

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

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Parish website: www.stjosepher.com

Parish email: StJosepher@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 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent— December 21, 2014



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, December 22

7:30 am Maria Boots Desiongco

12:05pm + Marguerite Whitman

TUESDAY, December 23

7:30 am Ligia & Jose Rivera

12:05 pm + Joseph Cassella

WEDNESDAY, December 24

4:00 pm + For all the parishioners

11:30 pm + For all the parishioners

THURSDAY, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am + For all the parishioners

10:00 am + For all the parishioners

12:00 pm + For all the parishioners

FRIDAY, December 26

St. Stephen

12:05pm + Francisca Rodriguez
(Birthday)

SATURDAY, December 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

5:00 pm + Peter Guralchuk

SUNDAY, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am + Josel Denosta Tirol. Jr.

10:00 am + Potosnak &
Taormina Family

12:00 pm + Maria & Giuseppe Dato



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Church gives us a wonderful gospel for this last Sunday of Advent and as we prepare for Christmas. It is the gospel of the Annunciation when it is announced to Mary that she will be the Mother of God. Who better can show us the way to wait during this time of Advent than Mary? She typifies the women of Israel who were waiting for centuries for the coming of the Messiah, wondering who would God choose to bear such a child?

Waiting and expecting also involves some fear as well as joy until the anticipated event happens. Mary is immediately troubled by the greeting of the angel and of the angel's announcement that she will bear a child. However, when she asks how this will be done she asks with humility as opposed to Zechariah who asks how his wife will become pregnant with John the Baptist as a cynic, one who does not believe. Mary believes but still there is the question of how since she has pledged herself to be a virgin. And the angel tells her how it will take place.

Mary's response is a big yes! Be it done to me according to your Word! We can and ought to say YES to God also so that his Son, Jesus Christ, be born in us during these days of Advent and Christmas. Like any pregnancy it can happen in a few weeks; it takes months or years even for the Child to grow in us. Let us remember that the Child needs to be fed with the Word of God, with the Sacraments, and especially this weekend with the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Don't miss out on this opportunity!



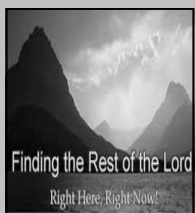
John Joe

The **Sanctuary Candles** will burn this week
in Honor of
MARIE INGRESSELLICCO.

The **Wine & Hosts** are offered
this week in Memory of
PATRICIA STOLLZ
requested by
her **FAMILY.**

The **Acolyte Candle** will burn
this week in Memory of
FRED W. HENKE. Sr
requested by
MARY & CHILDREN.

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.*

NICHOLAS JOSEPH MANZO. Jr.
PHILIP ANTHONY COCOZZO
CLAIRE WIDER
MARIE & PETER MARI



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



“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

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 [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

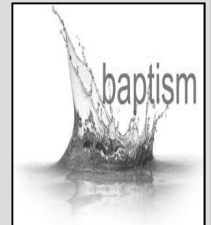
Meetings – 15th & 22nd

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

24- Children mass @ 4 pm

midnight mass with carols @ 11:30 pm

25- Christmas day masses @ 8, 10 & 12

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

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

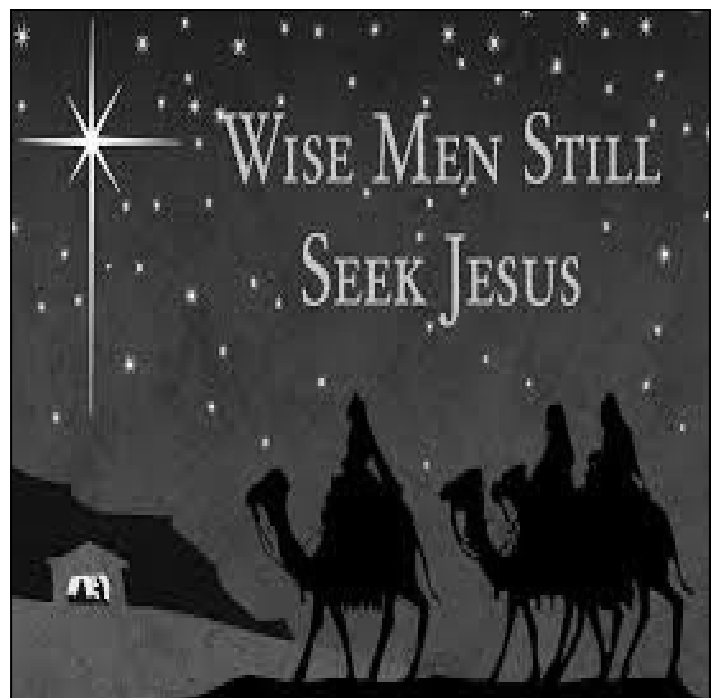
ARE YOU READY?

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 potholes in the church parking lot will be filled next week. In the meantime, welcome to the holey land.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent; Winter begins

Tuesday: St. John of Kanty

Wednesday: The Vigil of Christmas

Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Friday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

Saturday: St. John

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

—Washington Irving

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Benjamin Franklin

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

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”

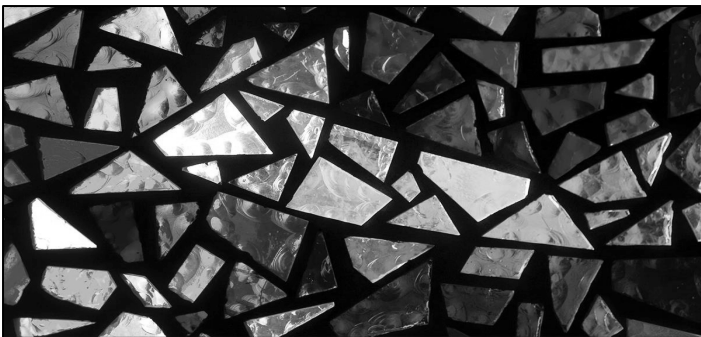
Meeting Our Parish Goals

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 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.

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Support St. Joseph's through Boiling Springs' Community Alliance Program (CAP)

The Community Alliance Program (CAP) from Boiling Springs Bank is a great way to support our parish just by banking at Boiling Springs! Boiling Springs will make a quarterly charitable donation to St.



Joseph's Church based upon the average daily balance of the members' designated accounts at Boiling Springs. There is no minimum account balance, no funds are withdrawn from the participant's account and no account information is provided to St. Joseph's. Since January 2012, Boiling Springs has already donated over **\$17,000** to our parish thanks to your participation! These funds have been used to finance many of the upgrade and improvement projects to our parish grounds. Parishioners and friends can join the program at any time. If you are interested in participating, please pick up an enrollment form from the back of the church. Our program number is #0242. The enrollment form is also available on the parish website at www.stjosepher.com/ under Parish Life-Fundraising.

*Give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running
over, will be poured into your
lap. For with the measure you
use, it will be measured to you.*

Luke 6:38



Support St. Joseph's through TD Bank's Affinity Membership Program

The Affinity Membership Program from TD Bank offers another very easy way for St. Joseph's Church to earn extra income entirely through the participation of its members. TD Bank will make an annual donation to St. Joseph's Church based upon the average balance of the members' designated accounts. No funds are withdrawn from the participant's account and no account information is provided to St. Joseph's. If you are interested in participating in this program, please call the East Rutherford branch at 201.804.7509 and let the bank representative know that you would like to participate in the Affinity Membership program and code your accounts for St. Joseph Church (**code A3343**). Information forms are also available the back of the church.



SAVIOR
OF THE WORLD

