



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

APRIL 18, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.
& by appointment. Call
the Parish Office.

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 details.

Parish Office Hours:
Mon.—Thur. 10 am to 4 pm

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

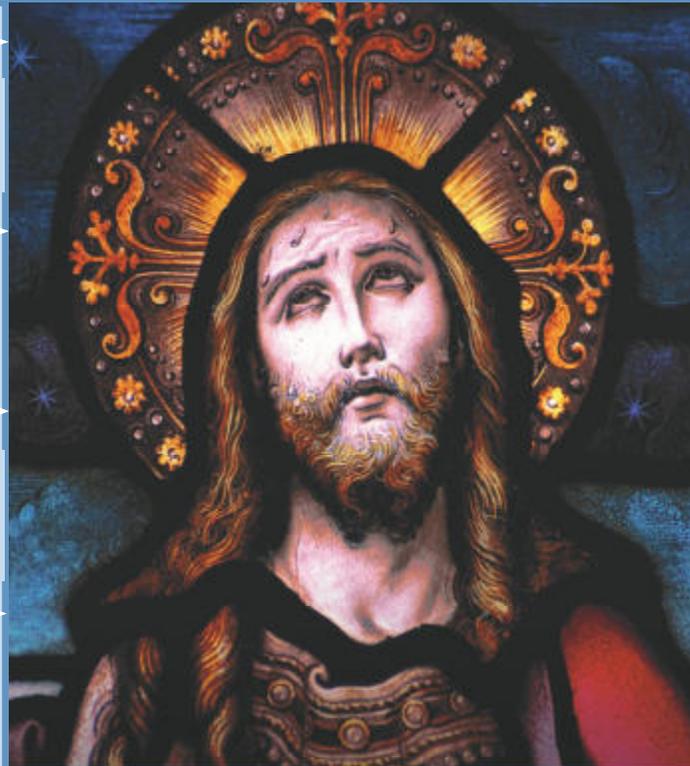
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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I
was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of
Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are
witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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"Lord, let your face shine on us."

Psalm 4

Parish Staff

Reverend James A. Kyrpczak

Deacon Tom McGovern

Deacon Steve Fortier

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Mary Jean Fiore ext.1

Faith Formation: Mrs. Shari Schultz ext.3

Director of Sacred Music: Dr. Alfred Cresci

Parish Bookkeeper: Ms. 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:

Religious Education will now
take place on-line due to the
recent pandemic. For more
information please visit our
website or contact Shari
Schultz.

Matrimony:

In accordance with Diocesan
Policy, arrangements for a
wedding should be made at
least one year in advance. To
allow ample time for prepara-
tion.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initi-
ation of Adults):** This is the
process of welcoming & form-
ing adults who have a desire
to learn more about the
Catholic Faith. This is a
conversion process. If interest-
ed 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, and live a morally
good life; and if married, done
so within Church law.

Daily Mass Intentions LS=live-stream

Saturday/Sunday, April 17/18
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM † Jim Cole Jr.

9:30 AM People of St. Joseph Parish
† William Kurella (LS)

11:00 AM (L) Teresa Roeder

Monday, April 19, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Matthew Stevens

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

8:00 AM † Mary Ann Brydon

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

St. Anselm

8:00 AM † Msgr. Feiten

Thursday, April 22, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Greg English

Saturday/Sunday, April 24/25
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM (L) Greg English

9:30 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory (LS)

11:00 AM People of the Parish
† Robert Knight

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to have a Mass said for someone living or deceased? The graces received from 1 Mass are so rewarding to one's soul. Please contact the Parish Office at 908-638-6211. The fee is \$10.00. Mass cards are available and can be mailed for your convenience.

"The Mass is the highest form of worship on earth!"

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 18

* Food For Families Collection

Monday—Thursday

* Daily Mass, 8 am, Church

Monday, April 19

*St. Joseph Consecration Meeting, 7 pm, Church & LS

Tuesday, April 20

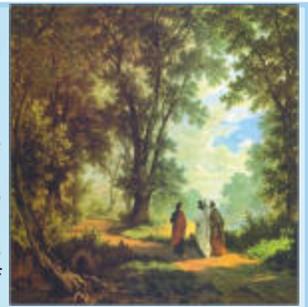
*Bible Study, 7:30 pm, (LS) on Facebook

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekend of April 10/11 \$2,397.-

As always, thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

The Road to Emmaus



There was Jesus, whom the two disciples saw crucified, standing before them with the wounds in His hands and feet. He was talking to them and asked for something to eat. They were in a bit of shock, disbelief and uncertainty.

But the description says that they were incredulous "for joy!" It's as if they were waiting to explode with joy, they wanted to experience joy in what they were seeing, but something was holding them back. It all seemed to be too good. Was it true? Could it be that Jesus really conquered death and was once again back with them?

This reaction of the disciples reveals an experience that we all have at times when invited by God to enter into His glory and grace. So often, when God invites us closer to Himself, when He invites us to experience the joy of His Resurrection, we react with hesitancy. We can find it hard to actually let ourselves experience the reality of the Resurrection in our lives.

This can happen for many reasons. Discouragement is one cause for our hesitancy to fully embrace the Resurrection. The disciples were deeply discouraged at the death of Jesus, and now that He had risen, and was standing there before them, they were hesitant to let go of that discouragement they let take hold.

So also, we can easily let the weight of the world, our sin, or the sins of others get to us. We can get angry or upset and find ourselves brewing over the apparent problems we face. Taking joy in the Resurrection means we turn our eyes away from those things and look intently at the realities God wants us to focus on.

It does no good to become discouraged with the many problems that come our way. Instead, our Lord is regularly calling us to "Trust in Him." He is also calling us to look to His victory! Looking at His victory is freeing and produces an incredible faith in our lives, and that faith in the Risen Lord will have the effect of a wonderful joy that God wants us to have.

Reflect, today, upon your own reaction to the reality of the Resurrection of our Lord. Spend some time today gazing upon the Risen Lord. Look at His victory. Look at His glory. Look at Him who calls you to a deep faith. With your eyes fixed on Him, all else that tempts you to discouragement simply fades away.

Prayer: Lord, I do want to gaze upon You. I want to see Your splendor and glory. I want to see You risen from the dead and take great joy and delight in this reality. Help me, dear Lord, to experience the incredible joy that comes from knowing You, our Resurrected Lord. Jesus, I Trust in You. **Amen.**

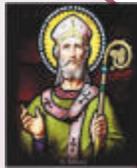
"Our lives are Emmaus, road journeys & God walks along with us..."

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

All are welcome to donate flowers for the sanctuary of our Church. They can be donated in memory of a loved one or for someone living. Call the Parish Office at 908-638-6211 and MaryJean can make the necessary arrangements with a local florist for you. NO HASSLE!!

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

In the words of St. Anselm
*Oh My God, Let me seek You in my desire;
let me desire You in my seeking.
Let me find You by loving you;
let me love You when I find you.*



We pray for: Cathy Bush, William Honachefsky Sr, Vincent Scarponi, Mark Mueller, Joseph, Donald Tomko, Nate Strunk, Gerianne, John & Maria Lepore, Stephanie Hoelper, John Hayth, Paul Rampone, Frank Kyrpczak Sr. Lyzah Hennig, Mark H., Barbara Masaitis and Gerard.



Thousands of Catholic in the Diocese of Metuchen are directly or indirectly served through Diocesan agencies and programs funded through the

Bishop's Annual Appeal. Some of these include: forming our seminarians to serve as future priests, providing the catechists, youth ministers & lay leadership in all parishes with proper training; providing counseling services & materials needs for the less fortunate and much more. You can give online from our website or **www.diometuchen.org/BAA**. Many thanks to you for supporting our Diocese!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

K-CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to our Week #8 Winner:

Wayne Lloyd

There is still time to submit your payment of \$40 to the K-Club. Make your check payable to "St. Joseph K of C."

What a great way to help support our Knights!

Good Luck to everyone!



The Knights of Columbus BABY SHOWER

Donate from April 17 to May 9

Place your donations in the playpen located in the vestibule of the Church.

If you make a monetary donation, please make the check payable to **K Of C 10627** & write "Baby Shower Contribution" on it.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



SANCTUARY LAMP

You may have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of a loved one for someone living or a special intention. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The offering is \$10 per week.

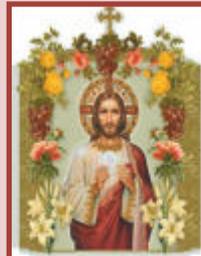


The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Tabernacle.

This week the flame is dedicated to:

The Ninth Grade Faith Formation Class who will be making their Confirmation on Saturday, April 24 & May 1.

ADORERS NEEDED!



Please consider spending time with Our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of each month.

There is a need for Adorers from 4:00-5:00 p.m., and 5:00-6:00 p.m. Call Eileen at 908-482-0802 or the Parish Office at 908-638-6211.

"Eucharistic adoration is the greatest of actions. To adore is to share the life of Mary on earth when she adored the Word Incarnate in her virginal womb, when she adored Him in the Crib, on Calvary, and in the divine Eucharist." - St. Peter Julian Eymard

St. Joseph Annual Spring Raffle

You still have 2 more weeks to submit your raffle tickets for our **2nd Annual St. Joseph Parish Spring Raffle**. Tickets can be mailed/brought to the Parish Office or placed in the Offertory Collection. Please return any unused tickets. If you need more tickets please contact Mary-Jean at 908-638-6211.



The winners will be picked on **Saturday, May 1**, The Feast of St. Joseph The Worker. Good luck to everyone and thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church.

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, April 24/25, for the **Catholic Relief Services**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at **www.usccb.org/catholic-relief**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



"...making sense of our pain and bringing hope to our questions."



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