

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

SERVING SINCE 1917

MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a



### PILGRIMS OF HOPE

*The Jubilee 2025 Official Hymn*

***.Like a flame my hope is burning,  
may my song arise to you:  
.Source of life that has no ending,  
on life's path I trust in you.***

*Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people  
find a light within your Word.  
Scattered fragile sons and daugh-  
ters find a home in your dear Son. \**

*God, so tender and so patient,  
dawn of hope, you care for all.  
Heav'n and earth are recreated by  
the Spirit of Life set free. \**

*Raise your eyes, the wind is blow-  
ing, for our God is born in time.  
Son made man for you and many  
who will find the way in him. \**

### PRAYER OF A FATHER'S BLESSING

*God who wills good things for your children, help me to trust that You will be faithful. God who will not leave me, help me to seek You, too. God who is ever-waiting for me, help me to run straight towards You. Amen.*

*St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen.*

## PARISH OFFICE

40 Spring Street, Lodi, NJ 07644

Web: [www.stjosephchurchlodi.org](http://www.stjosephchurchlodi.org)

Phone: 973.779.0643

Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9:00am-4:00pm  
with a break from 12:30-1:30 pm

FB: St. Joseph's RC Church Lodi, NJ

## OUR MISSION

*St. Joseph Parish is a Roman Catholic Church ministering to the community of Lodi since 1917. We are a community of believers, rich in tradition and growing in diversity. We draw our spiritual strength and power from the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord. We provide an atmosphere in which parishioners of all ages and cultures share faith through Sacramental and Liturgical celebrations, on-going faith formation and other social events which enable us to connect our faith with the world in which we live for the greater glory of the Risen Christ.*

## MASS TIMES

### WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 7:00 am & 12:00 pm

### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:30 am & 5:00 pm

(anticipated Mass for Sunday)

Sunday | 7:30 am, 9:30 am (*bilingual Italian-English*), 11:30 am & 5:00 pm

### CONFESSION

Saturday | 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Fridays of Lent | 11:00 to 11:45 am

23rd of the month | 6:30 pm

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Open 24 hours daily

## STEWARDSHIP

Scan the QR code or text 'GIVE' to 973-784-8247 to place your offering.

You may opt for one-time or recurring gift. OR use the provided envelope by the entrance of the Church



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## DEVOTIONS WITH MASS

**19<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH, 12:00 PM:**  
DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH

**WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM:**  
MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

**FRIDAY, 11:00 AM:** Holy Hour

**FIRST FRIDAY, 11:00 AM:**  
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**23<sup>RD</sup> OF THE MONTH, 7:00 PM:**  
PADRE PIO MASS AND  
HEALING SERVICE

**2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00 PM**  
BLESSED MOTHER - ROSARY & MASS

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY, 1:00 PM**  
FILIPINO MASS



## PARISH REGISTRATION

Register at the parish office or download the registration form from the parish' website. Being a registered parishioner gives a sense of belonging and identity in a parish community. It is a requirement for the reception of the Sacraments or Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered member for at least three months before a sponsor certificate is provided. The Church office can also keep file of your sacramental records for future needs.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Fourth Week of Lent

**Monday** - Send a greeting card or letter to someone who is homebound

**Tuesday** - Fast from eating food mindlessly — not even bothering to taste it

**Wednesday** - Clean up a common area at work, neighborhood or at home

**Thursday** - Invite a widowed neighbor to join your family for a meal

**Friday** - Fast from worrying, trust God instead

**Saturday** - Plant a tree that will benefit future generations



**DEVOTION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
**FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 4,**  
**11:00 AM**

Novena with a Mass and Benediction.

Confession will be heard during Holy Hour



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOCIETY**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 7 PM**



and every second Monday of the month, join us in praying the Holy Rosary followed by a bilingual Mass.

For notifications of upcoming events, text your email address to 201.815.1478



**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR ...**

**THE SICK.** Pope Francis, Steve Halterman & all the sick members of our parish

**THE DECEASED.** Grace Manganello and the souls of all our faithful departed



**ADORATION SIGN-UP**

The Blessed Sacrament is reposed on the altar following the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Please register your visit. If no adorer will be available, we shall close the Chapel by midnight.



**Please park on designated parking spots only.** Keep clear all marked lanes and curb around the Church especially the front where many parishioners crosses. These are intended for emergencies and to avoid accidents. Unauthorized parking may result to fines. For handicapped passengers and babies in a carrier, we have a designated drop-off near the front doors.

For vehicles to be blessed, you will have to wait until the parking lot cleared out and after the priest is done greeting the parishioners after Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

*"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable." Pope Paul VI*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**

\*5:00pm Christina, Richard & Sorina Wille r/b Philip Coniglio

**\*SUNDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>; 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT | LAETARE SUNDAY**

7:30am Rose^& Michele Maggiore r/b daughter, Johanna

9:30am Salvatore & Giovanna Romano r/b Graziella Torcivia

11:30am Virgilio Nollora r/b Marico Nollora

5:00pm Zaldy Calatan Fernandez r/b Ronnie & Melody Ducut

**MONDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

7:00am Judith Pucciarelli r/b Ciro & Barabara Carafa

12:00pm †Fernando & Gloria Johnson Arce r/b Dela Cruz Family

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

7:00am Hector Ruiz, Sr. r/b Avalina and familiy

12:00pm Fidelino Caganap, Sr. r/b wife and children

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

7:00am For the living and deceased family members & friends r/b Sr. Timothy

12:00pm Sal & Nino Maggiore r/b Maria Maggiore

7:00pm †Hernando Cruz, Agualina Ibanga & Bernardo Ibanga, Jr. r/b Macatangay family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

7:00am Jessie Ferreras r/b wife & children

12:00pm Anthony & Domenic Codella r/b Joe & Carole D'Amico

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00am Horencio Alimario & family r/b Macatangay family

12:00pm Dolores McClaren r/b family

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30am Conversion of sinners and reparation of sins... r/b Maria

\*5:00pm Thomas Sabatino r/b DeVoe family

**\*SUNDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>; 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT | PASSION TIDE**

7:30am Gerald, Irene, Baby Jerry & Jerry Jr. LoProto r/b James LoProto

9:30am Laguerre & Petronella families r/b family

11:30am Nancy Ann Ziccardi r/b Brother, Ron Keosy

5:00pm Joe Coppa r/b Claire & Sal Scarcella

*\*If the Mass is intended for you, please approach our Ushers before Mass for a briefing of the Offertory.*

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” - Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

## 2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have given so generously! Your support of the 2025 Annual appeal helps sustain the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese. Please respond to the most recent pastor mailing to help our parish reach goal by **June 30** and possibly receive financial incentives!

Our goal of \$28,762.02 can only be reached through your generosity and sacrifice. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so.

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To make a matching gift, a gift or stock or through your IRA, please visit [www.rcan.org/ways-give](http://www.rcan.org/ways-give).



### OPEN MASS TIMES

as of March 25th. Call the parish office first to book your Mass intention.

Wed., May 14, 7:00 am  
 Thurs., May 15, 7:00 am  
 Friday, May 16, 7:00 am  
 Sat., May 17, 7:30 am  
 Mon., May 19, 7:00 am  
 Thurs., May 22, 7:00 am  
 Friday, May 23, 7:00 am  
 Friday, May 23, 7:00 pm  
 Sunday, May 25, 9:30 am  
 Mon., May 26, 10:00 am  
 Wed., May 28, 7:00 pm  
 Thurs., May 29, 7:00 am  
 Friday, May 30, 7:00 am  
 Sat., May 31, 7:30 am  
 Tues, June 3, 7:00 am  
 Wed., June 4, 7:00 am  
 Wed., June 4, 12:00 pm  
 Thurs., June 5, 7:00 am  
 Fri., June 6, 7:00 am  
 Sun., June 8, 9:30 am

Mond., June 9, 7:00 am  
 Wed., June 11, 7:00 am  
 Wed., June 11, 12:00 pm  
 Thurs., June 12 7:00 am  
 Thurs., June 12, 12:00 pm  
 Fri., June 13, 7:00 am  
 Mon., June 16, 7:00 am  
 Wed., June 18, 7:00 am  
 Wed., June 18, 12:00 pm  
 Fri., June 20, 7:00 am  
 Sat., June 21, 7:30 am  
 Sun., June 22, 11:30 am  
 Sun., June 22, 5:00 pm  
 Mon., June 23, 7:00 am  
 Mon., June 23, 7:00 pm  
 Wed., June 25, 7:00 am  
 Wed., June 25, 12:00 pm  
 Wed., June 25, 7:00 pm  
 Thurs., June 26, 7:00 am  
 Sun., June 29, 9:30 am  
 Sun., June 29, 5:00 pm  
 Mon., June 30, 7:00 am  
 Mon., June 30 12:00 pm



We are accepting donations of any amount towards purchase of the 2025 Paschal Candle (3” x 48” at \$558). For more information, contact Deacon Jorge Ochoa at 973.779.0643.

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IN MEMORY OF:

*The Paschal Candle occupies a prominent place in liturgical celebrations during the Easter season. On the evening of Holy Saturday, a new fire lights the paschal candle and leads the procession into the church, symbolizing the entrance of the risen Christ. The candle is used to light all the other candles of the faithful, sharing the light of Christ with all.*

## LITURGICAL MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

### MARCH 29 & 30

### APRIL 5 & 6

LECTOR

EMHC

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EMHC

### SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

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Pedone  
 Palomba

J Taormina  
 J Giarratana  
 C Mueller

Palomba  
 DeVoe

Malorie R  
 Marlon R  
 M Aranez

### SUNDAY, 7:30 AM

### SUNDAY, 7:30 AM

Perdon  
 Maniago

A DelaCruz  
 C Vintaloro

Vintaloro  
 Nerlino

J DelaCruz  
 A DelaCruz

### SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

### SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

Lisciandrello  
 Riccobono

R Amato

Riccobono  
 Mirante

S Riccobono

### SUNDAY, 11:30 AM

### SUNDAY, 11:30 AM

Perez  
 Nollora

L Castillo  
 C Castillo  
 E Reyes  
 C Nowell

Jefferson  
 Ongteco

N Lanting  
 R Sarao  
 Jimena O  
 Jose O

### SUNDAY, 5:00 PM

### SUNDAY, 5:00 PM

Crouchelli  
 M DeCaux

C D’Amico  
 A Crouchelli  
 G Crouchelli

N Mercado  
 M Mercado

K Palomino  
 D Barrios  
 S Pedone

## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### LIVE THE LITURGY:

#### Inspiration of the Week

*The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.*

#### READING I JOSHUA 5:9A, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 34:2-3,4-5, 6-7

##### Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

*I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.*

*Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.*

*Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.*

#### READING II 2 COR 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is

from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

#### GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and

went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

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# YEAR OF HOPE

A Parish Lenten Recollection

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 & 9, 2025**  
TO BE PREACHED BY  
**REV. FR. MARLON LANDICHO, CRM**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8**  
7:00 pm Talk

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9**  
6:00 pm Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help | Holy Hour with Confession  
7:00 pm Holy Mass



**Stations OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm**

*A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit.*  
*Psalm 51:12*

**LENT**

## PENANCE / CONFESSION

*Lent is a season of reflection and repentance  
Seek forgiveness and reconcile with God and the Church*  
**Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm** except April 19, Holy Saturday  
**Fridays of Lent 11:00-11:45 am** except Apr. 18, Good Friday  
**23rd of the Month 6:30pm** before Mass at 7:00 pm

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025



HOSANNA!  
**Palm Sunday**

## PALM SUNDAY

**Saturday, April 12 | 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, April 13 | 7:30 am, 9:30 am (bilingual), 11:30 am and 5:00 pm**



Maundy  
**Thursday**  
*"Do this in Memory of Me"*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 pm**  
Mass of the Last Supper followed by Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Good Friday 8:00 am (or earlier if no sign-ups). Please register your visit.



MAY YOUR FAITH IN GOD BRING PEACE TO YOUR HEART  
**Have a Blessed GOOD FRIDAY**

## GOOD FRIDAY

**Friday, April 18**  
**3:00 pm** | Service of the Passion  
**7:00 pm** | Reflection with music on the Seven Last Words of Jesus



**Holy Saturday**  
*IN STILLNESS,*  
EARTH AWAITS THE RESURRECTION

## BLACK SATURDAY

**Saturday, April 19 | 8:00 pm**  
Easter Vigil | Mass of the Resurrection  
*No Confession will be heard on this day*



**Easter Sunday**  
*HE IS RISEN*

## EASTER SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 20 | 7:30 am, 9:30 am (bilingual) and 11:30 am** (No 5:00 pm Mass)  
Mass of the Lord's Resurrection  
*A Holy Day of Obligation*



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**LENT ALL YEAR ROUND**

**QUESTION:** *Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?*

**ANSWER:** The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed. All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!



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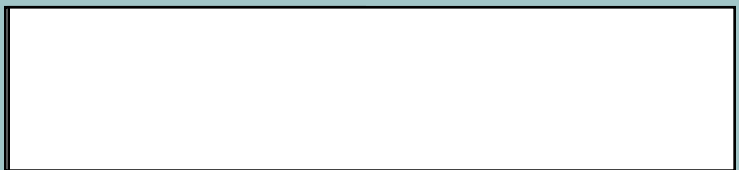
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