



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY'S READINGS

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

DAILY READINGS

Monday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Christmas Eve

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Christmas Day

Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Thursday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Friday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

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
	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
Monday	7:00 PM	Barbara Wild – J Wild Patricia Buck – Fam
Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	Childrens Pageant
	4:30 PM	For the Parish
	6:30 PM	For the Parish
Polish Mass	9:00 PM	For the Parish
	11:00 PM	For the Parish
Christmas Day	8:00 AM	For the Parish
	10:00 AM	For the Parish
	12:00 PM	For the Parish
Thursday	8:00 AM	Robert Thelen – Fam Mary O'Reilly – M O'Reilly
Friday	8:00 AM	Daniel Misa (In Thanksgiving – Celebration of Birth)
Saturday	5:30 PM	Frank Joyce – Fam Peggy DeLuca – Clark Fam
Sunday	8:00 AM	Nigro & Santoro Families – Santoro Fam
	10:00 AM	Jack Bator & Norman Gravino – Fam David Frank Vitale – R Vitale
	12:00 PM	Jean Caputo – Mulhearn Fam Peggy Piccoli – E Nardella
Spanish Mass	7:00 PM	For the Parish

DECEMBER 22, 2019

SHARING OUR TREASURE

December 15, 2019:	\$ 7,985.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe:	\$ 347.00
Religious Retirement Fund 2 nd Coll:	\$ 313.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 435.00
Candles:	\$ 128.00
Pennies for the Poor:	\$ 20.00
Attendance:	713

If you are confused by today's Gospel, perhaps it would help to know that in the Jewish culture of that time, marriages were arranged by the parents of the couple or by the village elders, often when the kids were less than seven years old.

When the girl was about twelve, the marriage [today we would call it the formal engagement] took place in the home of the bride's father to ratify what had been decided some years before. The couple was then considered to be husband and wife. If the husband died, she was considered a widow.

The final stage of the wedding took place a year or two later when the bride was formally taken to the groom's home. At this point she still had to be a virgin or the marriage could be easily nullified. So, annulments go back before Jesus' day. Jewish law also provided for that adulterous woman to be stoned to death.

Mary and Joseph were betrothed, formally engaged but not yet living together as husband and wife. Matthew quotes the prophecy from Isaiah, *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.* This is typical of Matthew for he wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of all the promises that God had made to Israel in the Old Covenant.

Jesus had a mission revealed in his very name: to save the people from their sins. Like Mary and Joseph, Jesus accepted his mission. For this, we are filled with joy.

MEMORIALS

The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of
Gus & Edward Klein

LECTOR SCHEDULE

12/21 & 12/22

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

12/28 & 12/29

5:30 PM	Ellen Corbiere	10:00 AM	Anthony Rigano
8:00 AM	Christina Hucalla	12:00 PM	George Altonjy

“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’Alessandro, 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 22 Practice for Christmas Pageant, 1 pm**
- Dec 25 Christmas – Birth of Jesus**
- Dec 29 No CCD – Christmas Recess**
- Jan 5 Classes resume for grades K – 5**
- Jan 7 Classes resume for grades 6th, 7th & 8th**
- Jan 12 Grade 8 Class Mass @ 10am**
- Jan 26 Testing for 5th grade**
- Jan 28 Testing for 8th grade**

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Dec 15th 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.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24:
4:00 PM Christmas Pageant
4:30 PM Mass
6:30 PM Mass
9:00 PM Polish Mass
11:00 PM Mass

Wednesday, December 25:
8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass
12:00 Noon Mass

BUCK-IN-A-BUCKET

This weekend there will be a special Buck-in-a-Bucket collection for James and Christopher Iorio. They will be participating in a two-week service project in the village of Santa Catarina Palopo in Guatemala. They will be working on building a water purification system. James and Christopher will be in the back of church collecting money to help raise funds for the education of the children of Guatemala. Please be generous in your donation.



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: _____

INFORMATION ON CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

Catholics recognize that Christmas is not only on December 25. The Church recognizes that the days of the Christmas Octave are repeating the solemnity of Christmas for eight days, concluding on a high note with another solemnity that echoes the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. The liturgy gives the clues that every day within the octave is treated the same as the original solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord. The Octave of Christmas ends on January 1st the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

THANK YOU TO ALL!!!

Each year during the Advent Season the parishioners at St. Joseph make a huge effort to make sure that those in need or those who have no one are remembered at Christmas. Always this holiday season taxes our time; yet so many people take on extra shopping and extra spending to reach out to others. This is a wonderful tribute to all of you/us who make up the family of St. Joseph. Over 500 gifts were received for the Nursing Homes and over 300 gifts for families which includes 50 children in our area. Hats off to everyone who responded with such heart!! It was **above and beyond generous!!** The goodness of this parish is a true sign of God's presence in our midst. We especially thank all the people who serve on the committees who make this all happen.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

A Christmas Message from Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities is truly blessed, at Christmastime and throughout the year. We would like to thank Bishop Serratelli, Monsignor Mahoney, our clergy and religious, and all of the parishes throughout the diocese for their ongoing support.

On Thanksgiving, we were able to give out over 2,200 turkeys and chickens to needy families and individuals. In the coming weeks, we will be giving out over 10,000 Christmas gifts to children, seniors, individuals with special needs, Veterans, people in recovery and families in need. We would not be able to do this without your prayerful support.

We are always here to help those-in-need should someone come to you during the Christmas season. You can always call Catholic Charities at 973.737.2077 or email info@ccpaterson.org. We will do our best to help those without anywhere else to turn.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Monsignor Herbert Tillyer,
Catholic Charities Board President

Scott Milliken, Catholic Charities Chief Executive Officer

OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed **from Tuesday, December 24th through Friday, December 27th**. However, if you or anyone needs a priest, a Mass card or to connect with the parish office, we ask that you call or email and leave a message. The staff will be monitoring both by computer and by phone for any concerns.

GREETERS NEEDED

The Greeters are the first people everyone sees when they walk through the doors and enter the church. They welcome everyone to Mass and extend a special warmth on behalf of the family of St. Joseph. We have many wonderful 'Greeters' but are seeking new friendly faces (individuals and families) to join us. Please contact Deanna Colaizzi at 973.980.9811 if you are interested.

CELEBRATION FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

On **Sunday, January 12, 2020**, there will be a special liturgy honoring all the babies who were **baptized at St. Joseph's in the past year**. The celebration will begin with a welcoming Mass at 12 PM. Personal letters will be sent to each family next week. Please join us for this wonderful tradition at St. Joseph Parish!



Area Happenings

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL COMEDY NIGHT

Holy Spirit will be hosting their 9th annual Comedy Night at The Holy Spirit School Parish Center on **Saturday, January 25th**. Enjoy a night of laughter featuring **RICHIE BYRNE & JOSEPH ANTHONY!** Doors open at 7 PM. Show begins promptly at 8:30 PM. **Tickets purchased by January 10th are \$25 each. Tickets purchased after January 10th 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. All proceeds will benefit the graduating 8th grade students of Holy Spirit School.

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