

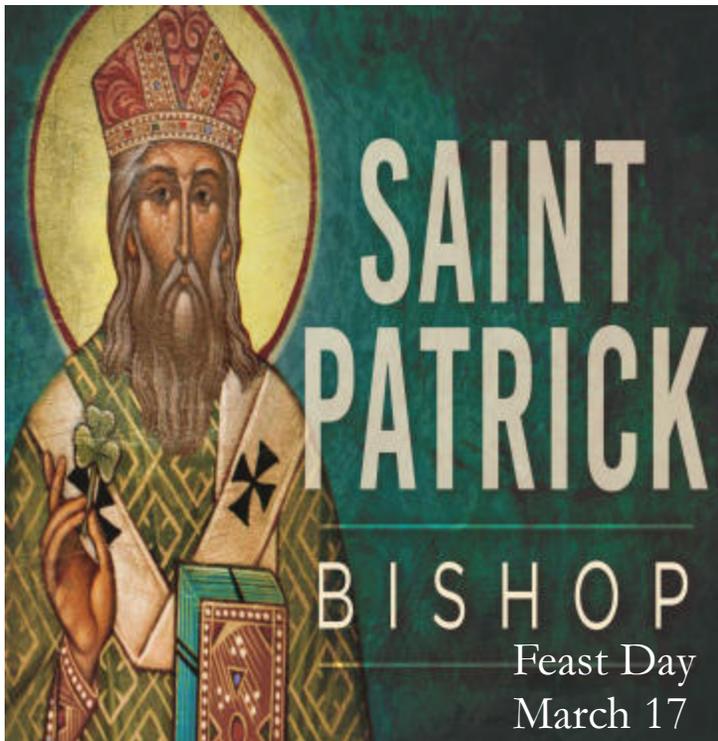
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Our Mission

Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we create a welcoming environment, enthusiastically gather and worship to praise God, and strive to imitate the life of Jesus as we reach out beyond our own faith community.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 14, 2021

Fr. Sean Manson, *Pastor*

Fr. Siffredus Rwechungura,
Parochial Vicar

Stan Fedison, *Deacon*

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday and Friday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Weekdays

Monday-Thursday 8:30am
Fridays During Lent 8:30 am
and 12:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday 5:30pm &
8:00 pm (in classroom)
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00 pm

Holy Days

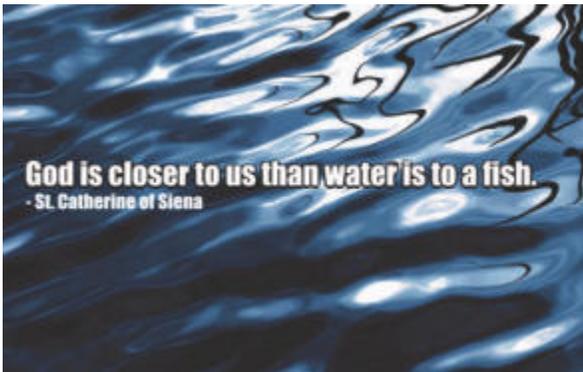
See bulletin for schedule of Masses

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Today, March 14th, is Laetare Sunday. 'Laetare' means 'Rejoice', and we can rejoice because we are just past the midpoint of Lent. Also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, we are given encouragement as we progress towards the end of the penitential season.

One woman knew the meaning of this season, with its penance and rejoicing, very well. She was the twenty-fourth of twenty-five children, Caterina Benincasa (Kate Goodhouse in English)! Her life was very short. But what a life! She died from a stroke at the age of thirty-three. We know her today as Saint Catherine of Siena. She is a wonderful woman to walk with in Lent, as we open up our lives in front of the Church, and allow the Word of God to "scrutinize" us.

In her "writings" (mostly dictated, as she was fairly illiterate) she insists that on the Lenten journey the very first question we must ask is not, "Who is God?" No! The first question is, "WHO AM I?"

I invite you to Come and Listen to our Lenten Catechesis this Monday and Thursday at 8:00pm. We will reflect on this question "WHO AM I?" together. Like St. Catherine of Siena, you will be surprised at the answer you discover.

In coming to know ourselves, St. Catherine says, we need to accept all our inadequacies and our limitations; all our sins, and failures, hang-ups and neurosis, and all the wounds and hurts of our history.

Catherine encourages us not to fear this downward journey; and not to run away from all those areas of our lives which seem dark, murky, twisted, devious, disordered, broken, imperfect, ambiguous...Stay with this "soil" she urges us, for it is a reminder that we are only poor creatures; a reminder that we need God who is the bubbling, running, fresh, effervescent source of life deep within us.

For there, and only there, can we meet the One who created us and loves us. God who is LIFE! Yes, we come to meet God through self-knowledge. It may be a painful journey. But the pain heals.

Self-knowledge is not morbid introspection. It is not navel-gazing. And it is much more than mere psychological self-understanding. It is to see ourselves in the light of the One who gives us our life. Catherine, having made this journey, describes herself as "dwelling in the cell of self-knowledge".

Those of us who dwell outside the cell of self-knowledge can find our lives very complicated, often problematic, unsettled, sometimes dull, flat and grey. We never get our act together!

Those of us who don't really know who we are can suffer from all kinds of emotional, psychological, sexual and spiritual aches. And these aches just keep on aching. They never seem to be resolved.

Lent is a "time of grace", a "favorable time", an "acceptable time". As we begin the 4th week, this time has not run out - yet.

Like Catherine, may we come to dwell in the "cell of self-knowledge", set free from all illusions, half-truths and fantasies.

Fr. Sean

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday



March 13

Joseph Gervase



March 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

8:30 am

10:30 am

6:00 pm



Dave Duffy

Catherine Fitzpatrick

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

Monday

8:30 am

March 15

Marion LaRocca



Tuesday

8:30 am

March 16

People of the Parish

Wednesday

8:30 am

March 17

St. Patrick; St. Patrick's Day



Marie Genevieve Crittenden

Thursday

8:30 am

March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

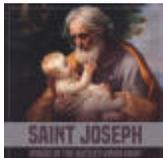
Robert C. Allison

Friday

8:30 am

March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



John McGovern

12:00 pm

People of the Parish

Saturday

5:30 pm

March 20

Tommaso Tambone

Sunday

8:30 am

March 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent



10:30 am

Dave Duffy

6:00 pm

Thomas Napolitano

Renee Ahrens

For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed"

Parish sick list: Barry Augustensen, Marie Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Bischoff, Francesca DeMarco, Arlene Desposito, Carol Franco, Trevor Giesberg, Tom Harrington, Jennifer Hartmann, Brad Jones, Joachim Jung, Vivienne Knopp, Ivy LaRegina, Genna Lepore, Julia Geraghty, Rosemary Levin, Robert Libonati, Jessica Livingstone, Nat Lucarello, Terry Racanelli, James Ranazzo, Bill Reynaldos, Tim Rice, Carol Schmidt, Tara Shankman, Bro. Kevin Smith, Bob Staab, Ivan Tarabokia, Tom Woodbour, Eric Vanderleif and Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn"

Deceased of the Parish: Mary Duffy

"A time for war and a time for peace"

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lt. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of March

In memory of

George & Peter Lutz

Requested by Mary Lutz



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"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$3,496.00

Assessment Collection.....\$1,016.00

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

The Annual Appeal directly supports various ministries and programs through the Archdiocese of Newark, such as our evangelization efforts, Catholic education, Catholic Charities, youth and young adult ministry, and many other ministries. Pledge envelopes will be in the lobby and front entrance to the church for you to fill out and send in your donation. You can just put it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to Judi in the parish office. Our goal this year is **\$37,000. Your participation in this campaign is vitally important.** You can also donate online at www.rcan.org/ways-to-give/ If you have already made a contribution, thank you for your generous gift. Thank you to all who supported last year's campaign.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation News



March-Month of Saint Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. St. Joseph is found in the Gospels where it states that he was a just man, a descendent of David, who worked as a carpenter. His symbol is a carpenter's square and a lily of the Madonna. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Lighting Our Faith

This summer we are planning to do a virtual program Registration will take place during March only.

Dates: Friday, June 25th through Friday, July 2nd

9:15AM - 12:30PM (July 2nd there will be a 12:00 pm Closing Mass, end time is at 1:00 pm)

Informational Parent Meeting: Wednesday March 3rd at 7:00 pm through Zoom

How to Register: Online registration Thursday, March 4 - Wednesday, March 31 (Registration must be completed by March 31 to be in the Summer Program)

Outline of Program:

Each day will consist a 15-minute Opening Prayer at 9:15AM

- Three Flip Grids Lessons; approximately 10 minutes each, (one for each of the 3 chapters)
- One 20-minute Zoom Webinar Music Class. There will be two options:
 - 1 Music Class for Grades 1-3
 - 1 Music Class for Grade 4-6
- One 20 minute live zoom webinar activity session to reinforce the concepts at 12: 00 pm Example: a game with questions from each of the 3 chapters taught that day.

At Home Component: Each day will consist of 2 parts:

- Each child will go online, after the 12:30 classroom time, and answer 3 questions, (1 from each of the 3 lessons taught that day). This should take no longer than 10 minutes per student.
- Each family will complete one activity as a family. All the children in your family who are enrolled in this Virtual Summer Program will be expected to be involved in this activity with at least one parent or guardian from your family.
- The expectation is that this assignment is per family and should not take longer than 30 minutes.

School Year Requirements

- There will be four required events during the school year. Dates and times for those are TBD. It is our hope to have as many of these sessions in person at Church.
- These sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 3:45 – 5:00 pm.

Important Dates for Faith Formation

Dates for In Person Gatherings in Church

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| Wed. 3/10 | 3:45-5:00 pm Grade 2 First Eucharist Parent & Child Workshop |
| Wed. 3/24 | 3:45-5:00 pm Grades 1-6 Stations of the Cross |
| Wed. 4/28 | 3:45-5:00 pm Grade 2 First Eucharist Rehearsal |
| Sat. 5/1 | First Eucharist Masses, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm |
| Wed. 5/5 | 3:45-5:00 pm Grades 1-6 Closing Mass and celebration |
| Wed. 5/26 | Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:00 pm |
| Thurs. 5/27 | Confirmation Mass, 6:30 pm |

Question of the Week

This week's question: **What are the symbols often pictured with Saint Joseph?** Last week's answer: Purple is the liturgical color used during the season of Lent. **Congratulations to Paulina Altadonna!** To enter this week's raffle, email faith-formationolmc@gmail.com by 3pm on Wednesday. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.**

Kid's Bulletin-Win a Gift Card to Dairy Queen

Each week we send out the Kid's bulletin by email which focuses on the Sunday readings with fun activities. **Congratulations to Olivia Lutkin!** To enter, send the completed bulletin to Faith Formation, A drawing for a gift card to Dairy Queen from entries submitted.



Pope Francis says: "The center of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us." March 1, 2021

MARCH 14, 2021



The next time the Children's Choir will be singing is at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 11th. This is the Sunday after Easter so we have some lovely hymns for the children to learn that reflect the Easter season and the resurrection of Jesus.

There will be two rehearsals preceding the Mass on April 11th. The first one will be on Wednesday, March 31st at 5:00 pm and the second one on Wednesday, April 7th at 5:00 pm. After the rehearsal on March 31st, an email will be sent with a link to YouTube videos of the new hymns. And handouts with lyrics will be available. Spring is coming and the Easter season is soon to be celebrated. All Our Welcome.

Also, mark your calendars because the children will be singing on Sunday, May 2nd at the 10:30 am Mass. It is a special weekend in our parish because First Eucharist is on Saturday, May 1st and on Sunday May 2nd, the First Eucharist candidates are invited to be a part of the crowning of Mary that happens at the 10:30 am liturgy.

Musically,
Miss Marie and Miss Lucia

FED UP WITH THE PANDEMIC?

"Come to me all you who are tired and burdened and I will give you rest." Mt. 11:28



COME AND LISTEN



MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
8:00PM

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During Lent

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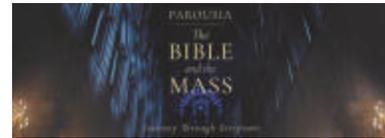
Hosted by Chris Stefanick

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Immediately following 10:30 AM Mass during Lent

No Videos on Palm Sunday/Easter Sunday
Series concludes after Easter on Sunday 4/11 and Sunday 4/18

Each video is about 20 minutes



Register for a Free Virtual Lent Offering!

Scott Hahn from the St. Paul Center is offering a free video series during Lent that is available to all. It's called **PAROUSIA – the Bible and the Mass**. This video provides the scriptural basis for the Mass and the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. **Click the following link:** <https://stpaulcenter.com/> Look for **PAROUSIA** and register. The videos will be available each week starting on Ash Wednesday.



Sign-up for a Free Daily Lenten Message!

Array of Hope - Easter of Hope

Starting on Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. You will receive short daily written reflections, inspirational videos and inspiring music - directly sent to your inbox! Click the following link to register: arrayofhope.net Look for Easter of Hope and register.

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

Infant & Baby Diaper & Clothing Drive

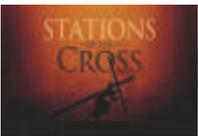


New Hope

A Junior at IHA is collecting packs of **diapers** and new & slightly used infant & **baby clothes** for **New Hope Inc.**, a crisis Pregnancy Center. She would also appreciate: **baby bottles & baby wash/lotion.** Please put your donations in the box in the lobby of the church or you can drop them off at the parish office.

First time single mothers in a **Crisis Pregnancy** are burdened with fear, anxiety and uncertainty. They believe their only option for an unplanned and unwanted pregnancy is to abort. **New Hope** helps them to choose life by providing confidential care and support during pregnancy and after the baby is born.

More information about New Hope can be found at www.newhopeprc.org.



Stations of the Cross After 8:30 am Mass on Fridays During Lent



Communion Dresses/Suits Needed

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion - a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any Communion dresses, suits, shirts, head pieces or shoes. Please bring all articles, clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic, to **St. John the Baptist Church, Hillsdale on April 17th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**, or call Kathy at (201) 666-4185. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Unlike previous years, this collection will be held on **One Day Only**. If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy. Thank You!



Our Super 50/50 Cash Raffle has returned! This year, funds raised from the raffle will benefit our Walk-in-Dinner Program in Hackensack, which celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2021. In 2020, over 50,000 meals were distributed and we expect this need to increase in the coming months. Purchasing a Super 50/50 Raffle ticket will help provide warm nourishing meals to people who need them and give you a chance to win some green. The first-place winner will receive 25% of the proceeds up to \$25,000 with 16 additional opportunities to win cash prizes. The goal is to sell all 1,000 tickets at \$100 each. **Drawing will be held on March 17, 2021.** Tickets can be purchased by check using the order form that is available at www.bergenfamilypromise.org or calling Family Promise at 201-833-8009 for purchase with a credit card. Thank You and Good Luck!

MASS on the FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

This Year has been designated the YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH. We will celebrate a Special Mass in honor of the St. Joseph this coming Friday March 19th at 7:00pm. Please join us as we learn about and celebrate the life of the Guardian of the Redeemer. After the Mass we will share some delicious St. Joseph pastries in the McCarthy Center



Calling all High School and Middle School Athletes

We are looking for High School and Middle School Athletes who would like to make a deeper connection with their faith through the sports they play as well as make connections with other athletes who share in their faith as well. If you have ever seen athletes kneel in prayer after a competition or hear an athlete "Thank God" for being able to play the game they love, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes are for you.

It does not matter if you attend a Parochial or Public school all are welcome.

Ted Evans, an OLMC parishioner, as well as a long time High School and Youth Coach is organizing this program. If you are interested please email: tnthoops@optonline.net Stay tuned for dates and times for the group's first meeting.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" - Philippians 4:13

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