



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019



TODAY'S READINGS

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

DAILY READINGS

Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

or any readings from the Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), the Common

of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30 PM	Andy C DeGuzman – Mass of Thanksgiving Joan Delaporte – Delaporte Fam
Sunday	8:00 AM	Marie & Richard O'Reilly - Fam
	10:00 AM	Victoria Quilatan – Joey, Marina & Josel Cecille Espanol (In Thanksgiving) – Misa Fam
	12:00 PM	George Folenta – D&P Folenta Ronald A Wild – J Wild Carlos Coronado – Fam
Spanish Mass	7:00 PM	For the Parish
Monday	7:00 PM	Kenny Patterson – Fam
Tuesday	8:00 AM	James Courter – Fam
Wednesday	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving – T Rafael
Thursday	8:00 AM	April Zanfino – Sr. Ellen
Friday	8:00 AM	Lucy Bolognini – C Osborne
Saturday	5:30 PM	Christopher Zuzo – Delaporte Fam Biase & Florence Farese – Clark Fam
Sunday	8:00 AM	John McLain – Fam
12/15	10:00 AM	Mateo Bolton – M Bolton
	12:00 PM	Anthony Muscato – Caputo Fam Peg Piccoli – N&V Pezzuti
Spanish Mass	7:00 PM	For the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Nursing Home Reminder: Group III is scheduled for December 15th.

SHARING OUR TREASURE

November 24, 2019:	\$ 7,444.00
Candles:	\$ 138.00
Pennies for the Poor:	\$ 75.00
Attendance:	669

December 1, 2019	\$ 6,146.00
Candles:	\$ 132.00
Pennies for the Poor:	\$ 50.00
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Attendance:	619

John warns the leaders of the Jews that they should not presume upon the mercy of God just because they are the chosen people, for God could easily reject them and choose another people. This warning is just as valid for Christians, lest we presume upon God's mercy and judge ourselves to be superior to others.

In theory, we should be working on our conversion every day of our lives, but we so easily become busy that we can lose perspective. It is not that we are bad people. We might not even be doing things that are all that bad. But we might have let God drift to the edge of our lives.

This is why we need penitential seasons like Advent and Lent. They give us special times during which we can evaluate our lives and recommit ourselves to a gospel lifestyle. Spiritual reading, regular examinations of conscience, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, etc., can all help us to be that which we would like to be.

This is why it is essential not to allow our material preparations for the celebration of Christmas to become so important that they block our spiritual preparations.

MEMORIALS

The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of
Fred DeMauro - Jamey

LECTOR SCHEDULE

12/7 & 12/8

5:30 PM	Christina Hucalla	10:00 AM	Stephen Nellesen
8:00 AM	Maria Maggi	12:00 PM	AnnMarie Abad

12/14 & 12/15

5:30 PM	Ray Kerwin	10:00 AM	Anthony Rigano
8:00 AM	Aileen Lange	12:00 PM	George Altonjy

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 16 th ,	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, December 17 th	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Friday, December 20 th	7:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday, December 21 st	4:00 – 5:00 PM

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose." Ecc. 3:1

Patricia Behnke & Dawn Schworn

"a time to heal..."

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

Ruth Vitale, 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, Edel Montoya, 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 8 Sign-ups for Christmas Pageant**
- Dec 8 3rd Grade Class Mass at 10 am**
- Dec 10 6th Grade Confessions, 7pm**
- Dec 15 5th Grade Confessions at 9 & 11 am**
- 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**
- Dec 15th Advent Confession, Mass & Christmas Celebration, 4pm**

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 as well. 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.**

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

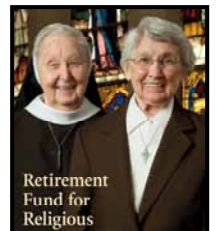
CHRISTMAS OPLATKI

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

The Collection for the Religious Retirement Fund will be this weekend, December 7th & 8th. 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. Thank you for your donations.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

There will be a **5 AM** Mass for the celebration Our Lady of Guadalupe, on **Wednesday, December 12th** in church. All are welcome to attend. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of not only Mexico but North & South America. Every year thousands will gather at Mexico City's Basilica to celebrate the patron saint.



Fr. Dominik gave crowns to the children at the 10 AM Mass on November 24th to celebrate Jesus Christ, the King.



WARMING BEE



The last week for the Warming Bee was Tuesday, December 3rd, due to the inclement weather. We will start up again on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in room 10. Have a very Merry Christmas!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated to their "Hungry and Needy Collection" that took place the weekend of November 23rd & 24th. Your generosity is always appreciated.

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 Parish office 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.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

\$25 Per Plant # of Plants _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Donated by: _____

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those wishing to be anointed should be in the church **after the Noon Mass next Sunday, December 15th**. Also, please let us know if there is a need for anointing at any other time and we would be glad to visit and anoint those who need it.

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.

Ms. Vicki took the second grade classes into the church for the children to donate food to the LP Pantry and pennies for the poor in the spirit of Thanksgiving.



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 hours are **Monday thru Thursdays 6 - 9 PM, Fridays, 6 - 10 PM, Saturdays 9 AM - 10 PM and Sundays 9 AM - 9 PM.**