



# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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**Our Mission Statement:** We, the Eucharistic community of the Lord at Saint Joseph's and members of the Body of Christ, are varied in background, culture, age and economic class. We are a welcoming parish consisting of longtime Catholics, new and returning Catholics and the young, all seeking knowledge of our faith, its teachings and traditions. We are a faith community empowered by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to helping others. We are committed to celebrate the sacramental life of the church; to listen, proclaim, practice, teach and evangelize the word of God; to minister to each other, the poor and those in need.

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm **Parish Office:** 973-696-4411 **Religious Education:** 973-696-4411

**Fax:** 973-305-8466 **Convent:** 973-696-4279 **Email:** stjoeelp@optonline.net **Parish Website:** stjosephparishnj.org **Facebook:** @stjoeelp

## We Invite You to Celebrate the Eucharist

**Saturday Eve:** 5:30 pm

**Polish Mass:** Every third Saturday  
of each month at 7:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon &  
7:00 pm (*Spanish Mass*)

**Weekdays:** Monday, 7:00 pm  
Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am

**Holy Days:** Will be announced in the  
bulletin and from the pulpit.

## Parish Membership

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into our parish is requested to register. Please contact the parish office for the form. If you are going to move to another parish or change your address, please notify the parish office.

## Parish Staff

**Fr. Artur Zaba, Pastor**  
**Fr. Martin Bradtke, Parochial Vicar**  
*frmartinbr@gmail.com*  
**Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P., Pastoral Associate**  
**Rev. Mr. Stephen Marabeti, Deacon**  
**Rev. Mr. Joseph Parlapiano, Deacon**  
**Mrs. JoAnn Caputo, Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper**  
**Mrs. Isabella Bubnick, Assistant Secretary**  
**Ms. Denise Dixon, Director of Music**  
**Mrs. Kathleen Miller, Director of Religious Education**  
**Mr. John Petracca, Maintenance**  
**Mr. Rich Williams, Maintenance**

**Novena:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 6:30 pm followed by the Mass at 7:00 pm and Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Monday.

**Adoration:** Every Tuesday from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm, every Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-9:30 am.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sunday, with the exception of major holidays. Baptisms during Mass or at any other Time are to be arranged with the Pastor. A parent preparation program is held monthly. Parents are asked to contact the parish office for information about Baptisms two months in advance.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 5:00 pm to 5:20 pm

**Communion & Sick Calls:** Anointing of the Sick is offered every third Sunday of the month after the noon Mass. When any member of your family becomes ill or is confined to the home and unable to come to the Celebration of the Eucharist, please contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made for Communion to be brought to the house. If it is an emergency situation, please call 973-974-0213.

**Matrimony:** Ideally, arrangements for weddings should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**Grief Ministry:** Meets twice per year, mutual sharing and support in strictly confidential setting. Call Sr. Ellen at 973-696-4411.

## CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

### WORSHIP

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Bonnie-Ann McLain ----- 973-610-2014  
Peggy Folenta ----- 973-628-6773

#### Lectors

Maria Maggi ----- 201-774-5544

#### Altar Servers

Fr. Artur Zaba ----- stjoeelp@gmail.com

#### Ushers

Rick Doyle ----- 973-872-6371

#### Music Ministry

Denise Dixon ----- 973-590-9975  
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#### Adoration Sodality

Ursula Daidone ----- 973-432-4735

### RELIGIOUS ED. / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

#### Religious Education

Mrs. Kathleen Miller ----- 973-696-4411

#### Marriage Preparation

Fr. Artur Zaba ----- stjoeelp@gmail.com

#### Baptismal Preparation

Deacon Joseph Parlapiano ----- 973-696-4411

#### Confirmation

Kathleen Miller ----- 973-696-4411

### PARISH SERVICE COMMITTEES

#### Baking, Parish Events

Maria McMann ----- 973-896-4353

#### Bishop Navagh Columbiettes

Marybeth Doyle ----- 973-872-6371

#### Christian Service

Walter Jaslanek ----- 973-305-0232

#### Finance

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Camille Nocht ----- camillenochta@optonline.net

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Cora Jackson ----- 973-628-9010

#### Media & Office Technology

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#### Our Lady of Fatima Devotional Group

AnneMarie Abad ----- 973-931-4882

#### Prayer Line

Maria McMann ----- 973-896-4353

#### Stewardship

Mary O'Reilly ----- 973-633-8009

#### Warming Bee

Antoinette VanWyck ----- 973-694-1818

#### Women of Faith

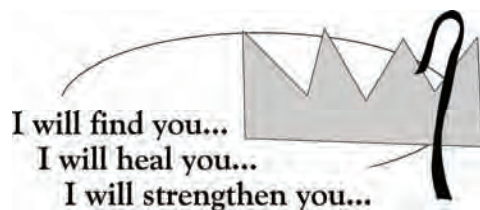
Vicki Pignone ----- 201-410-6869



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ✠ NOVEMBER 26, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30 PM	Ted Nochta – C&M Nochta Catherine Lacatena – N Bussanich & Fam Ray Kerwin – D&C Cleary
Sunday	8:00 AM	Joan Murphy – Caputo Fam Ron Nazario – Delaporte Fam
	10:00 AM	Ray Kerwin & Ron Nazario – M Chisari
	12:00 PM	Robert Leslaw Pazowski – Balawejder Fam Edna Nardella (100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration) – G&B Altonjy
Monday	7:00 PM	Joann Smith – G Krueger
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Albert Celleri – P Folenta Walter Condon, Jr – Sr. Ellen Felix Terrero – Fam
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Walter Jaslanek – Sepede Fam
Thursday	8:00 AM	Walter Jaslanek – Christian Service Committee
Friday	8:00 AM	Walter Jaslanek – K&D Petrow
Saturday	5:30 PM	Mario & Carmela Foti – Sirica Fam Peter Valente – Mulhearn Fam Ray Kerwin – R&M Doyle
Sunday 12/3	8:00 AM	Mary Arney – Fam Joan Murphy – R&M Doyle
	10:00 AM	Lawrence Byrnes – FSP Roman Wilk – Fam
	12:00 PM	Robert Leslaw Pazowski – Balawejder Fam Babs Custer – P Folenta



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

#### **First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and “pasture” all.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ’s resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ’s rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and “God will be all in all.”

#### **Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to “one of my least brothers” they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his “least,” they fail to do to him.

### SHARING OUR TREASURE

***Due to an early holiday deadline by the publication company, “Sharing Our Treasure” will be published in the December 3, 2023 bulletin.***

What is the secret? How can we gain the kingdom? Easy. Give food to Jesus when he is hungry, drink when he is thirsty. Welcome him and clothe him as a poor stranger. Care for him when he is ill. Visit him when he is in prison. But clearly it will not be the Son of God personally that is any of these things. No, it will be the least of his brothers and sisters. The secret, then, is to see beyond our superficial vision. Our eyes may see a homeless person, a poor beggar, a refugee, a person in pain, a convict. Our eyes of faith must look harder. With eyes of faith, we can see Christ in everyone in need.

Whom do you overlook and in whom do you fail to see Christ? How can you force yourself to look past surface impressions?

### MEMORIALS

The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of  
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#### **Sunday**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

#### **Monday**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

#### **Tuesday**

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

#### **Wednesday**

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

#### **Thursday**

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

#### **First Friday**

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

#### **First Saturday**

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

## CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm  
Tuesday – Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8:30 am  
Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4:30 pm  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 9 am, 11 am, & 1pm

## BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT



Each year our parish offers **Blue Books** to parishioners. They are to be used during the Advent Season. Each day there is a little thought or spiritual lesson for the day. These short reflections require about 5 minutes and move us day by day to the feast of Christmas.

## COOKIES FOR OUR TROOPS



Fr. Dominik asked if we could send homemade cookies to his military troops, 500 soldiers! We have a committee that will be sending packages to Fr. Dominik for his troops in Texas in December. If you would like to participate, please donate at least 4 dozen cookies. For shipping purposes, the required

bags for each dozen cookies will be in the back of church. [Please label the bags if cookies contain nuts.](#) Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Center on Sunday and Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM – 5 PM or call the office at 973.696.4411 to arrange a specific time for a drop off. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



St. Joseph will be hosting a breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 12 PM.** We will be serving bagels, donuts, hot chocolate and coffee for adults. There will also be crafts and games for the children. Cost is \$5 per person for breakfast. A sign up sheet is in the back of church.

## NOVEMBER LECTOR SCHEDULE

Nov 25/26	
5:30 PM Ellen Corbiere	Maria Maggi 201.774.5544 nd79@optonline.net
8:00 AM Gina Deppert	
10:00 AM Rob Colfin	
12:00 PM Joyce Favorito	

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### GRADES K-6

Nov 26	No Class
Dec 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Sign-up for Pageant (K – 4)
Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec 10	Grade 6 Class Mass
Dec 24	Christmas Eve (No Class)
Dec 31	New Year's Eve (No Class)

For more information, please call 973.696.4411

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM GRADES 7-8

Dec 27	Christmas Break (No Class)
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Parish Office 973.696.4411

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings and expenses are managed separately from the parish

and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church. Many small communities struggle to care for elder members due to a lack of financial resources and personnel. There are nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests in the United States. They educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. **The Collection will be the weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your donations.

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES DEALING WITH DEMENTIA

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month from 7 – 8:30 PM in the school, room 10. The next meeting will be held on [Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>](#). Our mission is to support caregivers in our community with the challenges of caring for their loved ones with dementia. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Klach at [mklach60@gmail.com](mailto:mklach60@gmail.com).

## ADORATION



**Adoration:**  
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8:30 AM – 8:00 PM



**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**  
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## BISHOP NAVAGH COLUMBIETTES RECRUITMENT

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As Catholic women who work with the Knights of Columbus, we hope to make a difference in today's world, by befriending others and helping when needed with family, church and community. Any Catholic female age 18 and over may join. In October we sponsored a Recruitment Drive and are now holding an informational meeting for all those interested in joining us. The meeting will be held in St. Joseph's school, Room 10, on **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**. If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chairwoman, Regina McKniff at 973.694.3203.

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## CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECTS

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### GIVING TREE:

Our "Giving Tree" Christmas project began the weekend of **November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**. We provide gift cards for adults and adolescents, and focus

on gifts for younger children. Ornaments are available on display boards in the rear of the church. *Please sign your name and phone number in the book next to the corresponding gift number on the ornament you choose.*

We ask for all gifts to be returned **with the ornament attached to the gift** the weekend of **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. It is helpful to return gift cards in a small gift bag, if possible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Bono at 973.696.9713 or Lois Moeller at 201.572.1646. Cash donations are also welcome.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued generosity.

### NURSING HOME:



The Christmas season is fast approaching, and once again through the generosity of the parishioners at St. Joseph's

Church, the Christian Service Committee will be collecting gifts for the residents of the **Lincoln Park Nursing Home**. Most of these residents would not receive gifts at Christmas if it were not for our parish. Our list of gift suggestions are:

*Men: socks, slippers and T-shirts (L, XL, 2XL)*

*Women: socks, slippers, lounge pants, toiletry bags & items such as dental items, deodorant, moisturizer, hand cream, etc.*

Gifts should be returned **wrapped and labeled (man or woman and what's inside)** and placed on the windowsills in church. All gifts should be returned by the weekend of **December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions, call Meg Williams at 973.696.7090.

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## FR. ENGLISH FOOD PANTRY

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Items requested for the month of November are stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, rice, beans, cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, canned chicken or soup. Please leave your donations in the back of church. Thank you.

## Christmas Flowers

We will once again be memorializing the poinsettia plants that beautify our church for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory of a relative or friend; in honor of someone living; or in thanksgiving to God. The names of those making the donations and those being remembered will be published in the Sunday bulletin after Christmas, unless the donor prefers to remain anonymous. Please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket. You may also use the envelope included in your packet, but please be sure to mark the back with your intention.



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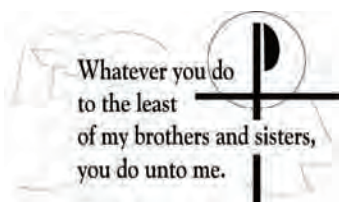
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## NATIONAL DONOR MONTH

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### An Interfaith Celebration of Life and Thanksgiving

The month of November, normally associated with giving thanks, is also home to **National Donor Sabbath**. This awareness month marks a special time across the country when clergy and their congregations unite to help spread the word about the gift of life. Religious leaders around the state are encouraged to address the importance of registering to be an organ and tissue donor. Many faith leaders also recognize that there are members within their own congregations who have been touched by organ and tissue donation or are in need of a life-saving transplant. Throughout November, information regarding organ and tissue donation from the NJ Sharing Network will be on the tables in back of church. NJ Sharing Network works year-round to educate New Jersey residents about the critical need for more organ and tissue donors. May your faith fill you with compassion to donate the gift of life. Please register online today at **www.njsharingnetwork.org**. **Pope Francis has said that 'Organ donation is a testimony of love for our neighbour'.**



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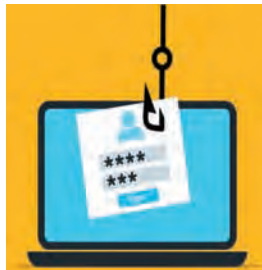
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