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.

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST
Saturday Eve: 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon  
7:00 PM Spanish Mass  
Weekdays: Monday 7:00 PM  
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM  
First Friday Mass 7:00 PM  
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.

NOVENA
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 6:30 PM and our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Monday followed by Mass at 7:00 PM.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated any Saturday or Sunday, with the exception of major holidays. 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: 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

COMMUNION AND SICK CALLS
Anointing of the Sick is offered every 3rd 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 908-328-9892.

MARRIAGE
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 ext. 103.

PARISH STAFF
Fr. Thomas Mangieri  
Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P.  
Rev. Mr. Stephen Marabeti  
Rev. Mr. Joseph Parlapiano  
Rev. Mr. Lukasz Wnuk  
Ms. JoAnn Caputo  
Ms. Denise Dixon  
Kenneth & Jennifer Shirkey

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
Worship
Eucharistic Ministers  
Peggy Folenta  
Lectors  
Altar Servers  
Ushers  
Music Ministry

Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation
Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P.  
Jerilynn Prokop  
Fr. Thomas Mangieri  
Deacon Joseph Parlapiano  
Ken & Jen Shirkey

Parish Service Committees
Baking, Parish Events  
Christian Service  
Finance  
Greeters  
Hall Rental  
Knights of Columbus  
Lazarus Ministry  
Legion of Mary  
Media & Office Technology  
Prayer Line  
Social Activities  
Stewardship  
Warming Bee  
Women of Faith

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

TODAY’S READINGS
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

WEEKDAY READINGS
Monday
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tuesday
Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday
Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday
Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday
Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 15:1-39

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE
Saturday 5:30 PM Patricia Gonzalez & Maureen Miele – B&C Reiss
Sunday 8:00 Patricia Gray – L&G Manser
10:00 Mary Ellen Corrigan – Hughes Fam
12:00 Barbara Wild – J Wild
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM For the Parish
Monday 7:00 PM For the Living & Deceased
Feast of St. Joseph Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tuesday 8:00 Emilio Santoro – Fam
Wednesday 8:00 Agnes Pegler – Fam
Thursday 8:00 Helen Yurovchak – Fam
Friday 8:00 Sophie & Frank Sansone–Fam
Saturday 5:30 PM Diane Petracca & Kenny
Patterson – R&M Williams
Sunday 8:00 Eileen M Davidson – Hughes Fam
10:00 Kathy Calero – M Murphy
12:00 Barbara Wild – J Wild
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM For the Parish

MARCH 18, 2018

SHARING OUR TREASURE
March 4, 2018: $6,941.00
Candles: $124.00
Pennies: $44.00
Attendance: 514

This “life” that is to be lost can take different forms. For alcoholics and those addicted to drugs, it means to trade their non-lives of addiction for sobriety, being clean. For us not addicted, the genius that articulated “life” by naming life’s principal components; time, talent and treasure have surely served us well. If we serve ourselves and not serve others with our time, our talent, and our treasure, we fail this challenge of dying to self and bringing life to others.

When couples become parents, they seem to learn this lesson of life very quickly. With a child who is the expression of their love, they unhesitatingly give their time, their talent, and their treasure to their child.

Jesus’ issue is the urgency of “his hour.” The tone is set by the image of the “grain of wheat.” There is no “cheap grace.” Jesus must die to produce the “fruit” of the community of believers who will be united with him and form what Paul will call “the body of Christ.”

How you can help us earn money? If you have an account with Boiling Springs Savings Bank’s, you can help us earn extra money. There is no fee or anything additional you need to do. For more information, call Boiling Springs Bank at 973.696.7100 or visit your local Boiling Springs Savings Bank Branch at 60 Beaverbrook Road in the ShopRite Shopping Center.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

This Lent, St. Joseph’s is again participating in the diocese’s Welcome Home to Healing program by providing the opportunity for individual Confession every Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and, following the Monday Evening Mass, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, through March 19th. There will also be an extra hour of confession, Tuesday, March 27th from 6 – 7 PM. These are in addition to our regularly scheduled Saturday Confessions (4:30 to 5:00 PM).

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Nursing Home Reminder: Group I is scheduled for March 25th.

FOOD PANTRY

The items requested for the month of March are soup, coffee and canned tuna. Please leave your donations in the back of church. Thank you.
To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose.”
Ecc. 3:1

Maria Aranzullo & David Grimes, Sr.

“a time to heal…”
Let us pray for the sick and their caregivers and families, especially:


BROWNIE BRIGADE!

Our Stewardship Committee has recently reached out to a local “Homeless Bus”, a group which travels weekly to feed the homeless on the streets of NYC. We have decided to assist this mission in a small way by forming a “Brownie Brigade”, providing homemade brownies on the first Saturday each month, beginning April 7th, as a complimentary dessert to the 300 meals already distributed weekly by these dedicated and compassionate volunteers.

If you have an interest in becoming involved with our commitment, please contact Lois Moeller at 973.696.4049. However, if you are already a member of our Parish Baking Committee, you may receive a call in the near future requesting your baking expertise! Please consider answering this call to feed the poor.

Matthew 25:40 “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me.”
THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus thanks everyone who participated in our latest spaghetti dinner and our raffle. As well, would like to congratulate the winners of that raffle:

AND THE WINNERS ARE...
1st place - Julia Brady
2nd place - Dan Blewitt
3rd place - Roger Frick

ANNUAL CROSS WALK

Our Annual Cross Walk will take place on Good Friday, March 30th at 12 noon with the First Reformed and The Good Shepherd Churches. It is very moving and a wonderful time of prayer and witness and all are encouraged to join the walk. We should be done around 2 PM. If you can't walk, just meet us at the church (or churches) of your choice. If you can't make the whole event, please feel free to join us for whatever you can.

ST. JOSEPH BAKE SALE

In celebration of the feast of St. Joseph, our parish patron, we will host a ‘St. Joseph Table’ for the benefit of the poor. As in past years, we ask parishioners (in addition to our regular bakers) to bake some specialty (cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes, Italian pizzagaina, etc.) to be sold after all the Masses on Sunday, March 18th. Please support the sale that will be held in Halloran Hall from 8:30AM to 1:30PM.

OPERATION BLESSING: ROLLOUT

It’s on!! Deacon Steve, Deacon Joe, Deacon Luke, and I have begun making our visits to bless each and every household in our parish of St. Joe's with a brief and meaningful prayer service and some mementoes of that blessing. If you have requested a blessing visit, you will be contacted shortly to schedule one if you haven’t been contacted already. If you haven’t yet submitted a visit request, please do so using the fill-in forms available in the vestibule. There’s no end date for arranging a blessing, but there’s also no time like the present! So be a part of Operation Blessing — it’s what’s happening!

WOMEN OF FAITH

The Women of Faith will host a Lenten program, Lenten Longings, from Renew International for the women of the parish. The program will run weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Holy Family Room at Our Lady of Good Counsel until March 22nd. The program will provide reflection and discussion on the upcoming Sunday’s readings. Each session is independent of the others so feel free to attend as many sessions as your schedule permits. For information, contact Tricia Fell at 862.248.0216 or Vicki Pignone at 201.410.6869 or email us at womenoffaith.olcsjhs@gmail.com.

FEET WASHING

In His last few hours of His life, Jesus was teaching the apostles about humility and service. At the Last Supper Jesus washed the apostles’ feet; a job delegated to a Gentile slave, not even a Jewish slave. He washed their feet and at the end told them to wash one another’s feet… this humble act gave witness to what he expects of His followers… it showed his willingness to stoop and serve wherever the need. This profound lesson speaks of how He wants his followers to live, act and respond in life.

In keeping with this lesson, each year at the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, twelve people from the parish have their feet washed. Often people from the various ministries are asked to participate. This year we are inviting anyone who would like to have this experience to please volunteer. If you are interested please call Sr. Ellen at 973.696.4411 x 103 and sign-up.

COLUMBIETTES FISH AND CHIPS DINNER – The Columbiettes will be hosting a fish & chips dinner catered by Tastefully British. It will be held Friday, March 23rd, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Halloran Hall, St Joseph Church. The price is $16, Seniors $15, 10 and under $8. “BYOB” Take outs will be available from 5 - 5:30 PM, if otherwise please tell us what time you will be picking up your order. Chicken is available, but must be preordered. For tickets, call Pat at 973.696.2225 or Janet at 973.305.1249.

WINE AND BEER TASTING – The Lincoln Park Lions Club will be hosting their 1st Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event on Friday, April 6th from 7 – 10 PM at the American Legion in Lincoln Park. Tickets are $25 per person. For more information, contact Linda Nazario at 973.696.7841 or Janet Taylor at 973.305.1249.