

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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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

Parish Office: 201.939.0457

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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lenten Time— March 22, 2015



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 21

Fourth Sunday of Lent Vigil

5:00 pm + Ralph Offreda

SUNDAY, March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am + John Koob
10:00 am + Mickael Wisneski
12:00 pm + Lisa Salandra

MONDAY, March 23

7:30 am + Susan Riolo
12:05 pm + Rosa Altieri

TUESDAY, March 24

7:30 am + Ronald J. Postawa
12:05 pm + William Battiston

WEDNESDAY, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 am + Msgr. James M. Cafone
12:05 pm + Giuseppe & Gaetano
Marra

THURSDAY, March 26

7:30 am + Mary Marafelias
12:05 pm + Charles Sarlo

FRIDAY, March 27

7:30 am + Joseph Cirigliano
12:05pm Mark Morthier

SATURDAY, March 28

Fifth Sunday of Lent Vigil

5:00 pm + Ralph Isler

SUNDAY, March 29

Pam Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am + Mary Carmelo &
Giovanni DiPoto
10:00 am + James Cancelosi
12:00 pm + Lorraine Trause



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

On Palm Sunday there will be a longer procession outside of the church before 10 AM Mass. It is a special day where we publically show our faith. We invite you to gather at 9:30 down by the garages where the Gospel will be proclaimed and then we will process up Hoboken Road and into the church. Young children are especially invited!

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Gospel opens by some who are not Jews with a request to see Jesus, and they go to the apostle with the Greek name, Philip. Then Philip and Andrew go to Jesus. And Jesus gives a strong answer saying, the grain of wheat needs to die in order to give fruit, and he who loves his life will lose it...not easy words. And his actions are even more dramatic. He prays to be saved from this hour and asks for his name to be glorified, and the Father says, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." How does he glorify the Son?

In the garden of Gethsemane (which means oil press) there are many olive trees even today. Jesus feels the full force of the fear of death and feels the need to escape, but accepts the Father's will. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that Jesus offered up prayer out loud and in silent tears to the one who had the power to save him. Jesus submits humbly, in reverent submission, as if handling something very precious that could easily break. This shows the humanity of Jesus Christ; it was not easy what he went through. And later on in John's Gospel we see why he did it, for their sake, he says. He did it for us, for his followers.

Peter in a later letter says we are obedient to the truth if we love like brothers when we are real and from a pure heart. He means that we do things not with another motive, but only to please the others. Not an easy thing to do. Let us reflect during these last weeks of Lent on the events of the life of Christ and see what it is saying to us. And to see how it gives us an idea about God's love for us.

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

The *Wine & Hosts* are offered this week in honor of
THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH.

The *Acolyte Candle* will burn this week in memory of
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.
Fred Luberto, Sr.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Last Sunday 827 people attended Mass.
 Total Giving: \$ 7,964.00**

1st Collection	\$ 4,819.00
Number of Envelopes 180	\$ 3,192.00
Cash Received	\$ 1,627.00
2nd Collection	\$ 3,145.00
Number of Envelopes 37	\$ 437.00
Cash received	\$ 2,708.00

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:

Patrick Devaney, Maria Alvarez, Michael Furtak, Melissa Major, Elyse Latella, Errol Ogilvie, Pat Paparella, 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, Rosanna Dilemme 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.)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ’s passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people’s best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria’s letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.



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

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of the Lenten season. While prayer and fasting are commonly associated with Lenten practices, almsgiving frequently falls by the wayside, but it should not. Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy in our little corner of the world. Here in

East Rutherford/Carlstadt, the needy are all around us: children and the old, veterans, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, next-door neighbors. This year why not plan on including prayer, fasting AND almsgiving in your daily Lenten practice?

Whether you make contributions to the Food Pantry one can at a time, or one case at a time, please decide to give generously. Most needed items include:

PASTA	JELLY	MAC 'N CHEESE
CEREAL	PASTA SAUCE	TOOTHPASTE

Whatever we give should be something of ourselves, and we will receive boundless blessings in return.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Is March 22nd.

Join us!



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

April

Baptism – April 26th

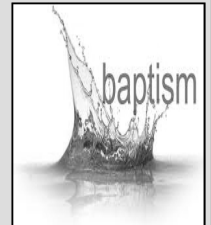
Meetings – Apr 16th & 23rd

May

Baptism – May 31st

Meetings – May 21st & 28th

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



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 22- CCD @ 8:30 am
- 24- K of C Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 25- RCIA @ 7 pm
- 28- Jesus Day @ 9 to 12 noon
- 28- Married Life Seminar @ 10 am
- 29- Palm Sunday outdoor procession @ 9:30am

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 **March**
we are collecting

PINE SOL

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

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 bringing 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.

CHRISM MASS

If you have never been to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark you might want to consider going for the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 30 at 8 PM. Hundreds of priests attend and the new oils are consecrated. There is plenty of room and perhaps some can carpool and make it easier for those going for the first time. It is especially important to attend if you are involved in the ministries of our parish.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society will be having a Bake sale after all the masses on Palm Sunday weekend, March 28th and 29th. Please stop by our tables in the lobby of the church and support the Rosary Society. Rosarians can drop off their baked goods in the church lobby on Saturday March 28th, at 3:30pm. Thank you for all your support.

ALL HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERS

Tickets for the HNS Spiritual Director's Dinner on April 28 are now available. Per County President Don Stein, the attendee count and all monies are due by April 2. Contact Richard Janusz, 973-472-5283, if you're interested. Our next HNS meeting will be April 12 @ 9 AM in the Rectory.

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.*

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 is in the auditorium at 7:30 PM on Tuesday evenings. 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. Feel free to invite a friend.



CHURCH CHUCKLES

A Sunday school teacher said to her class, "We've been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were during biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know! Aces."



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

RISKS

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don't trust enough.

—Anonymous



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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

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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!!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Catherine of Genoa

Going to confession one day was the turning point of Catherine's life.

When Catherine was born, many Italian nobles were supporting Renaissance artists and writers. The needs of the poor and the sick were often overshadowed by a hunger for luxury and self-indulgence. Catherine's parents were members of the nobility in Genoa. At 13 she attempted to become a nun but failed because of her age. At 16 she married Julian, a nobleman who turned out to be selfish and unfaithful. For a while she tried to numb her disappointment by a life of selfish pleasure.



One day in confession she had a new sense of her own sins and how much God loved her. She reformed her life and gave good example to Julian, who soon turned from his self-centered life of distraction. Julian's spending, however, had ruined them financially. He and Catherine decided to live in the Pammatone, a large hospital in Genoa, and to dedicate themselves to works of charity there. After Julian's death in 1497, Catherine took over management of the hospital. She wrote about purgatory which, she said, begins on earth for souls open to God. Life with God in heaven is a continuation and perfection of the life with God begun on earth. Exhausted by her life of self-sacrifice, she died September 15, 1510, and was canonized in 1737.

FAMILY WITH TRIPLETS NEEDS HELP

Child-care needed from 8 AM to 6 PM, meals included, but rate of pay is reduced since both parents don't earn much.

Experience needed.

Any donation of diapers or Similac Sensitive would be appreciated. Live in Wallington. Call Ginelle Stephenson at 347-933-9535 if you are interested or if you know someone.

WAYS TO GIVE BACK

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE:

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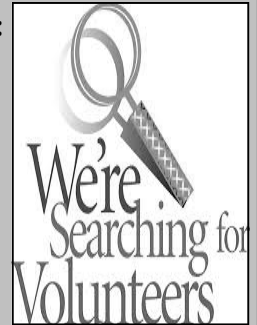
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

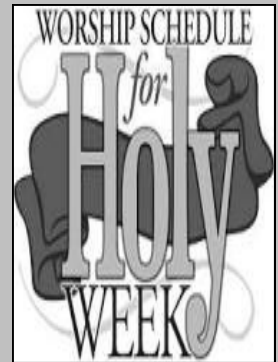
March 28/29 – Palm Sunday
9:30 AM Procession with Palms
(Sat. at 5 PM) 8, 10, & 12 PM Mass

April 2 – Holy Thursday
7:30 PM Mass of the Last Supper

April 3 – Good Friday
12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM Seven Last Words of Jesus
7:30 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
6 PM Living Stations



April 4 – Holy Saturday
9 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM Easter Vigil



April 5 – EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Beautiful Easter flowers fill the sanctuary in the church during this holy season. The flowering plants are donated by the parishioners who contribute an offering in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make such an offering, please fill in the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket, with your contribution. The names of those remembered will appear in a Book of Remembrance during the Easter season.

In memory of: _____

Your name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Donation: \$10 ____ \$20 ____ \$30 ____ Other ____

Please print clearly