

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

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Parish website: www.stjosepher.com

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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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time— January 25, 2015



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 24

Vigil- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, January 26

St. Timothy & Titus

7:30 am + Mark Zenzer
12:05 pm + Dennis Slater

TUESDAY, January 27

St. Angela Merici

7:30 am + Angela SanGiorgio
12:05 pm + Janet Janusz

WEDNESDAY, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

7:30 am + Laura Buckley
12:05 pm + David Janusz & Family

THURSDAY, January 29

7:30 am + Terrence Nichols
12:05 pm + Andrew Campbell & Maura Bennett

FRIDAY, January 30

7:30 am + Michael Habon
12:05pm + Teresa Centomani

SATURDAY, January 31

5:00 pm + Rosemary Allotta

SUNDAY, February 1

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Rosa & Luigi Carusone
10:00 am + Ronnie Martins
12:00 pm + Teresa Offreda



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We hear the story of Jonah in the first reading this Sunday who is a type, a foreshadowing, of Jesus Christ; Jonah prepares us to better understand Jesus. After being swallowed by a whale and remaining in him for three days he is better disposed to listen to the request of God, and this time he does not run away. He goes and walks for three days and calls the people to repentance. They have forty days to change. And the people respond; they fast, put on sackcloth and sit in ashes, and repent. Even the animals show their change of mind as well. God sees their actions and he is moved by them. He does not destroy them. At the end of this short book, God tells Jonah why he had compassion on this city since so many people could not tell their right hand from their left. They were totally lost and helpless, and this was the reason why he was sent: to save them.

A similar situation is true in our day as well. So many people close to us are lost as to the meaning of their life and the actions that God uses to speak to them. So many sad things going on around us, and we have a very good response for those who are suffering. Don't be afraid to invite the people to our beautiful parish where they can worship, sing and hear the truth.

For sure you are close to many people who God has placed at your side so you can help them, and even save them. You do not need to say too much; Jesus says, "Come and see." It is enough. God is the one who does the work but he needs our lips, our friendships to do it. All you need to say is: come with me this Saturday or Sunday, bring your kids also. Come and listen and God will have a word for us. It is very simple; don't be afraid. They will thank you for the rest of their lives for the invitation that you gave to them, that changed everything. Let us pray for one another so that the Holy Spirit inspires us to speak!



John Joe

The **Sanctuary Light** will burn this week in
Honor of
MARY CLAUDIO
requested by
THE FARLEY FAMILY.

The **Wine** is offered
this week in Memory of
JAMES & DOROTHY FARINA
requested by **JOHN & BERNADETTE
FARINA.**

The **Acolyte Candle** will burn
this week in Memory of
JANET JANUSZ
requested by
RICHARD JANUSZ.



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.*

JEAN MOBILIA

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 224 people attended Mass.
Total Giving: \$ 3,186.00

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| 1st Collection | \$ 2,207.00 |
| Number of Envelopes 87 | \$ 1,544.00 |
| Cash Received | \$ 663.00 |
| 2nd Collection | \$ 979.00 |
| Number of Envelopes 66 | \$ 532.50 |
| Cash received | \$ 447.50 |

SNOW REMOVAL



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

The Catholicism Faith Formation Program of
Father Robert Barron brings together the
beauty, goodness and truth of the Catholic
Church so you can better
understand **and share your faith.**

The presentation will be in the
auditorium at
7:30 PM on Tuesdays starting February 24,
and small groups will meet afterwards in
the cafeteria. The suggested donation is
\$20 for a five week course. Other materials
will be available for purchase for those who
are interested. Please register by February
17th by calling or emailing the parish
office. Feel free to invite a friend.



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."

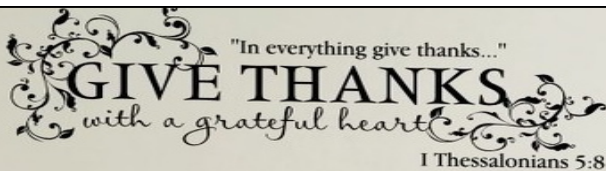
FOOD PANTRY

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.

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:

JELLY, PEANUT BUTTER, MAC & CHEESE, CANNED FRUIT, COFFEE, TEA, POTATOES, CONDENSED MILK, RICE, TOILET PAPER, SHAMPOO, BAKED BEANS, STEW & CHILI

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

February / March

Baptism – March 1st

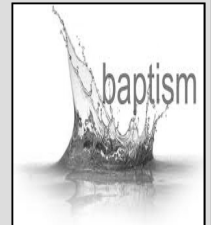
Meetings – Feb 19th & 26th

April

Baptism – April 26th

Meetings – Apr 16th & 23rd

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



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 25- CCD @ 8:30 am
- Baptism @ 1 pm
- Youth Scrutatio @ 4—8 pm
- 27- K of C meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 28- RCIA @ 7 pm
- 31- MarriedLife meeting @ 8 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 seminars have begun in our parish on Fridays 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.

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.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Next Sunday, February 1st, is Rosary Communion Sunday at the 10am mass.

Our regular monthly meeting will be Monday, February 2nd at 7:30pm in the cafeteria. Plans will be finalized for our annual Fish and Chips dinner to be held Ash Wednesday, February 18th, between 5pm and 7pm in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$9 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets are on sale after all masses starting next weekend.

Rosarians are asked to please bring their donation of only soda to the meeting.

Jean Kimak is the chairperson and can be reached at 201-438-6708. Janet Drago is our ticket Chairperson and she can be reached at 201-438-5892. We look forward to a huge turnout!



Help Needed to Take Down the Manger

Come on Saturday, January 31st at 9 AM for an hour or two to help take down the Christmas manger that has helped us so much during Christmas and till now.

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WE'RE NOW ON FACEBOOK!

St. Joe's is on FACEBOOK! Come "Like" us! Make sure you're on our "official" page! The URL is www.facebook.com/StJoesER. If you search, our exact Page title says "St. Joseph's Church East Rutherford, NJ". Send news, photos, etc to email stjosepher@aol.com

Please follow us on twitter @Stjoeser

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 14th @ Seton Hall University
8am to 4pm.

400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, NJ 07079

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 7th, 2015
9am to 5pm, Registration at 8am
Seton Hall University

400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ

CHURCH CHUCKLES



Dear God,
I heard about how Jesus turned
water into wine. Did you know that
my mom can turn water into
Kool-Aid?

Thomas John, Age 6

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil way in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalms — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Monday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Tuesday: St. Angela Merici
Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday: St. John Bosco

FAMILY INFLUENCE

Disorder in the society is the result of
disorder in the family.

—St. Angela Merici

NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love.

—St. Francis de Sales

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

SOMETIMES IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MEAN A LOT!

Thank you from Ramona and others who tidy the pews after every mass; we've noticed that some of you have been helping too, and that's very much appreciated.

Would like to offer a few minutes of your time and do a small service to others? Tidying your pew (or even a few more) before you leave mass is an act of kindness for the one who follows! Here's what we do:

- remove all bulletins, candy wrappers & tissues
- check that no more than 4 "Breaking Bread" books are on each pew near the aisle, bindings facing out
- check that each book rack contains 1 or 2 "Gather" books only, standing up
- make sure each book rack has 1 laminated Mass Prayer card, with the orange title sticking out of a "Gather" book so the card is secured
- notify Ramona or an usher if repairs are needed
- put each kneeler in upright position.

(Please note that the "Return to God" song sheets are supposed to remain in the front cover of the "Breaking Bread" books and do NOT need to be removed.)



“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.



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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.

WAY TO GIVE BACK

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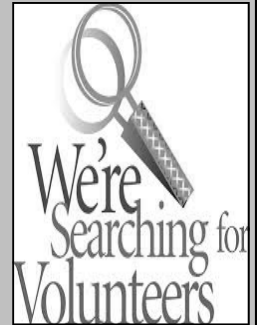
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2015

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.