



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

JANUARY 31, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wed. &
Thursday: 8 a.m.

Confession

Saturday: 4 to 4:45 p.m.
and by appointment.

Adoration

Holy Hour for Life, third
Thursday of each month.
First Friday of the month
from 3 pm to 7 pm
followed by Benediction &
Mass.

Check the bulletin for
more information.

Parish Office Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 10 am to 4 pm

Parish Registration:

Call the Parish Office or pick up
a form in the Church vestibule
or visit our website to join.

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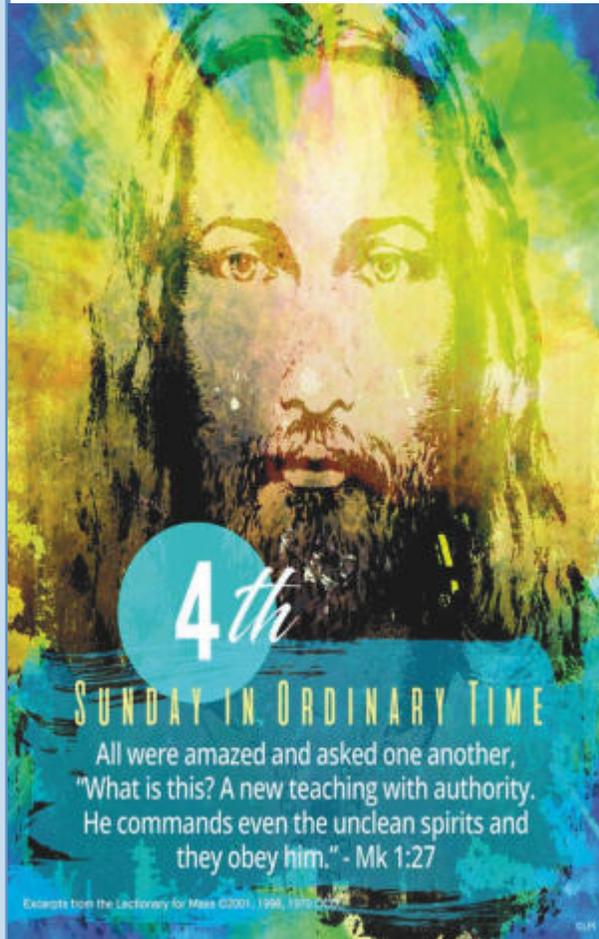
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**“If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts.”**

Served by:

Reverend James A. Kyrpczak

Deacon Tom McGovern

Deacon Steve Fortier

Parish Secretary: MaryJean Fiore ext. 1

PCL: Shari Schultz ext. 3

Director of Sacred Music: Al Cresci

Parish Bookkeeper: Arlene De Falco ext. 4

Sacraments

Baptism:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Ministry To the Homebound, Sick & Dying:

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for Holy Communion and/or Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as well as Last Rites for the dying.

Faith Formation:

Faith Formation is now on-line with a program called My Catholic Faith Delivered. For more information please contact our Parish Catechetical Leader.

Matrimony:

In accordance with Diocesan Policy, arrangements for a wedding should be made 1 year in advance. To allow ample time for preparation, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Adults who have a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Office.

Sponsorship:

To act as Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, received communion, confirmed, & live a morally good life; and if married, done so within Church law.



K-CLUB 2021-1



The club runs for 20 weeks. We run it twice every year, Feb to July and then Aug to December. Dues are \$40 each time. Winners are announced each week in the bulletin. Proceeds help fund our charitable programs.

The first drawing is **2/21/21** and the final drawing **7/4/21**

There are nineteen \$50 weekly winners and 10 final week #20 winners:

1st is \$400, 2nd - 3rd is \$175, 4th - 6th is \$100, 7th through 10th are \$50 winners

REMEMBER - YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

If you're already a K-Club member – please put your \$40 check payable to “St. Joseph K of C” in an envelope marked **K Club** and put in the collection basket or mail to rectory; OR use PayPal on our KofC council website at: www.kofc10627.org

If you have NOT already enrolled in the K-Club and want to participate, please complete the New Member Enrollment form below and include it with your check.

If you have any questions – please send a message to kofc10627@gmail.com or contact Kevin Loughney (908) 797-0061 or GK Mario Bernardo (908) 797-6344

Thank you for helping our fund raising for charitable causes!

K-CLUB NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT

Name(s) _____

E-mail address _____@_____

Street _____ Town/State/ZIP _____

Preferred Phone (please circle) Home? ___ Cell? ___

Number (____) _____ - _____

Select one of the available numbers: 12, 14, 23, 29, 32, 42, 44, 67, 74, 75, 82, 96, 99, 105, 118, 120, 124

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday/Sunday, January 30/31
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Joe & Mary Pedula
9:30 AM † Edward Santillo (LS)
11:00 AM People of the Parish
† Patricia Frey

Monday, February 1, 2021

8:00 AM Open Intention

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM (L) Fr. Jeffrey Kirby

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

8:00 AM † Mary De Marco

Thursday, February 4, 2021

8:00 AM Open Intention

Friday, February 5, 2021

St. Agatha

7:00 PM † Barbara Sangastiano

Saturday/Sunday, February 6/7

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Protection of Babies in the
Womb & their Families
11:00 AM † Jeffrey Ferguson

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday –Thursday

*Daily Mass, 8 am, Church

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

*Bible Study, 7:30 pm, Live-streamed on
Facebook

Friday, February 5, 2021

*First Friday Adoration, 3 pm to 7 pm
followed by Benediction & Mass

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekend of January 22/23 \$2,000.-

Many thanks for your generosity!

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE REAL PRESENCE?



The “Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist” is how Catholics express our belief that Jesus is **really present** in the Eucharist, not merely a symbol used metaphorically.

The process where the bread becomes the Body of Christ, and the wine becomes the Blood of Christ is called *transubstantiation*. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that this miracle takes place.

It is important to understand that the Eucharist is not only a meal to nourish us but also a *sacrifice*. During the Divine Liturgy, we take part and actually enter into the Sacrifice of Christ through the action of the priest, *in persona Christi*, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As we recall, the Lord Jesus, on the night before He suffered on the Cross shared one last meal with His disciples. During this meal, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist and entrusted the perpetuation of His Sacrifice so that we can take part in it at *every* Divine Liturgy!

Now, Jesus knew very well that people would question His **Real Presence** in the Eucharist from time to time and therefore throughout the ages He has given us certain Eucharistic Miracles to help us grow in our faith in Him, the Risen Lord! Below are two Eucharist Miracles, witnessed by many:

Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano, Italy, in 8th Century
This miracle took place in response to a monk’s doubt about Jesus’ Real Presence in the Eucharist. During Mass, the host was changed into living Flesh and the wine changed into human Blood. The Flesh consists of heart muscle from the left ventricle and has human blood type of *AB*. It is still preserved today and remains an extraordinary phenomenon.

Eucharistic Miracle in O’Cebreiro, Spain, in 12th Century
This miracle took place in response to a priest with little faith who did not believe in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. On a very cold snowy Christmas Eve, the priest hoped that no one would come for Mass, but one poor farmer did. The priest despised the farmer’s faith and thought ill of him for coming to Mass in the cold harsh weather. During the consecration, the host turned into Flesh and the wine into Blood. Scientific studies show that the flesh is human heart muscle from a left ventricle and the blood is human blood type *AB*. To this day, the Flesh and Blood can be viewed in the Church in O’Cebreiro, Spain.

In conclusion, as Catholics, we believe in the **Real Presence** of Christ in the Eucharist without the need of scientific evidence. Let us all go deeper in our spirituality as we receive Christ in the Eucharist and spend more quality time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration.

O My God, strengthen my faith in You. Send me the grace to believe without doubt that You are truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist. Amen.

January 31, 2021 † Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Announcements

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

All are welcome to donate flowers for the sanctuary of our Church. They can be donated in honor of a deceased loved one, or someone living, for an anniversary or special intention. Call the Parish Office for more information.



The flowers in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue are dedicated in loving memory of:

Michèle Hønning

Requested by:

The Krawchuck Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

You may have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of a loved one or for someone living. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office. The offering is \$10 per week.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Tabernacle.



This week we dedicate the flame for:

The Poor Souls in Purgatory

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, they can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr, St. Blaise, from all evil of soul and body. We ask You to heal those on our prayer list who are ill. We pray for:



William Honachefsky Sr., Vincent Scarponi, Alan Schultz, Greg, Mark Mueller, Joseph, Josephine Parmese, Marian Parrillo, Vonda Verble, Victor, Donald Tomko, Nate Strunk and Frank Kyrpczak.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Feel like you need to spend some quality time with our Lord? Come to **Adoration**, this **Friday, February 5**, 3 pm to 7 pm followed by Benediction and Mass. If you are able to sign up to be an adorer for one hour, please contact Eileen at 908-482-0802.

Adoration will be live-streamed on our Facebook page. Visit www.sjchb.org for more information.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

To request a written or email acknowledgement, please complete the information below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the office. You can also request via email at arlenedefalco@sjchb.org or at our website at www.sjchb.org. Look in the MENU for the "End of Year Contribution" tab.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



Items Needed

Decaffeinated coffee, chunky peanut butter, pea & lentil soup, canned peaches & pears, canned spinach, canned carrots, apple juice and hygiene products.

THE NEXT COLLETION IS FEB. 20 & 21



Did you join our Parish App yet? NO???

Well what are you waiting for? Our goal is to have 100 parishioners download the app and we are almost at our goal. Go to your app store and enter, **WECONNECT Parish App** and follow the prompts. What a great way to get notifications about St. Joseph Church.

We must live by **faith** not by **fear**!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph beginning in March 2021

Second Annual St. Joseph Raffle in May 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is **February 17** and the Mass Schedule will be: **8 am, 12 noon and 7 pm**. Guidelines have been given to Father James from the Diocese on the distribution of ashes.

Father will use a **q-tip** for EACH individual who comes to receive the ashes and then it will be disposed of immediately.

K-CLUB 2021



If you'd like to join the **Knights of Columbus K-Club**, please fill out the form on the inside page of this week's bulletin and drop it off in the collection basket in an envelope marked K-Club or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for helping support the Knights of Columbus, Council #10627.



The Presentation of the Lord: Tuesday, February 2

It was a rule among the Jews that the first boy child born to a family was to be taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. There his parents would make an offering to the Lord, to show that the child belonged to the Lord.

When Jesus was forty days old, Joseph and Mary brought Him to the Temple. As an offering Joseph brought a pair of young pigeons to place upon the altar of the Temple.

Living in Jerusalem at that time was a very holy man, a man whom the Lord had spoken to directly. His name was Simeon, and he was very old, but the Lord had told him that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, or Savior, whose coming had been predicted in the Bible.

One day the Spirit of the Lord urged Simeon to go to the Temple. He went, and was there when Joseph and Mary came with the baby Jesus, to present their offering. When Simeon saw the child, the Lord let him know that this was the Christ who had been promised. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and gave thanks to the Lord for letting him see the Christ:

"Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

Then Simeon blessed Joseph and Mary. He also told Mary some of the things the future would hold, for her son and for her. He told her of the greatness her son would attain, but he added that sorrow, like a sword, would pierce her heart.

And so it was that a few people who kept close to God knew Jesus was the Son of God, but to the rest of the people He was merely the son of a carpenter named Joseph, who came from Nazareth.

However, there was one other man in Israel who believed that Jesus was no ordinary child. This was the cruel King Herod. When Herod learned that the three Wise Men had returned home, without bringing him word of the child they called a king, he was furious. In his anger and fear he did a terrible thing. He gave orders to have all the children in Bethlehem, of two years old and under, killed. By doing this he felt sure he would eliminate the Christ child.

But God had already warned Joseph of Herod's cruel plans. So Joseph took Mary and the infant, and fled into Egypt, where Herod had no power. It was there the family stayed until King Herod died. After Herod's death, Joseph set out to return to Bethlehem, but upon learning that Herod's cruel son Archelaus ruled that part of Israel, Joseph decided to go back to Nazareth, where he and Mary had grown up. There, in the land of Galilee, Jesus grew to manhood, working with His father as a carpenter.

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