Many of you would be fantastic lectors and ministers! God bless you.

MARRIAGE BANNS

**VINCENT ST. THOMAS
& HAZEL KATHERINE
On July 30 @ 1 pm**



VIRIDIAN CLEAN ENERGY

Experts around the world are forecasting that we are entering a new cycle of energy cost increases. The winter of 2014 has nearly depleted our natural gas reserves. Natural gas prices have increased 39% since January of this year. There is a program that can ensure you price certainty over the next 3 years. You will pay less for your energy and Viridian offers you a rebate of 110% if you pay more. As long as you stay with Viridian the parish will receive a small stipend every month. In addition for every 25 new customers who enroll with Viridian the parish will receive a generous bonus. The parish buildings have been receiving electric and gas from Viridian and is saving 15% on our energy bills. Please contact Louis Paulucci, a parishioner with Viridian, at 201-819-3468. He will guide you through the steps and help you to make an informed decision on what is best for you.

LOWER PARKING LOT BEING REDONE

Did you notice that finally the lower parking lot is being refinished, and also an outside area for the rectory will be added? The estimate for the parking lot is \$95,000. This work will be good for the next 25 years. Thank you for your generous spirit and your help in the parish, which makes it possible to continue improving the parish grounds and our work of evangelization and reaching out to others.

YOUTH BAND FOR NOON MASS

Can you play an instrument or sing, or know someone who does? At the noon Mass we are aiming to start a youth band to play and to attract younger people to the parish. If you know someone who would like to serve and to learn let Diana or one of the priests know. Please pray for this initiative since it is crucial in reaching out to the unchurched. May God bless you always!

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you in your 20's or 30's? Would you like to meet other Catholic young Adults and celebrate your faith together? On Saturday, September 13th we will be holding our first "*Shepherd's Mass*" a young adult Mass where we will celebrate and share words of wisdom and encouragement. It will be held at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 49 Belgrove Dr., Kearny, NJ 07032

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4524

Each year KofC council 4524 from East Rutherford has its annual drive for people with mental and physical disabilities. We take to the streets with our vests on to collect money for people who are developmentally and intellectually challenged. This year we collected \$3600.00. \$1800.00 will be donated to ARC of Bergen & Passaic County and \$1800.00 to The Felician School for Exceptional Children in Lodi N.J. We can only accomplish this from your generosity and would like to thank all the brothers who worked on this project but most of all the people that donated their money to support this great cause.

In June of this year we held our annual Golf Outing at Apple Mountain Golf Course. This is the second year this event was held to honor our Brother Sir Knight Robert Slamiak who passed away very suddenly. Bob was our Financial Secretary and a very active member of our order. This year we netted \$1000.00 from this outing and that money will be donated to The Felician School for Exceptional Children in Lodi N.J. in Bob's name. Thank you again for your support and may God bless you.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY PARISH DAY SEPT. 14

To say thank you to the parish and to celebrate together as a community the parish will host a free, one day Parish Family event, a one day carnival with food, games, face painting and many other surprises. It will be Sunday, September 14, from 1 to 5 PM. Please save the date and tell other parishioners about this fun and worth wild event!



St. Joseph's Rosary Altar Society 100th Anniversary

Dinner-Dance

(including cocktail hour and open bar)

Date: **October 24, 2014**

7:00 pm - Midnight

Place: **The Fiesta,**

Rt. 17 South

Wood-Ridge, NJ

Donation: \$65



Special Guest

**6:00 pm Mass with Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda,
Coadjutor Archbishop of Newark**

Contact: for all the information about this exciting night!

Dolores McGuire 201-939-5163,

(or) Jean Kimak 201-438-6708

A souvenir journal of supporters and contributors will be issued for the dinner.

Anyone interested in buying and ad, please use the following check list:

Full page Ad: \$80

Quarter Page Ad: \$ 20

Memorial \$ 10

Half Page Ad: \$ 40

Patron: \$10

Checks are payable to St. Joseph's Altar Society, 120 Hoboken Road, East Rutherford, NJ 07073.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.