

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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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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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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time— January 18, 2015



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 17

Vigil- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm + Lena & Guillo Grassano

SUNDAY, January 18

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Gilbert B. Logatto, Sr.
10:00 am Sophia Marie DaSilva (tk)
12:00 pm + Bela Cody

MONDAY, January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

8:30 am + Dorothy DeStefano

TUESDAY, January 20

Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

7:30 am + Enidio Abreu
12:05 pm + James Ryan

WEDNESDAY, January 21

St. Agnes

7:30 am + Clara Ardouin
12:05 pm + Paul Stabile

THURSDAY, January 22

Day of Prayer for Unborn Children

7:30 am + Stantely Correia
12:05 pm + Gary Piscal

FRIDAY, January 23

7:30 am + Mrs. John Betterbeo
12:05pm + Florence Llewellyn

SATURDAY, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

5:00 pm + Rosemary Allotta

SUNDAY, January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Howard Good
10:00 am + Joseph Cassella
12:00 pm + Infant Jesus of Prague



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The readings this week as we return to Ordinary Time focus on the call or the vocation of Samuel and the first apostles. It is also an invitation for us to listen to the call of God in our own lives.

We see in the Gospel that John the Baptist does not hold onto his position and gladly leads his followers to Jesus Christ. It is not easy to be the boss and then let go of his authority. It is not effortless to accept change in our life. One of the more difficult moments in life is when we retire or cease doing a major responsibility, and it might appear that we no longer have a purpose in life.

Jesus says to us, "Come and see the place where I stay and you will have peace." He does not explain much; he only says come and see, come and experience what it is that I have prepared for you. But many times we demand answers and explanations, and Jesus invites us only to come and see. How beautiful! He knows that explanations will not work; we need to experience this communion that comes only from God.

This feeling of peace comes only when we accept what God is doing in our lives. The sons of Eli are constantly murmuring and cursing God. They take for themselves the offerings that are for God, and because of this the family will be condemned. The hand of God will be upon Samuel, the servant of Eli and the son of Hannah, who was barren for many years. God will bless him in many ways as he does to those who listen to him.

The call of God is always present in our lives and even among the lives of many young people. Today it is very easy to drown a stirring in our soul. Let us pray for the young people of our parish, and those in the two towns we serve, and ask the Lord to help us to be more attentive ourselves to the voice of God, and to help those around us to do the same.



Fallan Joe

The *Sanctuary Candles* will burn this week
in Honor of
JAMES RYAN
requested by
THE RYAN FAMILY.

The *Wine & Hosts* are offered
this week in Memory of
THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH.

The *Acolyte Candle* will burn
this week in Memory of
JAMES RYAN
requested by
THE RYAN FAMILY.



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 735 people attended Mass.
Total Giving: \$ 7,907.00

1st Collection	\$ 4,577.00
Number of Envelopes 204	\$ 3,341.00
Cash Received	\$ 1,236.00
2nd Collection	\$ 2,630.00
Number of Envelopes 166	\$ 1,745.50
Cash received	\$ 830.50

CHURCH INTERIOR REPAIRS



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:
Melissa Major, 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.)



LENTEN SERIES

A Lenten series will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM using Fr. Robert Baron's course called Catholicism. More details to follow.



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

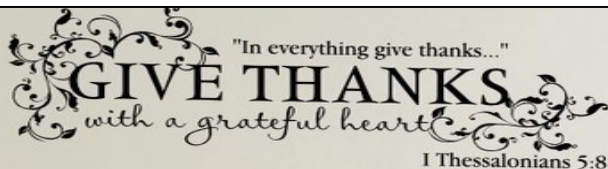
Profound thanks to all who generously donated to the Food Pantry during the holidays. We were able to provide each of our guests with all the ingredients necessary for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. In addition, donated gift cards enabled many of our guests to purchase dairy products and produce. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

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Now as the harsh winds of winter have arrived, it is fortunate that many supermarkets are having sales on canned items. If you are taking advantage of those sales, please keep our guests in mind and throw an extra can or two into your shopping cart for them. All contributions are welcome, but during the frigid weather we have special need for:

COFFEE TEA HOT COCOA
HOT & COLD CEREALS MAC & CHEESE

Donations may be left under the Giving Tree in church. Thanks, and thanks again.



HEARTFELT THANKS

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who supported the Giving Tree Gift Tag Program this Christmas. Your generosity was overwhelming and the gifts were greatly appreciated. This year the gifts were sent to Catholic Charities Hispanic Information Center in Passaic, NJ, and Several Sources in Ramsey, NJ. May God continue to shower each and every one of you, and those you hold dear, with His blessings.



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

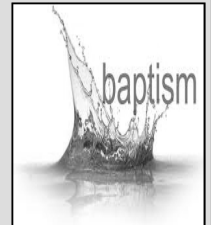
Meeting – 22nd

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

- 21- RCIA @ 7 pm
- 22- Baptism class @ 7 pm
- 23- Pre-Cana class @ 8 pm
- 25- Baptism @ 1 pm
- 28- RCIA @ 7 pm

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 2nd tour)

Lance Corp. Kevin Murphy (Afghanistan)

ST. FRANCIS INN

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

DISH SOAP.

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

Tools for a Great Marriage

MARRIEDLIFE SEMINAR

MarriedLife seminar will begin again in our parish on Fridays starting on January 23rd at 8 PM, for one hour. These meetings are for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, those who are deciding about getting married, and those who are experiencing some struggles, which are always part of marriage, priesthood, etc. Those who have a civil marriage can convalidate their marriage in the Church by attending this seminars.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Old customs fade slowly, and in 1560 the Council of Trent tried for significant change in pastoral care of the sick. People resisted, thinking that the last breath was the right time for the sacrament. Although physical improvement was often noted after anointing, it was seen as a kind of bonus, rather than an expected outcome of a prayer for good health, strength, patience, and even healing. More than four hundred years later, many people still do not ask for anointing until it is literally too late for the person to have reasonable hope of healing, or at least be aware enough to participate in the ritual. By then, it may even be too late for viaticum, the true "last rite."

We have a treasure in our tradition that we seem reluctant to use. We visit the sick, we anoint those who are in the first crisis of illness, we give Communion to those who are dying, and we keep vigil and pray for those close to death. When anointing is celebrated early enough, optimally when the sick person is still at Sunday Mass, it can be a source of courage, faith, and hope for a difficult road ahead. When we anoint our sick, we remind them that they belong to Christ and a community of faith. We bring them into the presence of Christ to reconcile, heal, and give strength and hope. We resist forces that isolate and alienate the sick; the symbol of touch is a powerful act of acceptance. Why wait until the crisis of illness is dire before we apply such a rich remedy to body and soul?

RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH

Thursday, January 22, 2015, will mark the 42nd anniversary of Roe-v-Wade. Once again thousands of people will gather in Washington D.C. for the "March for Life." We will be organizing with other parishes to send a bus from here leaving early on Thursday and returning at night. Call the office if you would like to attend.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Sebastian

Almost nothing is historically certain about St. Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan even in the time of St. Ambrose (December 7) and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as A.D. 350.

The legend of St. Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars now agree that a pious fable has Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him.

He recovered, but refused to flee. One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Archdiocese will celebrate in the Cathedral Basilica in Newark 5, 25, and 50 years of Christian marriage in 2015. April 19 at 3 PM for 50 years, and May 3 at 3 PM for 25 years and 5 (10, 15, 20) years.

It is a wonderful way to give witness and to thank God for the good he is doing for many couples. To celebrate in the Cathedral is a true gift that many have not done. Please call our office to register.



CHURCH CHUCKLES

Don't question God, for he may reply: "If you're so anxious for answers, come up here."

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

Tuesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Wednesday: St. Agnes

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Friday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Saturday: St. Francis de Sales

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosarians will sponsor our Annual Fish and Chips Dinner to be held on Ash Wednesday, February 18th in the cafeteria from 5pm to 7pm. Take out is also available.

Donations are \$13 for adults and \$9 for children under 12 years of age.

Tickets will be on sale after all the masses the weekend of February 1st. Jean Kimak will be the chairperson. Please keep the date open.

CARLSTADT WOMEN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER

The Woman's Club of Carlstadt will Sponsor a PROCEEDS NIGHT on Wednesday, January 21st at Stinger's, located at 413 Paterson Ave. in Wallington from 11 AM to closing. Stop in for lunch or dinner; table service only. Please

mention the Carlstadt Woman's Club and they will receive a percentage of the total charges.

“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 had to exceed our goal in funds collected by December 31st.

Currently, our parish has received 86% of our goal in funds collected in the 2014 Appeal. Thank you for supporting the Annual Appeal.



support your parish through

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

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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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2015

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

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As you know, we have started the Year of Consecrated Life. This year is a gift to us Consecrated People, but also to the entire Church. Our Holy Father recently published an Apostolic Letter for this Year of Consecrated Life. You may find this letter on the following website:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco_lettera-ap_20141121_lettera-consacрати.html

I'm very thankful for this beautiful letter and most appreciate the third chapter where Pope Francis gives some guidelines as to how everyone else (besides the consecrated men and women) is called to enter into this Year of Consecrated Life and participate in its spiritual celebration. It will be one of the big challenges for us for the Year of Consecrated Life to draw priests and the lay-faithful who are not part of consecrated life into the spiritual celebration of this Year and to encourage them to participate in our events. I would also like to draw your special attention to the website that was created for the Year of Consecrated Life for our Archdiocese (the above mentioned Apostolic Letter can be found on that website as well):

<http://newarkyearforconsecratedlife.weebly.com>



It is in the light of this Year of Consecrated Life that Archbishop Myers cordially invites you and the faithful of your local Parish to the Mass for Consecrated Life, which will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Sunday, February 1, 2015 at 12 Noon. I especially appreciate all the efforts you can make to encourage your faithful to join us in this celebration as your presence and that of the lay-faithful this year is an occasion to celebrate together the Year of Consecrated Life and to pray in thanksgiving for the gift of Consecrated Life.



This Eucharistic celebration also gives us another opportunity to render deep gratitude to those in Consecrated Life who have served the parishes and institutions of the Archdiocese for so many years.