

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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

Friday: 8:30 am- 3:00 pm

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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Hearing Assistance System

Hearing Assistance Systems are available in
church by one of our ministers. Please ask.

Parish Registration

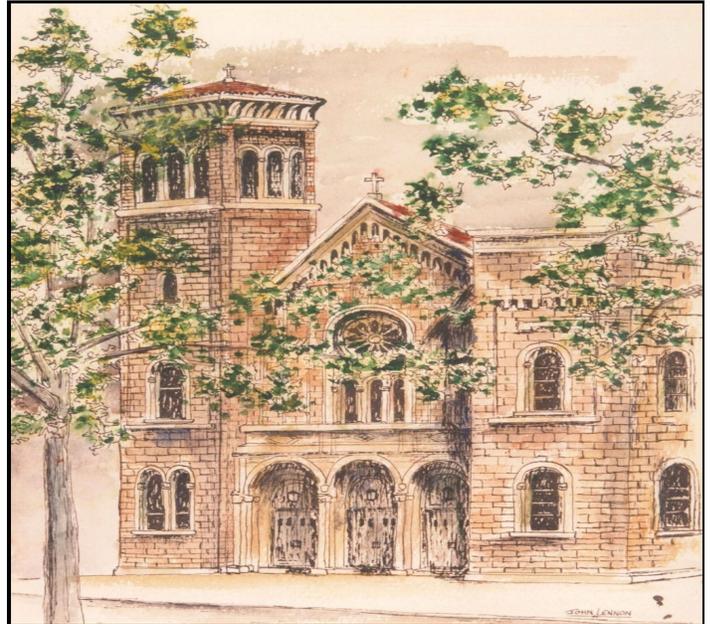
Registration forms are available at the parish
office and at the parish web site.

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: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

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

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 & Noon.

Monday thru Friday

7:30 am

12:05 pm

Civic Holidays—8:30 am

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday — 11 am – Noon

Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of the month — 1:00 pm

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 26th, 2014



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 25

5:00 pm + Joseph & Kevin McGuire

SUNDAY, October 26

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Diane Masotta
10:00 am + Dorothy Potosnak
12:00 pm + Carmen Vitale

MONDAY, October 27

7:30 am + All Deceased
members of Ivan & Rosa
12:05 pm + Raffaele Offredo

TUESDAY, October 28

St. Simon & Jude

7:30 am + Paul Stabile
12:05 pm + Julie Augustin

WEDNESDAY, October 29

7:30 am + Amparo Rodriguez
12:05 pm + Denis Augustin

THURSDAY, October 30

7:30 am + Ray Pappone
12:05 pm + Ann Rizzo

FRIDAY, October 31

7:30 am + Jubencio Milanes
12:05 pm + Joan Monks

SATURDAY, November 1

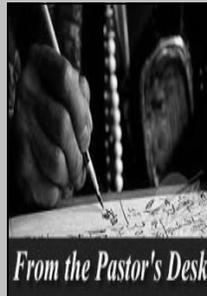
All Saints

5:00 pm + Ann & Manuel Rosario

SUNDAY, November 2

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

8:00 am + Giovanni and Pietro
Ragozzino
10:00 am + Josel Denosta Tirol, Jr.
12:00 pm + Mary Tomchik



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Many times Christians look at these two great Commandments with a heavy heart and they are meant to be an invitation to love which always brings great joy. Sin is what alienates and makes one sad; it snuffs out the life of God in a soul. When one loves God and neighbor with all his/her heart and soul and mind nothing can take away their peace.

Many times people today are looking for an easy life or a comfortable one. When they love God and put him first they can suffer anything that comes their way. It does not matter since they have the Lord. This attitude of adult faith can be far from our experience, at least it is for me, and it is the faith that God will give us when we ask for it.

Our hearts are made for love and no one can fill them like God. The worldly person does not know how to love. St. Theresa of Avila says, "Love has the greatest power when it is perfect. Then we forget our own feelings for the sake of the one we love. If this is really the case, if we seek only to please God, then even the greatest of trials will be made sweet."

This is type of love and faith does not come all at once. This is why we have started a catechumenate in our parish so that God can teach us little by little how to love, how to die to ourselves, everyday, so that he can live in us. It does not happen in two months or even two years; it takes a long time. The Church, not only our parish, but the Church gives this gift to us as a sign of God's love for us. He sees our suffering and wants us to be happy and at peace.

It is not too late to come to these meetings on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 PM (until mid-November) to see more clearly God's love for us and for our families, especially for those who are far from the Church. Please pray for this outreach from our parish and do not hesitate to invite or bring someone who is going through a tough time or is looking for a meaning to their life.



John Joe

The **Sanctuary Candles** will burn this week in Memory of **Carmen Vitale** requested by **Eugene Tomchik**.

The **Wine & Hosts** are offered this week in Memory of **Frank Boccellato**.

The **Acolyte Candle** will burn this week in Memory of **Raymond Gonzalez** requested by **Lilian Gonzalez**.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 741 people attended Mass.

Total Giving: \$ 6,321.00

1st Collection	\$ 4,619.00
Number of Envelopes 196	\$ 3,556.00
Cash Received	\$ 1,063.00
2nd Collection	\$ 1,702.00
Number of Envelopes 140	\$ 1,334.00
Cash received	\$ 368.00

BUILDINGS & GROUND
The Lord blesses 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: **Rosa Marquez, Pat Paparella, Joseph Biamonte, Carlos Rivera, Rosemary Montagna Landers, Rosa Ramirez, Thomas Sanders, Justin Schaber, Stanley Sudol, Lenore Papale, Daniel Leach, Claire Palmieri, Kathy Szedlacik, Linda Judge, Bryan Consulmagno, Lourdes Taveras, Geraldine Litter, Rich Hirsch, Franziska Maria Taba Karu, Lillian Danscuk, Arthur Fiorino, 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, Joseph (Wurth) Leuchten, Irene Pieniac 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 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)

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

2014 AAA

Our Goal is \$28,000.00

How We Are Doing:

Total pledged to date- \$24, 335.50

Number of Donors– 115

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.



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

AGAIN WE WANT TO THANK YOU VERY-VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR FOOD DONATIONS THAT ARE SO NECESSARY FOR OUR PANTRY. FALL IS HERE AND THE COLD WEATHER BRINGS MORE NECESSITIES. SO WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR HELP AND HERE IS A LIST OF **THE MOST NEEDED ITEMS.**

SOUP (preferably chunky kind) , MASHED POTATOES, CHEF BOYARDEE, CANNED TUNA, CHILI, CANNED BEANS & PASTA SAUCE
NON – FOODS BUT EXTREMELY NEEDED:
SOAP – TOOTHPASTE – SHAMPOO – TOILET PAPER

ENJOY THE SEASON &
GOD BLESS YOU
Thanks again!!!!

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 **OCTOBER** we are collecting
TOILET TISSUE.

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

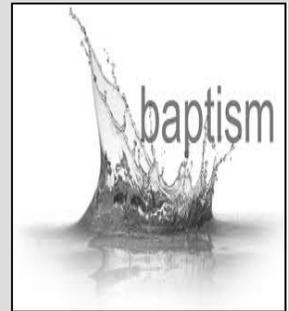
November

Baptism – 23rd
Meetings – 13th & 20th

December

Baptism – 14th
Meetings – 4th & 11th

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



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

26th- CCD@ 8:30am

Holy Name Society Breakfast after 10am mass

27th- Catechesis @ 8pm

28th- Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm

30th- Catechesis @ 8pm

2nd- CCD @ 8:30am

3rd- Catechesis @ 8pm

4th- Choir Practice @7:30 pm

K of C Officers Meeting

MARRIAGE BANNS

Marko Balac & Ashley Marafelias
@3 pm on November 8th.



2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

A person on our Parish Administration Committee commented that the annual report we publish each year is not easy to understand and I agree. Therefore, in this column I will give some background on how we are doing financially.

Our income this year was higher than last year mostly due to the fact that we did not spend as much this year that ended June 30, 2014. However, it does not include the new lower parking lot recently done (after the financial year ended) which will be in excess of \$100,000 and which looks spectacular. Always we remind you that the School Rental Income of \$236,338 all goes to the Archdiocese to repay our debts. Our debt is now less than \$100,000 and should be repaid easily this year. And so the rental income can be used for our parish needs sometime this year.

Our Christmas collection was up substantially thanks to your generosity and we collected \$70,000 in insurance claims due to Hurricane Sandy and the frozen pipes that broke in the convent. Our liability insurance each year is \$25,000 so we have been 'lucky' to receive these claims when we have accidents due to bad weather or other causes.

The plans for our renovated Convent are almost complete and will be a substantial expense that will hopefully start, in some way, this year. (My hope is that we can start to use it again before Christmas.) The total renewal of the convent will be a large capital expense. Also our church interior needs many improvements in lighting, rug, and artistic painting which are not urgent but are needed to restore it to its original beauty. And don't forget the organ which needs to be repaired, also a six figure number. *Your generosity in giving regularly is very important for the well-being of our parish. The more parishioners who use envelopes or e-giving the more steady our income. We have cut back on other gimmicks of raising money and ask all of you to give a certain percentage of your income, knowing that God always repays us many times over. As you can see from the weekly report in the bulletin over 80% of our collection comes from envelope users and e-giving. Those who give cash have a fondness for George Washington.*

Lastly, our cemetery in Lyndhurst made a profit this year thanks to better management and this will help us to finance our perpetual care fund and to make further landscaping improvements.

ST. JOSEPH'S FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1st, 2013– June 30th, 2014

Weekly Collections		\$245,006
Christmas Collection		44,688
Easter Collection		21,769
Assessment Collection		22,609
Archdiocesan National Collections		<u>16,830</u>
Total Collections		\$350,902
Rental Income (School)		236,338
Religious Ed. Program income		34,353
Restricted Donations		34,545
Bulletin Commission		12,500
Insurance Claims		70,596
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Rebate		21,027
Perquisites (Baptisms, Weddings, & Funerals)		18,490
Christmas & Easter Flower Donations		5,003
Fund Raising income		8,361
Society Income		12,783
Candle Income		4,995
Program Donations		7,202
Sale of Equipment		8,171
Other		<u>5,950</u>
Total Income		<u>831,216</u>
Expenses	Salary and Benefits	\$143,149
	Contracted Services	44,241
	Plant Repairs and Insurance	41,144
	Utility	51,783
	Equipment	47,298
	Operating Supplies and Materials	86,673
	Rel. Ed. Expense	3,422
	Rectory Operations	3,671
	Archdiocesan Assessments Paid	50,580
	Archdiocesan National Collections Paid	12,014
	Society Expense	10,327
	Fund Raising	<u>7,797</u>
	Total Expense	\$460,996
	Capital Project Income	\$85,337
	Capital Project Expense	<u>(\$182,362)</u> <u>(\$97,025)</u>
Net Income:		\$273,195



CHURCH CHUCKLES

Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday.
That was cool!
Tommy, age 9

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers

(1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; National World Youth Day (U.S.)
- Tuesday: Ss. Simon and Jude
- Friday: Halloween
- Saturday: All Saints; First Saturday

“WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED”

Meeting Our Parish Goals

Thank you for supporting the 2014 Annual Appeal. In order for our parish to receive a rebate, we must exceed our goal in funds collected by December 31st. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please send it in before the deadline. If you not yet made your gift, please complete the gift envelope ASAP and send it directly to the Archdiocese of Newark or turn it in to the parish office. Currently, our parish has received 86% of our goal in funds collected in this year's Appeal. Thank you for supporting the Annual Appeal. God bless you.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Communion Sunday for Rosarians will be next Sunday, November 2nd at 10am mass. Our meeting will be held Monday, November 3rd at 7:30pm in the cafeteria. Plans will be made for our Annual Harvest Bake Sale after the masses on November 22nd and 23rd in the church lobby. Also, our Christmas Installation dinner will be discussed at this time. Please plan to attend!

WORKERS FOR THE VINEYARD NEEDED

For the Noon Mass we would like to offer a Kidzone (a nursery for children up to three years) like we have for the 10 AM Mass and we need others to serve on the Welcoming Committee at the 10 AM & Noon Masses.

BORN TO LOVE

We were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.
—Joseph Cafasso

CHARACTER

Character is much easier kept than recovered.
—Thomas Paine

HALLOWEEN

Bring forth the raisins and the nuts. Tonight All-Hallows' spectre struts Along the moonlit way.
—John Kendrick Bangs

THANKS TO THE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

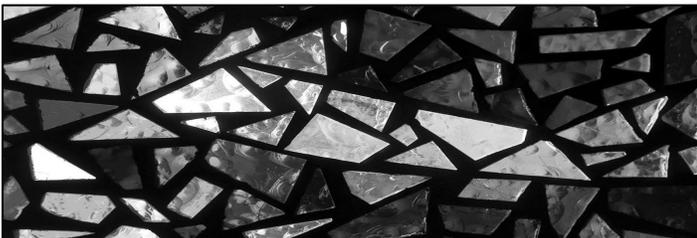
We thank our Knights for their continual service to our parish and their generous contribution to pay for some of the recent bushes planted in our lower parking lot. November 1st will be another work day for the Knights and anyone else who would like to pitch in.

POPE FRANCIS SAID TO THE ORGANIZERS OF THE CATECHESIS: "THANK YOU FOR THE ENORMOUS GOOD THAT YOU ARE DOING FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH!"



Catechesis

**A CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS
AND
YOUNG PEOPLE
COME AND LISTEN
TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOOD NEWS
*Monday and Thursday Nights
at 8 PM in the school auditorium.*
1 Hour—No Registration—No Fee
Come & Listen!
Free childcare provided.
*The Neo-Catechumenal Way.***



support your parish through
ELECTRONIC GIVING

ParishPay

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:

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

APPEAL FOR BLOOD DONORS

Thursday, November 6th is East Rutherford Donor Day. There will be an annual blood drive from 3pm to 7pm. We appeal to all residents, ages 18 to 75 who are in general good health and weigh no less than 110 lbs., to join us at the Community Center on Vreeland Avenue to donate. The professional staff at Community Blood Service of Paramus will be in charge. All donors are encouraged to eat something before visiting us and to bring a form of Identification.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, please call Rossa Cole at
201-933-6271.

NEW LECTOR BOOKS

Lectors can pick up their new 2015 Lector Workbooks in the sacristy. Thank you for your service to the parish.

ST. JOE'S CEMETERY MASS NOV. 1st.

The Mass for our parishioners and the souls of people buried in our cemetery in Lyndhurst will be on Saturday, November 1 at 10 AM. Please join us, weather permitting, for a beautiful outdoor Eucharist. The Knights of Columbus will graciously set up the altar and chairs.

SEMINARY RAFFLE THIS SUNDAY



Pick up Seminary Raffle tickets in the church right away for \$3,000 1st prize gift certificate, \$1,500 2nd prize, \$750 3rd prize, \$500 4th prize and \$250 5th prize—you cannot lose! Drawing on Sunday, October 26 at 7 PM.

REQUEST FOR CAR IN GOOD CONDITION
Would a generous parishioner like to donate a car sturdy enough for winter and long commutes? Please call the rectory.

POPE FRANCIS' ADDRESS TO THE SYNOD FATHERS ON THE FAMILY.

Here is some excerpts from the Holy Father's address at the conclusion of the Synod of the Family.

Dear Eminences, Beatitudes, Excellencies, Brothers and Sisters,

With a heart full of appreciation and gratitude I want to thank, along with you, the Lord who has accompanied and guided us in the past days, with the light of the Holy Spirit...I can happily say that with a spirit of collegiality and of synodality we have truly lived the experience of Synod, a path of solidarity, a journey together.

And it has been a journey and like every journey there were moments of running fast, as if wanting to conquer time and reach the goal as soon as possible; other moments of fatigue, as if wanting to say enough; other moments of enthusiasm and ardour. There were moments of profound consolation listening to the testimony of true pastors... And since it is a journey of human beings, with the consolations there were also moments of desolation, of tensions and temptations, of which a few possibilities could be mentioned:

- One, a temptation to hostile inflexibility, that is, wanting to close oneself within the written word, (the letter) and not allowing oneself to be surprised by God, by the God of surprises, (the spirit); within the law, within the certitude of what we know and not of what we still need to learn and to achieve.

- The temptation to a destructive tendency to goodness, that in the name of a deceptive mercy binds the wounds without first curing them and treating them; that treats the symptoms and not the causes and the roots. It is the temptation of the do-gooders, of the fearful, and also of the so-called progressives and liberals.

- The temptation to transform stones into bread to break the long, heavy, and painful fast; and also to transform the bread into a stone and cast it against the sinners, the weak, and the sick, that is, to transform it into unbearable burdens.

- The temptation to neglect the deposit of faith, not thinking of themselves as guardians but as owners or masters of it; or, on the other hand, the temptation to neglect reality, making use of meticulous language and a language of smoothing to say so many things and to say nothing!

Dear brothers and sisters, the temptations must not frighten or disconcert us, or even discourage us, because no disciple is greater than his master; so if Jesus Himself was tempted and even called Beelzebul His disciples should not expect better treatment.

Personally I would be very worried and saddened if it were not for these temptations and these animated discussions; this movement of the spirits... if all were in a state of agreement, or silent in a false and quietist peace. Instead, I have seen and I have heard with joy and appreciation speeches and interventions full of faith, of pastoral and doctrinal zeal... And I have felt that what was set before our eyes was the good of the Church, of families, and the supreme law, the good of souls. And this always we have said it here, in the Hall without ever putting into question the fundamental truths of the Sacrament of marriage: the indissolubility, the unity, the faithfulness, the fruitfulness, that openness to life...

We will speak a little bit about the Pope, now, in relation to the Bishops [laughing]. So, the duty of the Pope is that of guaranteeing the unity of the Church; it is that of reminding the faithful of their duty to faithfully follow the Gospel of Christ; it is that of reminding the pastors that their first duty is to nourish the flock to nourish the flock that the Lord has entrusted to them, and to seek to welcome with fatherly care and mercy, and without false fears the lost sheep. I made a mistake here. I said welcome: rather to go out and find them.