



# 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  
 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.

## 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. Thomas Mangieri	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 Minister
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. Thomas Mangieri	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. Thomas Mangieri	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. Thomas Mangieri	696-4411
Greeters	Lysandra Kuroly	706-8482
Hall Rental	Julia Brady	696-4411
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	Chris Sirica	633-1379
Warming Bee	Florence Kane	696-2017
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

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Facebook: @Stjoelp

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**SUNDAY**

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

**Monday**

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Tuesday**

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

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

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Saturday**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:30 PM	Steve Korkes – C&D Cleary Margaret DeLuca – Fam
Sunday	8:00 AM	Joseph Morgese & Maria Sforza – D Ippolito
	10:00 AM	Jack Bator & Norman Gravino – Fam Barbara Wild – J Wild
	12:00 PM	Guy Falconieri – M Morgan John DeFeo – JDT Resort & Rehab Staff
Spanish Mass	7:00 PM	For the Parish
<b>Christmas</b>	4:00 PM	Childrens Pageant
<b>Eve</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	For the Parish
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	For the Parish
	<b>11:00 PM</b>	For the Parish
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	For the Parish
<b>Day</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	For the Parish
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	For the Parish
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Mary O'Reilly – M O'Reilly Robert Thelen – Fam
Thursday	8:00 AM	Dominick & Josephine Marabeti – Deacon Steve
Friday	8:00 AM	Ray Colsant – J Colsant Frank Joyce – Fam
Saturday	5:30 PM	Rose Cavagnaro – Clark Fam Claire Lambert – R&C Reiss
Sunday	8:00 AM	Christina Jaeger – L&T Perkins
12/30	10:00 AM	Dorothy Lisowski – Fam
	12:00 PM	Donald King – Carmine & Carlye Francisco Siason – L Siason
Spanish Mass	7:00 PM	For the Parish

**DECEMBER 23, 2018**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

December 16, 2018:	\$	7,240.00
Religious Retirement:	\$	76.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	283.00
Candles:	\$	95.00
Pennies:	\$	6.00
Attendance:	\$	588

Mary proved her generosity by forgetting her own problems and traveling to the home of her cousin Elizabeth, who was also with child, so that she might help her.

Even before a word is spoken, the baby in Elizabeth's womb, John the Baptist, recognizes the presence of Jesus and leaps to greet him. (The first person to recognize Jesus' presence in the world was an unborn child.)

Elizabeth greets Mary with great respect because the Holy Spirit had revealed the truth to her that Mary was now the mother of her Lord. The entire scene is filled with a sense of awe and joy.

This account of the Visitation reminds us of all the visitors we will have and how we will be visiting others. Sacred Scripture speaks of the obligation to hospitality. We should treat those who come into our homes as if they were Christ visiting our home. We should carry Christ's love to those whom we visit.

We should remember that hospitality should be shown most of all to those who need it most (and not necessarily to those who are the most entertaining).

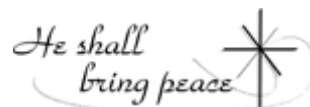
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**MEMORIALS**

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in loving memory of  
*Eileen Roman ~ From Family*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Nursing Home Reminder: Group I is scheduled for December 30<sup>th</sup>.**



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

**Ecc. 3:1**

**Bishop Emeritus, Frank J. Rodimer, J.C.D., D.D.**

**"a time to heal..."**

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

Maria Breakey, John Roselli, Mark McCormack, Emilia Moye, Vito Fragati, Gianna Matthews, Corazon Jackson, Patricia Pagdanganan, Herbie Giardino, Roseann Post, Karen Camporeale, Debra O'Shea, Toni Toranto, Vince Auteri, Joseph VanDunk, Thomas Ketteler, Louis Martinelli, Samuel Iasso, Steven Duarte, Edel Montoya, Joan Cronin, Mary Riveria, Frank Croker, Peggy Piccoli, Patricia Morelli, Mary Kay Klein, Rose Fedor, Joanne Cerelli, 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, Mary Dixon, Phil Leto, Carmen Calabrese, Ewk Purenko, Walter Condon, Jr, Marion Tallia, Nancy Macaluso, Nathan Grompone, Ruth Vitale, Eugene Tensen, Rosemarie Lea, Mary Rivera, John Mooney, Pat Tafuri-Leto, Donna Tafuri-Roselli, Juan, Lou Tafuri, Alexander Parany, Judy Lorincz, Jill Cerullo, Bev Harrison, Maria Gerena, Edith Thomas, Paul Fitzpatrick, Rev Ricardo Ortega, Barbara Arvus, Chick DeVito, Jayne Vandorten, Toni Basilio, Greg Hunziker, Leonard Rizzolo, Pam Miles, Kathleen Wisniewski, Mr. Chun Yung & Wife Si Ock Yung, Maureen Carson, Christopher & Diane Hunziker, Matthew Saenz, Ashley Saenz, Marguerite McGrath, Cassie Lynn, Megan Jordan, Baby Noah, Mrs. Gloria Torrito, Kima Tan, Kevin McNulty, Michelle Manna, Pam Teehan, Martin Brennan, Donna Niforos, Concepcion Fernandez, Sergio Duarte, Joseph & Angelina Napoli, Alfred Joyell, Jack Parish, Adaria Duarte, Peter Sarf, Sophia Jade Frey, Steven Tomasi

### **SAINT JOSEPH'S 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL 50/50 RAFFLES**



Tickets are still available for both \$5 and \$50 50/50 raffles. Both drawings will happen on **January 13<sup>th</sup> after the 12 PM**

**Mass in Halloran Hall.** What a great stocking stuffer or gift idea for your mailperson, hairdresser, pastor or a grab bag gift! For tickets or if you have any questions, please contact Tina at [Tina4bean@optonline.net](mailto:Tina4bean@optonline.net) or 973.476.1228.

### **CHRISTMAS OPLATKI**

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



### **2019 CALENDARS**



The 2019 calendars are available in the back of church; please take one. Once again, we are grateful to Karl Keri from Keri Memorial Funeral Home for donating the calendars to our parish; may God continue to bless Karl for his generosity each year.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**GRADES K-8**

**Dec 23 No Classes Christmas Recess**  
**Dec 30 No Classes Christmas Recess**  
**Jan 1 No Classes, New Year's Day**  
**Jan 6 Classes resume for Grades K – 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jan 8 Classes resume for Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jan 20 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Mass @ 10am**  
**Jan 29 ACRE Testing, Grade 8**

**To report an absence for Religious Ed, please call the Parish Office at 973.696.4411, x13.**

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

**Jan 6 Confirmation Classes**  
**Freshmen & Sophomore, 6:30 pm**  
**Jan 27 Sophomore Retreat at St. Paul Inside the Walls, 8:30am – 5:00pm**

**Confirmation Email:**  
**[StJoesLPYouthMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:StJoesLPYouthMinistry@gmail.com)**

### **\*\*\* CONFIRMATION UPDATE \*\*\***

There have been 2 changes to the Confirmation calendar:

1. The December 13<sup>th</sup> Freshmen Advent Confessions are **rescheduled**. It will now be a Lenten Service on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6:30 PM.
2. Confirmation will be on **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:30 PM.

### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

The children of our Parish will present our Annual Christmas Pageant at 4 PM on Christmas Eve. The dress rehearsal for this presentation of the Nativity will be on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30PM in church (**practice is mandatory**).



### **FOOD PANTRY ITEMS**

The items requested for the month of December are: Gravy - can or jar, cookie or cake mix & frosting, kids snacks, salad dressing, condiments - ketchup, mustard & mayo, pork & beans, coffee, dish detergent, laundry detergent, feminine products.

**Please leave donations in the back of church.**  
**Thank you,**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, December 24:  
 4:00 PM Christmas Pageant  
 4:30 PM Mass  
 6:30 PM Mass  
 11:00 PM Mass

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Santa and his Elf came to visit our Religious Ed Classes this past Sunday.



**OFFICE CLOSING**

The parish office will be closed for the **three days after Christmas...** 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.

*Christmas Flowers*

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.

PLEASE PRINT \$25 Per Plant

Donation \_\_\_\_\_ # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Area Happenings**

**HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL**

**Comedy Night – Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** Holy Spirit will be hosting their 9<sup>th</sup> annual Comedy Night at The Holy Spirit School Parish Center. Enjoy a night of laughter featuring **JOEY KOLA & UNCLE FLOYD!** Doors open at 7 PM. Show begins promptly at 8:30 PM. **Tickets are \$25 each if purchased by December 28<sup>th</sup> and \$30 if purchased after December 28<sup>th</sup>** (coffee and dessert included). **Feel free to bring you 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 862.228.3430 (evenings and weekends). Only adults 21 and older will be permitted. This is a reserved seating event.

