



# 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

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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### TODAY'S READINGS

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### DAILY READINGS

#### **Monday**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27

#### **Tuesday**

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

#### **Wednesday**

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

#### **Thursday**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

#### **Friday**

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

#### **Saturday**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30 PM	Christopher Zuza – Delaporte Fam Biase & Florence Farese – Clark Fam
Sunday	8:00 AM	John McLain – Fam
	10:00 AM	Mateo Bolton – M Bolton Patricia Behnke – D Nowak
	12:00 PM	Anthony Muscato – Caputo Fam Peg Piccoli – N&V Pezzuti
Spanish Mass	7:00 PM	For the Parish
Monday	7:00 PM	Stephen Jackson – A Rafael
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Patricia Behnke – J Santoro
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Jozef Ostrowski – Fam Grace J Abad – Abad Fam
Thursday	8:00 AM	John Dec – Maria
Friday	8:00 AM	Felix Schimpf – Caputo Fam
Saturday	5:30 PM	Steve Korkes – C&D Cleary Patricia Roser – Dorothy & Ralph, Sr., Furfaro & Fam
Polish Mass	7:00 PM	For the Parish
Sunday	8:00 AM	Emilio Santoro – Fam
12/22	10:00 AM	Peggy DeLuca – Fam Janet R Kwiatkowski - Zulauf
	12:00 PM	Jon & Luke Warbeck – Mulhearn Fam Arthur Astone & Andy Stessel – Fam
Spanish Mass	7:00 PM	For the Parish

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

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

## DECEMBER 15, 2019

### SHARING OUR TREASURE

December 15, 2019	\$ 7,224.00
Religious Retirement Fund 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll:	\$ 3,994.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 1,516.00
Candles:	\$ 136.00
Pennies for the Poor:	\$ 4.00
Attendance:	745

We have met the prophet Isaiah, listened to the announcement of John the Baptist and joined with Mary as the third figure of advent. All have reminded us to prepare, ready our hearts, and reflect on what the coming of the Savior means for us today.

A restless world pays little attention to the need for and presence of a Savior. Many good people pay only lip service to the Bethlehem birth as a fond memory. Hurting people are looking for the presence and mercy of Jesus, which we are able to bring, but somehow, we forget our role.

John the Baptist is sure that someone "is to come" even if he needs confirmation that it is Jesus. John is not a reed bent by the wind, which in Judaism represented someone with no fixity of purpose. Nor is he a royal courtier who has everything that is needed. John lives in anticipation.

Surely he was beheaded for speaking truth to power. His actions were a sign of what was to come. John's role was to herald the long awaited Messiah.

Everyone one of us has in our center a void – for love, for health and ultimately for God. We hunger for more. The world dupes us with things but faith and love that Jesus, our Messiah, brought fills every void. And so: Rejoice!

### MEMORIALS

The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of  
*Felix Schimpf – Caputo Fam*

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

#### 12/14 & 12/15

5:30 PM Josephine Emolo	10:00 AM Joseph Kuroly
8:00 AM Paul DePinto	12:00 PM George Altonjy

#### 12/21 & 12/22

5:30 PM Ken Foreman	10:00 AM Jasmine Marty
8:00 AM Steven Clegg	12:00 PM Mark Karrs

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Nursing Home Reminder: Group IV is scheduled for December 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**“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 Moyer, 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’Alessandro, Eileen Jones, Larry Embley, Christopher Shomenta, 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 15 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Confessions at 9 & 11 am**
- Dec 17 7<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Advent Confession, Mass & Christmas Celebration, 4pm**

**Confirmation Email:  
StJoesLPYouthMinistry@gmail.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.



**CHRISTIAN SERVICE NURSING HOME GIFTS**

**All gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please DO NOT confuse the Nursing Home Gifts with the Giving Tree gifts on the tree. Thank you.**

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.**

**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 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.

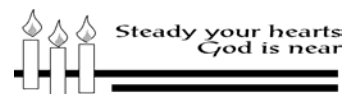
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**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**\$25 Per Plant** # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_



## FIRST ANNUAL SANTA BREAKFAST

The Youth Ministry did an amazing job at the Santa Breakfast. There were lots of pancakes (thanks to the Knights of Columbus), activities, crafts and of course pictures with Santa. Thank you to all those families that came out and showed their support in making the Santa breakfast such a big success!



## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those wishing to be anointed should be in the church **after the Noon Mass this Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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

Gifts should be returned to the church **this Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** **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.



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



The children of our Parish will present our Annual Christmas Pageant at 4 PM on Christmas Eve. Practices for this presentation of the Nativity will be on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 PM; Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM (costumes distributed after the practice in school); and a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:15PM in church (**practice is mandatory**).

## ST. JOSEPH'S AWARD



Jacque Castenada was presented by Fr. Dominik the "St. Joseph's Award" at the Thanksgiving Prayer Service led by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on November 26<sup>th</sup>. She was recognized for her work in the Lincoln Park Food Pantry. Jacque was commended for the new programs to the food pantry, especially fresh fruits and vegetables.

# Area Happenings

## HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

### COMEDY NIGHT

Holy Spirit will be hosting their 9<sup>th</sup> annual Comedy Night at The Holy Spirit School Parish Center on **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Enjoy a night of laughter featuring **RICHIE BYRNE & JOSEPH ANTHONY!** Doors open at 7:00 PM. Show begins promptly at 8:30 PM. **Tickets purchased by January 10<sup>th</sup> are \$25 each. Tickets purchased after January 10<sup>th</sup> will be \$30 each.** Coffee and dessert are included. **Feel free to bring your own food, beer, wine, soda or any other beverage of your choice to have at your table.** For tickets call Holy Spirit School at 973.835.5680 (during school hours) or you may call or text 862.228.3430 evenings and weekends. Only adults 21 and older will be permitted. This is a reserved seating event. If purchasing tickets separately, please let us know the party you would like to be seated with at time of purchasing tickets. All proceeds will benefit the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of Holy Spirit School.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



Holy Spirit will be having their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Sale. The sale includes a variety of trees and wreaths. The hours are Monday – Thursdays, 6 – 9 PM; Fridays, 6 10 PM; Saturdays 9 AM – 10 PM and Sundays 9 AM – 9 PM.