

# 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](http://www.stjosepher.com)

Parish email: [StJosepher@aol.com](mailto: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](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.

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time— February 15, 2015



**SCHEDULE  
& INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, February 14**

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time- Vigil**

5:00 pm + Helene Capone

**SUNDAY, February 15**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am + Vieslav Drezek

10:00 am + Angelina Rasmus

12:00 pm + Mary Tomchik

**MONDAY, February 16**

**President's Day**

8:30 am + Raul Andreu

**TUESDAY, February 17**

7:30 am + Rev. Alfred J. Kowalski

12:05 pm Edith Meyer, Birthday

**WEDNESDAY, February 18**

**Ash Wednesday**

7:30 am Mass 12:05 pm Mass

9:00 am Service 3:30 pm Service

10:30 am Service 5:00pm Service

7:30 pm Mass

**THURSDAY, February 19**

7:30 am + Enidio Abreu

12:05 pm + Bernard Meyer

**FRIDAY, February 20**

7:30 am + William Fulton

12:05pm + Julious Morthier

**SATURDAY, February 21**

**First Sunday of Lent- Vigil**

5:00 pm + Joseph DiGravina

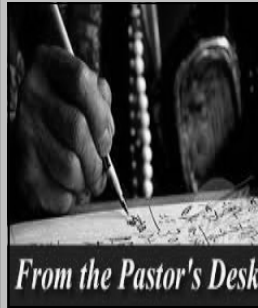
**SUNDAY, February 22**

**First Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am + Mario Tarolaro

10:00 am + Mark Smilovic

12:00 pm + Mimi & Walter Bode



*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

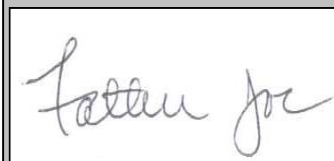
The healing of the leper narrated in the Gospel of today's Mass is reported in great detail by three of the Evangelists. St. Luke tells us that this miracle was performed in a town, that

the disease was in an advanced state, and the man was covered with it. Lepers had to keep their heads uncovered, they wore torn clothes to distinguish themselves, and were obliged to make their presence known when they passed by. People fled even from members of their own families. This disease was generally thought to be a punishment for sins.

It must have been quite a scene to witness. The leper comes into the city and kneeling before Jesus he says, "If you wish, you can make me clean." The Lord was moved with the simplicity of his prayer, and leaned over *and touched him*. This was unthinkable: to touch a leper, and Jesus could have done the miracle from a distance, but does not.

The Lord can do the same for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and when we ask forgiveness from others. Let us not think that we have no sin, which is not true. It is pride that leads us to conceal our sins. God knows our weaknesses and he knows how we suffer from them, and he has the power to clean us up. The Church saw in leprosy an image of sin. Even venial sin is far uglier and more loathsome than leprosy, and it has more tragic consequences in this life and the next one.

People will love us much more for our weaknesses than for our strengths and so often we are afraid to show our faults to others. Let us ask for grace during this time of Lent so that we can be more sincere about ourselves, at least with those who are close to us. We can help others by being honest about ourselves.



The *Sanctuary Light* will burn this week in honor of  
**THE SICK OF THE PARISH.**

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

The *Acolyte Candle* will burn this week in honor of  
**THE MARRIED COUPLES OF OUR 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.*



**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, Sharon Fitzpatrick Costello, 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.)*



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Last Sunday 759 people attended Mass.  
**Total Giving: \$ 7,820.00**

1st Collection	\$ 4,762.00
Number of Envelopes 105	\$ 4,287.00
Cash Received	\$ 475.00
 2nd Collection	 \$ 3,058.00
Number of Envelopes 83	\$ 2,995.00
Cash received	\$ 63.00

**SNOW REMOVAL**

**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.



## 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

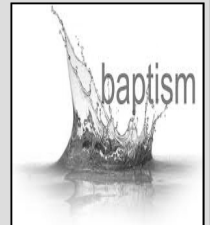
Meetings – Feb 19th & 26th

#### April

Baptism – April 26th

Meetings – Apr 16th & 23rd

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



### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 15- World Marriage Day @10am mass
- 16- Rosary Altar Society @7pm
- 18- Rosary Altar Society Meeting @2pm  
Fish & Chips Dinner @5pm
- 20- Married Life; 5th Meeting



### TAX DONATION LETTERS

We may have misinformed you about your 2014 donation report. If you have not received it, please call the parish office.

### ST. FRANCIS INN

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

**30 GAL GARBAGE BAGS.**

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.



### A FAMILY NEEDS OUR HELP

Carline Azor and her 8 children need a place to live. She was looking last year and the place that she had close to Newark she needs to vacate. If you know anyone who may be able to help her please call (845) 659-3029, or call the parish office.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

There will be a Holy Name Society meeting on Sunday February 8, 2015 at 9 AM in the rectory. All members are urged to attend.

# 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 these seminars.

## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Our regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 16th at 7:30pm in the cafeteria. Hostesses for the evening will be the officers. Rosarians are asked to bring donations of soda for the Fish & Chips Dinner to the meeting. Women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

The Fish & Chips Dinner will 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. Take-Out will also be available. No tickets will be sold at the door.

## 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*

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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](http://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](mailto:stjosepher@aol.com)

**Please follow us on twitter @Stjoeser**

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR  
LENT



## 40 CANS FOR LENT

Each year the Knights of Columbus sponsor 40 Cans for Lent program. It starts on Ash Wednesday and goes till Easter Sunday. Any donations of canned food will be appreciated and can be left at the church giving tree. The food will be added to our food pantry for the people of our community that are in need. If you have trouble bring the food to the church and need it picked up please call Joe Egan 201-842-9262 or Pat Brislin 201-638-0309 and we will schedule a pick up.. Thank you for your support, be safe & God bless.  
Knights of Columbus council 4524 East Rutherford N.J.

## 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



Dear Pastor,  
I don't understand why all religions can't get along. The priests, rabbis and ministers in Daddy's jokes always seem to have a lot of fun together.  
Tommy, age 9

## TODAY'S READINGS



**First Reading** — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

**Psalms** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of

Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

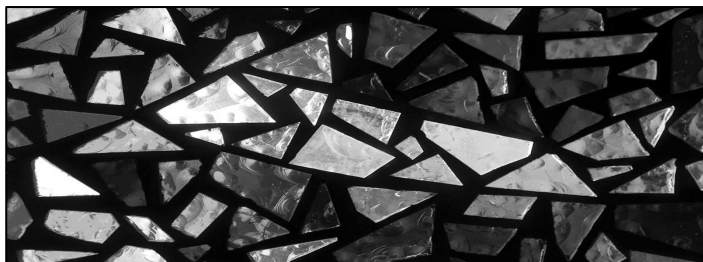
**Gospel** — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Tuesday:	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Thursday:	Chinese New Year 4713
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Peter Damian

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



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

### Three Ways to Enroll:

Online » [ParishPay.com](http://ParishPay.com) | By Phone »  
1-866-PARISH1 (727-4741) or by calling the parish office to pick up a parishioner commitment card.



## Little Things Help Others

We appreciate those who are helping us keep our church beautiful and clean in so many ways.

Everyone can help!

- Tidy your pew before you leave by removing bulletins, papers, etc.
- Return Breaking Bread (plastic covers) books to the corners of pews.
- Put Gather Books (blue hard cover) in racks standing up.
- Let an usher know if repairs are needed  
Put kneelers in upright position.

Thank you!!



### Announcement from the Archdiocese of Newark Schools Office

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ seeks qualified applicants for the position of principal in our elementary and secondary schools, both urban and suburban schools, located in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties.

Candidates must meet the following requirements:  
Practicing Catholic

Relevant experience in teaching, leadership, and/or administration

Earned Master's degree in Education, preferably in school leadership

NJ Teaching Certificate or its reciprocal

NJ Principal Certification preferred or commitment to attain or its reciprocal

Applicants with the qualifications listed below, may send a letter of intent, resume, with three (3) letters of reference to Sister Patricia Butler, SC at

[mailto:butlerpa@rcan.org |butlerpa@rcan.org or Archdiocese of Newark, Schools Office, 171 Clifton Ave. , Newark, NJ 07104  
by February 15, 2015



### Schedule for Ash Wednesday Masses:

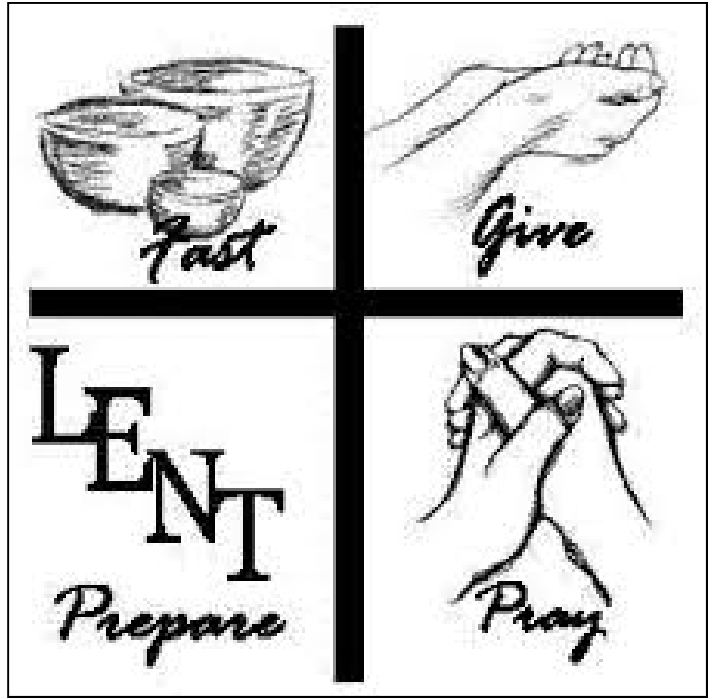
7:30 AM, 12:05 PM & 7:30 PM

### PRAYER SERVICE WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:

9 AM, 10:30 AM, 3:30 PM & 5 PM

### Confessions:

10-11 AM, 4-5 PM, 6-7 PM



### Archdiocese of Newark 2015 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. *The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.*



# 2015

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# YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

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## YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

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](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  
and I appreciate all the efforts the faithful make during this  
year to celebrate  
the year of Consecrated Life and to pray in thanksgiving for  
the gift of consecrated life.

Each 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.

