

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## Parish Office Hours

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

Emergency Line: 201.939.0391

Parish Fax: 201.939.4196

Parish website: [www.stjosepher.com](http://www.stjosepher.com)

Parish email: [StJoseph@aol.com](mailto:StJoseph@aol.com)

## 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](http://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.

# Third Sunday of Advent– December 14, 2014



## SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, December 13

5:00 pm + Mario Pedoto

### SUNDAY, December 14

#### Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am + Josel Denosta Tirol, Jr.

10:00 am + Vito Nunziata

12:00 pm + Mildred DiStasio

### MONDAY, December 15

7:30 am Lisa Ingrassellino &  
William O'Connor

12:05pm + Ramy Ka Hail

### TUESDAY, December 16

7:30 am + Rose Moore

12:05 pm + Giuseppe D'Agostino

### WEDNESDAY, December 17

7:30 am + Peter Behan

12:05 pm + Giuseppe D'Agostino

### THURSDAY, December 18

7:30 am + For all priests

12:05pm + Ernest Nagy

### FRIDAY, December 19

7:30 am + Enidio Abreu

12:05pm Vinicio Rivera (B'day)

### SATURDAY, December 20

5:00 pm + Christine Sottilaro

### SUNDAY, December 21

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am + Arlene Good

10:00 am + Mario Pedoto

12:00 pm + Scicchitano Family



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Church brings us the figure of John the Baptist again this week. We cannot deny the holiness and courage of John the Baptist. He emerges from the desert and stands in stark contrast to the materialism of those days and also in the present age. This week he is reminding us again the purpose of Advent—not frenzied activity, but to make straight the way of the Lord. To prepare our hearts and minds for the Lord who came in history and will come again at the end of time, and God is present whenever He is preached.

The Jews are trying to figure out who he is. John says, 'I am only a voice telling you to get ready for the coming of the King.' In those days when a king traveled the roads were smoothed and straightened out and put in order. John is doing what every priest or Christian should be doing. A priest or a minister is not the important one; he or she is only a pointer to the king, to the Messiah. John wants people not to look at himself, but to look for Jesus Christ.

John is reminding us that the King is coming and we hopefully should desire to be cleansed as much as we can. And so after all the Masses next weekend there will be priests to make the Sacrament of Forgiveness more accessible for all of us. I invite you to take advantage of this great Sacrament which is so unused today, and we suffer when we do not use it on a regular basis. Penance always helps us to experience the forgiveness of God and to be reminded that God is stronger than us and with his help we can overcome many temptations.

Saint John Paul II confessed every week, and so we have this marvelous opportunity to experience this forgiveness in a simple way. I invite you not to be afraid and to trust that God is our Father and he comes to make our life easier. The priest will help you to know what to say, and then he forgets everything. Priests from outside the parish will be here as well. Do not be afraid; the Lord is full of mercy!



*Father Joe*

The **Sanctuary Candles** will burn this week  
in Honor of  
**ANTONIO LANZELLOTTA**  
requested by  
**JACKIE LANZELLOTTA**

The **Wine & Hosts** are offered  
this week in Memory of  
**TERESA RODGERS**

The **Acolyte Candle** will burn  
this week in Memory of  
**ALL THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH.**

### 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 716 people attended Mass.

Total Giving: \$ 7,140.00

Immaculate Conception \$597.00

1st Collection \$ 4,968.00

Number of Envelopes 199 \$ 3,197.00

Cash Received \$ 1,621.00

2nd Collection \$ 1,922.00

Number of Envelopes 148 \$1,349.00

Cash received \$ 573.00

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



**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:  
**Fred Luberto, Sr., Elyse Latella, Errol Ogilvie, Pat Paparella, Joseph Biamonte, Carlos Rivera, Rosemary Montagna Landers, Thomas Sanders, 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, 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 Pienciak, Barbara Wexler** 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

**COURAGE**

*“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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Currently our parish has reached 87% of our goal in funds collected this year. 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.

AT THIS TIME WE WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL THANKS TO JOE EGAN AND ALL THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THEIR VERY LARGE DONATION THAT WILL HELP THE FAMILIES IN NEED FOR THIS COMING CHRISTMAS SEASON.

NOW WE ASK YOU, AS USUAL, FOR A FEW ITEMS THAT ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.

**CANNED TUNA,  
CANNED HAM,  
TOMATO SAUCE,  
SOUP - CHUNKY KIND PLEASE,  
TOILETRIES - SHAMPOO, BAR SOAP,  
TOOTHPASTE & TOILET PAPER**

WE THANK YOU AGAIN AND PLEASE KNOW THAT WITHOUT YOUR WEEKLY HELP THE FOOD PANTRY COULD NOT SURVIVE.

THE NEED TO FEED THE FAMILIES WHO COME FOR HELP FROM ST. JOSEPH'S PANTRY IS GROWING CONSTANTLY.

FROM ALL THE VOLUNTEERS BIG THANKS AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR THIS ADVENT SEASON.

## ST. FRANCIS INN

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

**PAPER TOWELS.**

Your donations may be left at the Giving Tree. For information please visit [www.stfrancisinn.org](http://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

#### January

Baptism – 25th

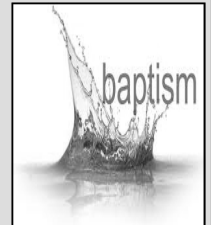
Meetings – 15th & 22nd

#### February / March

Baptism – March 1st

Meetings – Feb 19th & 26th

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



### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

14- Baptisms @ 1pm

16- Advent Penance Service @ 7 pm

17- RCIA @ 7 pm

K of C Christmas party in cafeteria

20/21- Confession after all the masses

21- Christmas decoration in the church @ 1pm

### DID YOU NOTICE?

All the lights in the school have been refitted to be more energy efficient and this was funded mostly by the State of NJ.

The exterior church lights are nearly complete and makes our beautiful church truly beautiful.

Our patio behind the rectory is nearly complete.

The stairs down to the food pantry have been redone. The beautiful red stone wall on the Hoboken Road side of the convent is being redone.

The retaining walls at the opposite end of the school are being added to prevent erosion.

### RCIA CLASSES

RCIA classes are every Wednesday, at 7 pm in the rectory basement. Are you 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.

# St. Joseph's Church

120 Hoboken Rd.  
E. Rutherford, NJ  
201-939-0457

## 2014 Advent and Christmas Season Schedule

Daily Mass at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM.

## Sacrament of penance and reconciliation

Tuesday, December 16 at 7 PM  
After all the Sunday Masses on  
December 20/21  
Regular times on Saturdays  
(11- Noon, in church)

## CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, Christmas Eve Masses:  
Children's Mass at 4 PM  
Midnight Mass with Carols at 11:30 PM

Thursday, Christmas Day Masses – 8,  
10 and 12

Wednesday, New Year's Eve Mass –  
Vigil Mass at 5 PM

Thursday, New Year's Day Masses –  
10 and 12 (no 8 AM)

Three Kings – Sunday, January 11 after  
10 AM Mass

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HELP NEEDED

As in the past if you would like to donate some poinsettias to decorate our church, please have them by the giving tree by Saturday, December 20th. They can either be white or red.

We also need help to decorate our church on Sunday, December 21st at 1 pm. We would be grateful for your help.

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our Advent Penance service will be on Tuesday, December 16th at 7 PM. We invite everyone to come and hear a Word of God, music and experience his forgiveness. Also after the masses on December 20 and 21 there will be another opportunity to receive this gift of reconciliation.

## ARE YOU READY?

Advent is a period of preparation. The word, Advent, comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ.

Are you ready? HE is coming! Did you prepare?

There is still time! Try:

- An act of kindness.
- Holding the door open for someone.
- Going to Mass during the week.
- Helping an elderly person put up their Christmas decorations.
- Being a courteous driver.
- Reading the Nativity story.
- Giving someone your full attention when they are speaking with you.
- Inviting someone who is alone over for dinner.
- Scheduling a few hours to volunteer.
- Going to the Penance service, Checking in on someone who is alone.
- Forgiving someone and saying something genuinely nice to them.
- Donating food to the food pantry.
- Making someone smile.
- Running an errand for someone.
- Taking the time to thank someone for something they do that is generally unnoticed.
- Giving a sincere compliment.
- Donating used clothes and coats to a charity.
- Practicing patience.

## CHURCH CHUCKLES



The Sunday school teacher could tell it was getting close to lunchtime when Tommy asked her to tell the class about the multiplication of the French fries and fish sandwiches.

## TODAY'S READINGS



**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: *Las Posadas* begins;  
Hanukkah begins at sunset

### UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

—Mark Twain

## PHYSICIAN- ASSISTED SUICIDE

In November 2014 The NJ Assembly passed A2270, "Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill", previously called the "Death with Dignity Act." It will now be passed to the state senate.

The bill number is S382.

### Laws like these are Dangerous!

A six month prognosis for the terminally ill can be wildly inaccurate.

In addition, no physician is required to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription. Nor is there any requirement to notify a family member. In closing, we should be supporting improved hospice care state wide, not suicide.

More information on these New Jersey bills designed to enable physician-assisted suicide is available on the New Jersey Catholic

Conference website at

[http://www.njcathconf.com/content/respect\\_life\\_protecting\\_life.php](http://www.njcathconf.com/content/respect_life_protecting_life.php)

## GENEROUS CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Many thanks to our St. Joseph Altar Society who donated \$8,000 this year after many months of hard work! We are very grateful for all you do for our parish.

A generous parishioner donated 350 shares of stock valued at just over \$8,000.

God will repay you many times over.

## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to all for supporting the wreath sale which was a success. Also, thanks for the great year we had celebrating our 100th anniversary.

There is no meeting scheduled for January. Our next monthly Communion Sunday, February 1st and the next meeting will be February 2nd in the cafeteria.

Congratulations to our newly elected President, Lorraine Jolwono.

The Rosarians wish all a Blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!

## FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

On Friday, January 2, 2015, the Mass at 12:05PM will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Although the official date for this feast is January 3, more parishioners would attend since it is also the First Friday of the month. Also, all Holy Name members are encouraged to attend this mass. This feast confirms our faithful reverence for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and venerating the Most Holy Names of God.

## “WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED”

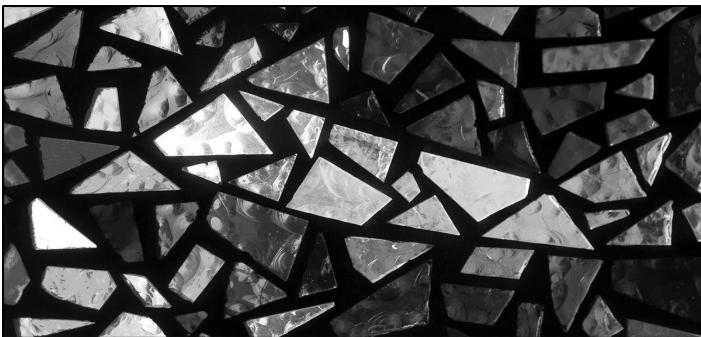
### Meeting Our Parish Goals

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 into 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.



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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.

For more information, please visit [www.ParishPay.com](http://www.ParishPay.com) or pick up a commitment card after Mass. To learn more, please visit:

[ParishPay.com](http://ParishPay.com)

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

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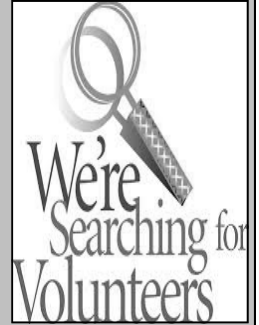
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR PRESENTS  
OUR ANNUAL ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT

## "JOYFUL EXPECTATION"



PRESENTED IN CHURCH ON  
Sunday, December 14 2014  
4:00 pm

Please join us for an hour of  
fellowship and beautiful seasonal music!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



IN LIEU OF ADMISSION PLEASE MAKE A GENEROUS DONATION

