



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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
 Polish Mass every third Saturday of each month at 7:00 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 6:00 PM followed by the Mass at 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 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: 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 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 ext. 12.

PARISH STAFF

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Fr. Dominik Bakowski | Pastor |
| Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P. | Pastoral Associate |
| Rev. Mr. Stephen Marabeti | Deacon |
| Rev. Mr. Joseph Parlapiano | Deacon |
| Ms. JoAnn Caputo | Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper |
| Ms. Denise Dixon | Music Director |
| Kenneth & Jennifer Shirkey | Youth Ministers |

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Worship

| | | |
|---|----------------------|----------|
| Eucharistic Ministers | Bonnie-Ann McLain | 610-2014 |
| | Peggy Folenta | 628-6773 |
| Lectors | Ray Kerwin | 696-8513 |
| Altar Servers | Carla Danzi | 452-2300 |
| Ushers | Fr. Dominik Bakowski | 696-4411 |
| Music Ministry | Denise Dixon | 590-9975 |
| Cantors, Adult Choir, Echoes of Faith, Choristers | | |

Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Religious Education | Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P. | 694-8289 |
| Marriage Preparation | Fr. Dominik Bakowski | 696-4411 |
| Baptismal Preparation | Deacon Joseph Parlapiano | 696-4411 |
| Confirmation | Ken & Jen Shirkey | |
| | stjoelplpouthernministry@gmail.com | |

Parish Service Committees

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Baking, Parish Events | Maria McMann | 896-4353 |
| Christian Service | Walter Jaslanek | 305-0232 |
| Finance | Fr. Dominik Bakowski | 696-4411 |
| Greeters | Lysandra Kuroly | 706-8482 |
| Hall Rental | Julia Brady | jbrady6@yahoo.com |
| Knights of Columbus | Bill Murphy | 709-0683 |
| Lazarus Ministry | Judy Mulhearn | 696-4411 |
| Legion of Mary | Cora Jackson | 628-9010 |
| Media & Office Technology | Walter Jaslanek | 305-0232 |
| Prayer Line | Maria McMann | 896-4353 |
| Social Activities | Robin Zanca | 872-0746 |
| Stewardship | Mary O'Reilly | 633-8009 |
| Warming Bee | Antoinette VanWyck | 694-1818 |
| Women of Faith | Vicki Pignone | 201-410-6869 |

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH, 216 COMLY ROAD, LINCOLN PARK, NJ 07035

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Parish Office: 696-4411 Religious Education: 694-4411 Fax: 305-8466 Convent: 696-4279

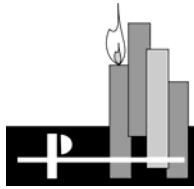
Email: stjoelp@optonline.net

Parish Website: stjosephparishnj.org

Facebook: @Stjoelp

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019



TODAY'S READINGS

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

DAILY READINGS

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Saturday | 5:30 PM | Andy C DeGuzman & Family – Thanksgiving Mass Laura Barbuzza – Townsend Fam |
| Sunday | 8:00 AM | Pedra Rafael – A Rafael |
| | 10:00 AM | Felix Terrero (4 th Anniv) – G Mas |
| | 12:00 PM | Able Bonilla – Marrero Fam Peg Piccoli – LP Seniors |
| Spanish Mass | 7:00 PM | For the Parish |
| Monday | 7:00 PM | John Sass – Fam |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM | Joan Breitenbacher – G Kruger & B McKowen |
| Wednesday | 8:00 AM | Rosario M Briones (4 th Anniv) RM Briones-Deguzman & Fam Thor Jorgensen, Jr – Fam |
| Thursday | 8:00 AM | Catherine Gallucci - Fam |
| Friday | 8:00 AM | Peg Piccoli – Fam |
| First Friday | 6:30 PM | For the Parish |
| Saturday | 5:30 PM | Andy C DeGuzman – Mass of Thanksgiving Joan Delaporte – Delaporte Fam |
| Sunday | 8:00 AM | Marie & Richard O'Reilly - Fam |
| 12/8 | 10:00 AM | Victoria Quilatan – Joey, Marina & Josel |
| | 12:00 PM | George Folenta – D&P Folenta Ronald A Wild – J Wild Carlos Coronado – Fam |
| Spanish Mass | 7:00 PM | For the Parish |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Nursing Home Reminder: Group III is scheduled for December 1st.



SHARING OUR TREASURE

Due to an early holiday deadline by the publication company, the collection information will be published in the December 8, 2019 bulletin.

We may not be able to change world violence, but we can wake up to our personal violence: the violence of attitudes in indifference, of violence brought on by not speaking to someone, the violence of holding a grudge, and not forgiving someone.

The city of Pompeii was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 C.E. A recent book tells of archeologists unearthing people who were buried alive in the volcanic ash. An important spiritual lesson can be learned from this event. The people who were carrying heavier possessions were slowed by them and were found closer to Vesuvius overrun by the lava. The less they carried, the less they were in jeopardy.

Jesus spoke pointedly about people who carry grudges or bear unforgiving anger toward another. Their spiritual growth is slowed or even ceases. If we listen to his words about having too many of this world's good, we wake up and realize our need to drop extra baggage and live more simply. If we wake up to his words about carrying grudges and dwelling on past injuries we can consciously work to drop them, so that we may get on with our spiritual progress.

Here, at the beginning of advent, our readings sound a wake-up call about our meeting Jesus at the end. We need to take the opportunity to see what we are carrying that holds us back, slows us from becoming the person Jesus calls us to become and enjoying the peace that only he can bring.

MEMORIALS

The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of
Henry Piccoli ~ Family

BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT

The blue books for the Advent Season are in a basket in the back of church; please help yourself to these wonderful little reflection books requiring only 5 minutes per day.



PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND REMEMBER TO TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE WHILE ATTENDING MASS.



THANK YOU.

We await the Savior
EMMANUEL

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose."

Ecc. 3:1

Ernest Cirelli

"a time to heal..."

Let us pray for the sick and their caregivers and families, especially:

Luciana Humphrey, Maggie Palma, Brandon Crowell, Mary Alice Kerwin, Judy Porter, Luann Lanzerotti Jones, Eileen Bradley, Clara Humphrey, Jim Bradley, Jolson Regencia, Leonice Duaret, Jackie & Brian Bycheck, Carol Olsen, John Roselli, Emilia Moye, Gianna Matthews, Patricia Pagdanganan, Herbie Giardino, Roseann Post, Karen Camporeale, Debra O'Shea, Toni Toranto, Joseph VanDunk, Thomas Ketteler, 4Samuel Iasso, Steven Duarte, Edelmontoya, Joan Cronin, Patricia Morelli, Mary Kay Klein, Rose Fedor, Frank Lombardi, James Russo, Baby Tony, Ron Gatti, Joanne Atherton, Maggie Bertola, Karen Hayes, Joan Godowsky, Charlotte Frances, Carl Ross, Lenny Basilio, James McNamara, Sr, Karen Meyer, Patrick D'Alesandro, Eileen Jones, Larry Embley, Christopher Shomonta, Karl Stumpf, Phil Leto, Ewk Purenko, Walter Condon, Jr, Marion Tallia, Nathan Grompone, Eugene Tensen, John Mooney, Pat Tafuri-Leto, Donna Tafuri-Roselli, Lou Tafuri, Alexander Parany, Judy Lorincz, Jill Cerullo, Maria Gerena, Edith Thomas, Paul Fitzpatrick, Rev Ricardo Ortega, Barbara Arvus, Chick DeVito, Toni Basilio, Greg Hunziker, Leonard Rizzolo, Pam Miles, Kathleen Wisniewski, Maureen Carson, Christopher & Diane Hunziker, Matthew Saenz, Ashley Saenz, Marguerite McGrath, Cassie Lynn, Baby Noah, Mrs. Gloria Torrito, Kima Tan, Michelle Manna, Pam Teehan, Martin Brennan, Donna Niforos, Concepcion Fernandez, Joseph & Angelina Napoli,

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES K-8

- Dec 3 8th Grade Confessions, 7pm
- Dec 8 Sign-ups for Christmas Pageant
- Dec 8 3rd Grade Class Mass at 10 am
- Dec 8 5th Grade Confessions at 9 & 11 am
- Dec 10 6th Grade Confessions, 7pm
- Dec 17 7th Grade Confessions, 7pm
- Dec 18 Practice for Christmas Pageant, 6:30pm
- Dec 22 Practice for Christmas Pageant, 1:30 pm
- Dec 25 Christmas – Birth of Jesus
- Dec 29 No CCD – Christmas Recess

For more information or to request forms, please call 973.696.4411 x10.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

- Dec 8th ~ Confirmation Class, 7 pm
- *** **Class Change from Dec 1st*****

Confirmation Email:

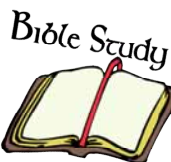
StJoesLPYouthMinistry@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN SERVICE NURSING HOME GIFTS

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 able to provide gifts to the residents of the **Lincoln Park Nursing Home**. Most of these residents would otherwise receive no gifts at Christmas. Our list of gift suggestions are: **Mens:** socks, slippers, lounge pants/sweat pants, Tee-shirts; sizes L, XL & XXL, **NO Medium please.** **Womens:** socks, slippers, tops, lounge/sweat pants L, XL, or XXL, **NO Medium or Small please.** Miscellaneous dental items are acceptable. If you are an early shopper and already purchased a gift for a resident, whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. **Labels for suggestions will be in the back of church. Gifts should be returned WRAPPED with the tags on top of the presents and placed on the windowsills in church. All gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 15th. Please DO NOT confuse the Nursing Home Gifts with the Giving Tree gifts on the tree. Thank you.**

DECEMBER BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will begin on **Thursday, December 5th at 7 PM** in school in room 10. The Bible Study will run for 8 weeks (breaking for Christmas). The theme will be Mary and her role in sacred scripture. It is an appropriate topic for the season of Advent. All are welcome to join. Those interested are asked to sign up by December 1st. Call or email the Parish Office at 973.696.4411 x10 or stjoelp@optonline.net.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Please join the Youth Ministry in a pancake breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 7th from 9 – 11 AM**. There will be pancakes, sausage, muffins, coffee, juice, hot cocoa, games and crafts. Cost is \$20 per family with an optional 5x7 glossy photo available for \$5.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SJP Annual Christmas Party will be on **Saturday, December 7th after the 5:30 PM Mass**. All attendees are asked to bring a covered dish that feeds 10 people for the food sharing table. Non-alcoholic beverages, desserts, all paper goods and serving utensils will be provided. Feel free to bring additional food/beverages for your own table.

We will have an ornament exchange for adults and children; there will be a surprise visitor for the children. (Recommended limit for the ornament is \$5.)

Please RSVP by December 4th. Sign ups are in the back of church. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Robin Zanca at 973.872.0746 or robzanca@msn.com.



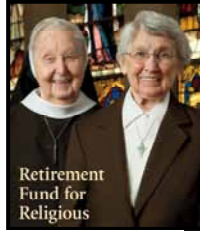
CHRISTMAS OPLATKI

The Christmas wafers are available in the back of church for those who observe the ritual of breaking and sharing the wafers right before the Christmas Eve meal.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

For Sisters Florence and deLourdes – and 30,000 other senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious – service is a way of life. Most ministered in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes and social service agencies, usually for little or no pay. Today, hundreds of religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. 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 7th & 8th.** Thank you for your donations.



PARISH GIVING TREE

The tree in the gathering space of the church contains ornaments with gift suggestions. Anyone wishing to participate should take an ornament. **Sign-outs continue until all ornaments are taken. Gifts should be returned to the church no later than December 15th.** The size, preference and age of the recipient will be on the ornament, plus a toy or game.



ORNAMENTS MUST BE SIGNED OUT IN THE GREEN LOG BOOK ON THE TABLE LOCATED NEXT TO THE TREE.

Once items are purchased, please return them to the tree in an appropriate box, **UNWRAPPED**, with the ornament attached. **Please do not confuse The Giving Tree gifts with the Nursing Home gifts on the windowsill.** Thank you

Any monetary donations will be used to purchase additional items for the families' enjoyment.

Suggestions: Place gift cards in a small gift bag or in an envelope. Please don't be judgmental...if an item seems too costly, consider sharing the cost with a friend. Any questions, please contact Lois Moeller at 973.696.4049 or Mary Bono at 973.696.9713.

LINCOLN PARK FOOD PANTRY

Aluminum pans/tins for turkeys, stuffing mix, canned yams, sweet potatoes or canned potatoes, canned or jar gravy, mustard/ mayo/ketchup, salad dressings, pork & beans, Knorr sides, sugar/flour, oatmeal, coffee, soup, dish/laundry detergent, paper plates/napkins, plastic wrap/foil and baggies, body wash and bar soap.

***Please leave 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 return to the rectory or 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.

If you wish, a note will be sent from the parish with a Christmas card informing a particular person of the donation. If you would like this courtesy extended, you must print on an index card the name address and zip code of the person/people who should receive, as well as the name of the person you are honoring. The amount will not be listed.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

\$25 Per Plant # of Plants _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Donated by: _____

Area Happenings

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL



Holy Spirit School will be having their **12th Annual Christmas Tree Sale**. The sale includes a variety of trees and wreaths. The sale will begin **Saturday, November 30th** and hours are **Monday thru Thursdays 6 - 9 PM, Fridays, 6 - 10 PM, Saturdays 9 AM - 10 PM and Sundays 9 AM - 9 PM.** For more information or if you have any questions, please call the school office at 973.835.5680.

MORRIS CATHOLIC CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR – Vendors are needed for the Morris Catholic Craft/Vendor Fair on **Saturday, December 7th** from 9 AM – 3 PM in the Morris Catholic High School Cafeteria. Cost is: 1 table, \$35; 2 tables, \$50; 3 tables, \$75. If interested, send check with Name, Phone #, Email, Address, Total Spaces Needed & Merchandise to: Morris Catholic HighSchool, 200 Morris Ave, Denville, NJ 07834, Attn: Carol Lauch.