

# St. Joseph's Parish

A community of communities where each person can encounter Christ and lead others to him. Our vision is what you do for the least one, you do for Me.

120 Hoboken Road, East Rutherford, NJ 07073

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 20, 2025

2025 THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

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**Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!”**

Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”



**Weekday Masses:** 7:30 AM (Tue, Wed & Fri)  
and 12:05 PM (Mon & Thu)

**Thursdays:** Blessed Sacrament Exposition  
at 12:30 PM: Fridays 7 –7:30 AM

**Mondays:** Novena to St. Anthony

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**  
SAT 11 - NOON,  
FRIDAYS 7-7:25 AM,  
THURSDAYS at 12:30 PM,  
or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick/Last Rites:**  
Call the office to arrange for it while  
the person is still conscious.

**Baptism:** 4th Saturday of the month  
**Marriage:** one year in advance, call the office.

**All our Masses are streamed at [www.stjosepher.com/](http://www.stjosepher.com/)**  
**watch or click on FB or YouTube.**  
**For daily reflection emails sign up on our website.**

**SATURDAY, April 19, Holy Saturday**

9:30 am Decorate the church  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY, April 20, Easter Sunday**

8:00 am For all parishioners  
10:00 am For all parishioners  
12:00 pm For all parishioners  
1:30 pm (Spanish)

**MONDAY within Easter Octave, April 21**

12:05 am + Ronald Blandine

**TUESDAY within Easter Octave, April 22**

7:30 am + Sylvester Taehop IM

**WEDNESDAY within Easter Octave, April 23**

7:30 am + Peter Parisi

**THURSDAY within Easter Octave, April 24**

12:05 pm + Sartori Family

**FRIDAY within Easter Octave, April 25,**

7:30 am + Marie Izzo

**SATURDAY within Easter Octave, April 26**

5:00 pm + Antonietta & Carlo D'Agostino

**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy), April 27**

8:00 am + Lois & Adolph Banca

10:00 am + Paolo Landolfi

12:00 pm + Mary Moroch

1:30 pm + Elvia Lopez

**EASTER MEMORIAL CANDLES:** When you light a candle for another person or for your very personal intention always remember that the candle prolongs your prayer. As long as the candle is burning, your prayer is rising to God. The candle is spreading light and warmth, so you can imagine that with your prayer, your love and the love of God is flowing towards that person. Your prayer makes the life of the person brighter and warmer. Your prayer brightens your vision so that with greater confidence you can look upon the person and see with the eyes of the Love of God. When you pray for a personal intention light will enter the darkness; hope fills you. You may trust that God himself looks upon you and HIS merciful love overshadows you. Since we have a new table by our renovated statue of Mary there will be **7-DAY CANDLES** available to burn during Easter.

One name or one family name per candle. The donation is \$10. Please put this information in the collection or at the office & the candle will be prepared for your family.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the deceased to be memorialized:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EASTER DUTY**

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 9 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 15. \*Canon 920, §1.

All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

**2025 JUBILEE YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 - 3PM**

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating their 5th, 25th and 50th years of Christian marriage in 2025. This year there will be ONE anniversary liturgy for all couples from all counties - celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on Sunday, June 1, at 3PM at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Registration due by May 10th. Please contact the rectory to register.

**BEWARE**

Beware of your thoughts, for they become your words.

Beware of your words, for they become your actions.

Beware of your actions, for they become your habits.

Beware of your habits, for they become your character.

Beware of your character, for it becomes your destiny.

The body that lay lifeless in the tomb is ours. The body that rose again on the third day is ours. The body that ascended above all the heights of heaven to the right hand of the Father's glory is ours. If then we walk in the way of His commandments and are not ashamed to acknowledge the price He paid for our salvation in a lowly body, we too are to rise to share His glory. The promise He made will be fulfilled in the sight of all: Whoever acknowledges me before men, I too will acknowledge him before my Father who is in heaven.

—St. Leo the Great

“The Lord’s triumph, on the day of the Resurrection, is final. Where are the soldiers the rulers posted there? Where are the seals that were fixed to the stone of the tomb? Where are those who condemned the Master? Where are those who crucified Jesus? He is victorious, and faced with His victory those poor wretches have all

taken flight. Be filled with hope:  
Jesus Christ is always victorious.”

—St. Josemaria Escriva, *The Forge*, 660

**Parishioner looking for a room or apartment ASAP. Please call Cookie at 201-410-0785.**

## SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

The **ACOLYTE CANDLES** which burns during the Mass near the altar reminds us of our loved ones in the presence of God and is offered this week for **PAULINE & FRANK PAURA** requested by Angela.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** that will become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at our Masses will be offered for **PHILLIP THOMAS MOLINARO, JR.** requested by Carmella.

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week in honor of **PAULINE & FRANK PAURA** requested by Angela.

## DAILY EMAIL FROM ST. JOE'S

You can sign up for a daily email on the gospel or the readings of the day by going to the parish website: [stjoseph.com](http://stjoseph.com) and go to Messages, click on Daily Email.

## A WAY TO HELP YOUTH OF ST. JOE'S TO ATTEND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

There are parishioners who ask for help with paying tuition at Catholic High Schools and we agree that their child would be better off with a Catholic education. We have a fund for this purpose if you would like to provide help to students who have this desire to study and deepen their faith.



**Lt. Patrick Stevens (Iraq 2<sup>nd</sup> tour)**  
Lance Corp. Kevin Murphy  
Deanna Dickson  
**Dylan Monks, Donny Kolich & Brian Inguanti**

## BAPTISMS

"In all truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born through water and the Spirit; what is born of flesh is flesh, and what is born of the spirit is spirit."

Baptisms are on the 4th Saturday of the month and there are two preparatory meetings. Come to the office to arrange for Baptism.

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Helen Monaghan, Helen Mier, Marie Izzo, Betty Bartoli, Sante Bacchini, Ronald Tizzano, Anthony D'Amore, Genaro Dones, Sr., Peter Parisi, Rosa Maria Arias, Christopher DiStasio, AnnMarie Meile, Ronald Burch, Sherrie Mobilia, Jeanette Dursi, Domenica Ultimo, Anna Presti, Celia Jones, Hugh Wynne, Helen Beese, Maddalena Binetti, Kathleen Walsh, Natalina Kucan, Stanley Parzecki, Gaetano Delli Veneri, John Wrinn, Maria Carusone, Susanna Cerami, Bill Stallone, Marie Logatto, Buddy Davis, John Giannuzzi, Frances Pierantoni, Marie Veccia, Julia Walsh, Frank Jacullo, Marjorie Patak, Marilyn Schneider Kopacz, Dorothy Crifasi, Carol Capuano, Margaret Aprigliano, Mary Carroll, Roger Shine, Lucia Ottomanelli, Rose Greenleaf, Antonina Caramico, Loretta Siriday, Margo Brislin, Anita Minichini, Robert Seppentino and Louis Locarro.

## THE PRAYER CORNER: "Like burning incense, Lord, let my prayer rise up to you."

As a community of faith, we offer the support of our prayers for one another. These brothers and sisters are in acute need of our prayers:

**Despina Latorre, Pineda Family, Antoinette Moralishvili, Antonietta Bazzarelli, Stefano Gargano, Nancy Oddo, Fr. Doss, Ron Leibow, Dean Hansen, Donald J. Boone, Geraldine Morocco, Angela Houghton, Mel King, Debbie Ravettine, Kalene Spina Gage, Denise Swanteck, Anthony Belione, Maria Jose Rodrigues, Ava Romano, Dorothy Podolski, Crystal Harrell, Anna Davis, Arlene Surdyka, David Janusz, Jennifer Hanlon, Cookie DeRosa, Ann Graham, John Green, Nicole Silva, Ann Bongi, Kevin Cahill & Betty Farina and all who are sick and suffering around us.** To accommodate all who need our prayers, names may be removed after one month. (Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.)

## COLLECTION (4/13)

<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$6,076</b>
1st Envelope (# giving 104)	\$2,827
2nd Envelope (# giving 68)	\$520
E-giving (29)	\$540
Cash	\$2,189

853 people attended Mass this weekend.

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

## FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for your very generous food donation that allow us to serve the needy. The current needs for our pantry are: tomato sauce, canned fruit, veggies, coffee, soup, beans, cereal, mac'n cheese, hot chocolate, Chef Boyardee. If you find yourself stocking up on bargains, why not consider buying a few extra items and donating them to our Food Pantry? PANTRY is open Tuesdays 10-12 Noon.

## ST. FRANCIS INN

The Inn is collecting sugar, presweetened Iced Tea and Lemonade for the month of **APRIL**. For info visit: [www.stfrancisinn.org](http://www.stfrancisinn.org)

## DEFERRED GIVING

Many families over the years have left a bequest in their wills for St. Joe's. It is a wonderful way to help our parish to remain vibrant, continue serving the families and save on taxes. If they had three children, for example, they would divide the estate into four, one for each child and one for the parish. Call for more information.

"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered." -Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In Luke's gospel we hear the central event of our life of faith: that Jesus Christ conquered death and the first ones to see this were all women. Luke mentions three women and in other transcripts it says, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the rest of them. So, there were more, but they are not named. Every gospel shows that women were the first to find the empty tomb, and they all vary about which women were there.

The two men in dazzling garments who appeared to them said, 'He (Jesus) is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified and rise on the third day.' And they remembered his words.

It is a very simple account of the central belief of our faith. And the women, not to mention the men, were very surprised by it; it was the last thing they expected. 'He is not here, he is risen!' How simpler can you get? Don't you remember that to experience the resurrection you first have to go through the cross, as he did?

And the women did remember, Luke says. It must have really touched them after a moment or two, and they ran off to announce this to the others. It is a model of what you and I need to do in our life. Remember when you suffer that the resurrection will come. It always comes as a surprise; you expect it in a different way. And when you put it together it is spectacular! And you go off running to share it. An announcement is made with a trumpet, with a lot of noise! When you hear an announcement, a *kerygma*, a Good News, it changes you, as it did to the women, and eventually to the men.

Peter did not believe it either and so he goes and checks, and what does he find? The clothes of Jesus, but they are unwrapped; a thief might have taken them off but not the way Peter found them. It was as if someone slid out from them and leaves them as they were. And he goes home amazed at what has seen. You and I should also be amazed at what the Lord is doing for you and for our parish. Let us praise God on this day the Lord has made, Happy Easter!



## EASTER TRICK CELEBRATED ON EASTER MONDAY

On Easter Monday the Orthodox Church has a tradition of families meeting together around lots of bottles of fine wine and delicious food and crack jokes to commemorate the cosmic joke that Jesus Christ played on the devil on Easter Sunday! The devil thought that he had managed to silence Jesus Christ once and for all by killing Him without realizing that Jesus Christ wanted to die because it was the only way that He could enter into the kingdom of darkness! And once inside, He managed to earthquake the devil and his kingdom delivering him the final lethal blow...And suddenly joy became possible. Easter joy is unlimited!

## THE 2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

I am happy to see that we are more than halfway to attain our goal & more people are giving. I am grateful for your generosity, and I rely on it because it helps support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese.

Your support to the Annual Appeal helps us accomplish across the Archdiocese what we would not be able to do alone. Our Parish goal is \$25,723. There are two financial benefits to our Parish if we achieve this goal. First, if we reach this goal in cash by June 30th, our Parish is eligible for a two percent reduction on our fiscal obligations to the Archdiocese. Second, if we go over goal in pledges as of June 30th, we will be eligible for a rebate, which comes back to our Parish, unassessed, to be used at our own discretion. So far we have \$20,623 paid from 82 families and \$23,319 pledged.

I always make my gift to the Appeal. Please consider taking a step with me on this Stewardship journey by responding to Cardinal Tobin's invitation to support the Appeal, I hope you made your commitment already and if not please do so soon. You can also make a gift online by going to [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing). Thank you for your time and consideration. You are in my prayers. Please pray for the success of the Annual Appeal.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old. Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Catholic (attend Sunday Mass regularly). Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation.

If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only. "You should NOT feel good about choosing godparents that are not living the faith."

## SHADOWS OF DEATH

"We cannot but recall today that shadows of death threaten people's lives at every stage of life and are especially menacing at its earliest beginning and its natural end. The temptation is becoming ever stronger to take possession of death by anticipating its arrival, as though we were masters of our own lives or the lives of others. We are faced by alarming signs of the culture of death, which pose a serious threat for our future."

--Pope John Paul II

**A LITTLE HUMOR ...** A little boy was listening to an excessively boring sermon at a long church ceremony. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

Alleluia! Jesus is risen from the dead! Today (and for the next 8 days) the Church celebrates the Octave of Easter, which basically means that the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead goes on for 8 straight days! "O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages."

--St. John Chrysostom, Easter Homily

### EASTER READINGS

"What do you know?" is the question linking all three readings today. Imagine the shock waves that shot through the city of Jerusalem on the first Easter morning. Jesus' body was missing! By the time Peter spoke the words found in today's first reading, fifty days had passed, so he began by saying, in effect, "I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth." Of course, they knew by then, but in today's Gospel we are taken back to the first day. We meet Mary Magdalene exclaiming, "We don't know where they put him!" What do we know? In the second reading Paul asks, "Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?" Do we know the power of our own faith? Do we know the effect we can have on others?

The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things. This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil's grip and empty promises.

Today we do not recite the Creed but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent's refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water! The Easter season begins with the Easter Vigil, which is celebrated after night falls on the evening before Easter Sunday. The season of Easter is a joyous, celebratory season. It begins with celebrating Christ's resurrection and ends by celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. Christ's ascension into Heaven is celebrated just prior to Pentecost. The Easter season lasts 50 days, from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. The liturgical colors of Easter are white, for most days, and red for Pentecost.

### MY PARISH—MY RESPONSIBILITY ELECTRONIC/ONLINE GIVING

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OR arrange for Auto-Pay at your local bank; this is the better way since e-giving takes a percentage of your gift; your bank doesn't charge for this.

You can also use the QR code below:



### REGISTER AS PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living within the boundaries of East Rutherford/Carlstadt should officially register in our parish. If you haven't registered, you can stop by the office or go <https://stjosepher.com/register-as-a-parishioner/> and download the registration form and drop it off. We encourage you to register, even if you don't sign up for envelopes. You need to be a registered parishioner to be a godparent/sponsor.

### FAITH

Pray daily for Faith. It is My Gift. It is your only requisite for the accomplishment of mighty deeds. Certainly, you have to work, you have to pray, but upon Faith alone depends on the answer to your prayers – your works. I give it to you in response to your prayer, because it is the necessary weapon for you to possess for the dispersion of evil – the overcoming of all adverse conditions, and the accomplishment of all good in your lives, and then you have Faith, give it back to Me. It is the envelope in which every request to Me should be placed. And yet "Faith without works is dead." So, you need works, too, to feed your Faith in Me. As you seek to do, you feel your helplessness. You then turn to Me. In knowing Me your faith grows – and that faith is all you need for My Power to work.

### A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS

To all the parishioners of the parish and their friends and family, The Knights of Columbus Council 4524 would like to thank you for your support of the 40 cans of Lent and our Fish Fry. We could not do our charitable work without the support of Father Joe and all of you. God bless you all!!

### RACHEL VINEYARD RETREATS: *Healing the pain of abortion*

2025 dates: March 28-30 and September 19-21. For info contact Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or [Cheryl.riley@rcan.org](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org).

**CONFSSION:** This sacrament is offered every Sat at 11 AM -Noon, Fri 7- 7:30 AM, Thu at 12:30-1 pm & by appointment.

Lisa Valentino: [Stjoseph@boldym.com/](mailto:Stjoseph@boldym.com/)

(973)988-3428

## BOLD YOUTH MINISTRY

### **Wed, April 30th – “The Evidence” TNL 7-8:30pm**

Join us for discussion, snacks, prayer and an awesome Easter surprise, as we dive into the compelling historical evidence and eyewitness accounts that support the core of our faith.

### **Wed, May 7<sup>th</sup> PST Small Group Joy 6:30-8pm**

Join us at 6:30pm for a meal together and then to continue our great discussion on Joy and Jesus! We will meet in the youth room and share a meal there. Don't miss out!

### **Two great summer events to join us at this summer;**

#### **Catholic Heart Workcamp & Steubenville Youth Conference**

Join us July 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> in Cumberland Maryland with teens from across the country as we serve those in need and grow closer to God. Whether we work at a “neighbors” home or serve at a church in need of repair or even a soup kitchen. This week can be life changing and is also fun. Or join us July 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> at Franciscan University in Steubenville Ohio for a youth conference with over 2500 high school students from across the country. Live music and workshops and talks, Adoration, Mass Confession and so much more. Encounter Jesus in a way you never have before. Registration for both events are open. Contact Lisa Valentino for more info and pricing. [stjoseph@boldym.com](mailto:stjoseph@boldym.com)



### **Friday, April 18th 6pm “Living Stations of the Cross”**

All in Middle school are invited to join us as we lead our parish through “Mary’s Way of the Cross” on Good Friday at 6pm. Join with us for this awesome Good Friday tradition at our parish and if you would like to be a part reach out to Lisa Valentino.

### **THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

The lighting of the Paschal candle is a traditional Easter observance in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Anglican churches. Set aside in a large candlestick near the altar, the Paschal Candle is lit from flint on the night of Holy Saturday (during the Easter vigil service). From this candle is taken the fire from which all other candles in the church are lit. This dramatic ritual of the fire service dates back at least as far as the 4th century. The Paschal Candle represents Christ, and the flame symbolizes His Resurrection as “the light of the world.” In the early days of the Church, most members of the congregation carried the fire of the Paschal Candle to their homes to relight their lamps and hearth. The passing of light to the congregation at the Vigil service symbolizes Christ’s giving of His life to His faithful believers.

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK, CATHERINE OF SIENA, APRIL 29**

The value Catherine makes central in her short life, and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Though she lived her life in a faith experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh asceticism, her frequent ecstatic visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today lies in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime. She is the patron saint of Europe, Fire Prevention, and Italy.

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