

JANUARY 30, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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5th Sunday Rosary, today,
after the 11am Mass.

Diocese of Metuchen
Bishop James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
www.diometuchen.org



4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.
But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am & 11 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday-Thursday 8 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 to 4:45 pm

First Sunday after the 11 am Mass
& By Appointment

BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Sunday. Contact the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION

Contact:

ShariSchultz@sjchb.org

Responsorial Psalm

“I will sing of your
salvation.”

Psalm 71

Father, even when things seem hopeless, we know that through You we are never without hope. We beg Your intervention for our world to stay clear from war. Beat the swords into plowshares and cause the lion to lie down with the lamb. Intervene in this world that they might avoid the horrors of war and let peace rule in all lands. Amen.

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Life, 3rd Thursday
of the month & First Friday.

ROSARY

Prayed every 2nd Wednesday & 5th
Sunday of the Month

BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday at 7:30pm,
Church Hall

PARISH REGISTRATION

Forms are located in the Church
vestibule or visit our website to join.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:30 am to 4 pm

MASS INTENTIONS (LS-live stream)

Saturday/Sunday, January 29/30 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM People of the Parish

8:00 AM †Margaret Plesa

9:30 AM †Barbara Shea (LS)

11:00 AM †William Matthews

Monday, January 31

St. John Bosco

8:00 AM (L) Joseph John & Family

Tuesday, February 1

8:00 AM †Mary Tino

Wednesday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 3

St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

8:00 AM †Denis Ferrecki

Friday, February 4

First Friday

7:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, Council #10627

Saturday/Sunday, February 5/6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM †Fr. Gerard Lair

8:00 AM †Loretta Bernardo

9:30 AM Protection of babies in the womb & their families. (LS)

11:00 AM †Barbara Shea
People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS Would you like to have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one or for someone living? Please contact the Parish Office at 908-638-6211. The offering is \$10. Mass cards are available and can be mailed for your convenience.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 15/16 \$2,651.-

January 22/23 \$1,608.-

Together in Charity \$404.-

Foundation for Catholic Education \$407.-

Online Giving 1/10-1/23: \$3,189.-

Many thanks for supporting St. Joseph Church and the Diocesan second collections.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday: Jan. 29

5pm:

Sunday: Jan. 30

8am:

9:30am:

11am:

Saturday: Feb. 5

5pm: Dave K.

Sunday: Feb. 6

8am:

9:30am:

11am:



The Presentation of the Lord

February 2

Simeon's Prophecy

This holy man was promised by God by a personal revelation that he would actually see, with his own eyes, the Savior of the World. Throughout his life he would have anticipated this moment. He would have longed for it and

hoped for it. And then, one day the moment came. Simeon would have woken up that day, going about his normal routine like any other day. However, the moment that Mary and Joseph brought their newborn Child into the temple, Simeon knew in his heart that this Child was the promised Savior.

His words are powerful. He says, "Lord, now You can let Your servant go in peace...for my eyes have seen the salvation You have prepared..." In other words, Simeon realized that his life was now complete. He was ready to die because he had now been privileged to actually see the Christ. He held Jesus in his arms and gave glory to the Father for this moment.

We should strive to learn from holy Simeon. No, we are not a prophet in the Temple some 2,000 years ago, but we are privileged to see the Christ each day in numerous ways. The Child Simeon held was God indeed. But He was God under the veil of the flesh of a little Child. Simeon, nonetheless, saw Him for who He was and rejoiced.

We must strive to perceive the presence of the Savior all around us and rejoice with Simeon's joy. Christ is present in every heart that is given to God, every Sacrament of the Church, every reading of the Holy Scripture, and He is especially present to us within our hearts. Our hearts must be that temple in which we discover the presence of the Christ Child and we must take Him into our lives rejoicing in how close He is.

Reflect, today, upon that scene of Simeon taking the Child into his hands and seeing the Savior under the veil of the flesh and bones of this Infant. Seek out Christ in the same way that Simeon did and ponder the many ways that He is present to You. Know that He is near and that He wants to fill your life with His peace.

Lord, I thank You for the great witness of Simeon the Prophet. Thank You for Your fidelity to Simeon in letting him see You as a little Child. May I always imitate his great faith and seek You all my life, waiting for You to come to me in veiled ways so that my heart may rejoice in Your presence. Jesus, I trust in You.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS To request an acknowledgment, please complete the information below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. You may also visit our website at www.sjchb.org and complete the info. online.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 30

*5th Sunday Rosary, after 11 am Mass

Monday-Thursday

*Daily Mass, 8am

Tuesday, February 1

*Bible Study, Church Hall, 7:30pm (live streamed on FB)

Friday, February 4

*Adoration 3pm-7pm followed by Benediction & Mass

BIBLE STUDY Come study the greatest book on earth with Andrew Rispoli on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** in the Church Hall. The study is also live-streamed on our Facebook page.

"The best way to gain wisdom is by applying the Word of God to your life."



BLESSING OF THE THROATS Join Fr. James at morning Mass on **Thursday, February 3 at 8 am** and have your throat blessed in honor of **St. Blaise**.



"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you free from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

ADORATION Join us on **First Friday, February 4th** from **3pm to 7pm** for Adoration, followed by Benediction and Mass.

If the Lord is calling you to spend some quiet time with Him and you'd like to "watch for one hour," contact Eileen at (908) 482-0802.



"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!" - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

LORD'S HOUSEKEEPERS If you would like to help clean St. Joseph Church, once a month, between Monday through Thursday, please contact the Parish Office at (908) 689-6211 or email at parishoffice@sjchb.org Many thanks to those who help clean the Church each month!!!



FOOD FOR FAMILIES For the month of January, **266 lbs.** of food was donated to the Open Cupboard Food Party! What a great way to start the year off!! Our next collection is on **February 19/20. Thank you** so much to all who gave so generously!



Items to donate: oatmeal, boxed pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, apple juice, juice boxes, cereal, mac & cheese, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner. Please no expired items.

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



For the month of January the flame will burn:

In Loving Memory of Thomas Gradel

From The Mosier Family

SANCTUARY LAMP You may have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of a loved one or for the intention of someone living or for a special celebration. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested. The offering is \$10 per week.



PRAY FOR THE SICK: St. John Bosco, (feast day Jan. 31) keep us safe from the snares of the world and guide us in the path that leads to God.

We pray for: Cathy Bush, Morgan, William Honachefsky, Vincent Scarponi, Mark Mueller, Joseph, John Hayth, Lyzah Hennig, Jacob Cole, Colin, Christopher, Helen D., Jesse Wescott, Holly McCallum-Young, Kaitlin O, Msgr. Puleo, Carole & Paul Mueller, Holly Z., Terry P., & those who have no one to pray for them.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK You're invited to tour the campus of **Immaculate Conception School** in Annandale today, **Sunday, Jan. 30th** from 11 am—2pm or on **Wednesday, Feb. 2nd** from 8:15 am to 11:15am. Each family will be offered a private tour of all school facilities and will be able to meet the teachers! RSVP at <https://www.icsannandale.org/visit>.



THE CHOSEN STUDY SERIES All young adult engaged & married couples are invited to join in a virtual study series based on the hit series, **"The Chosen."** A different episode will be discussed each meeting Meetings will take place every other Monday at 7:00pm on Zoom, starting 1/24. For details or to join, please contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins at cdaverso@diometuchen.org. You can join at any time!



K-CLUB Please see the Knights of Columbus K-Club flyer enclosed in the bulletin this week. **100%** of the net proceeds are dedicated to the Knight's charitable programs. You can also pick up a flyer in the church vestibule, or download a flyer PDF using the "QR Code" or visit www.kofc10627.org, click on "more" and then click on "K-Club". The first drawing is **February 20th** and the final drawing is July 3rd. Dues are \$40.00. You can pay by check on by PayPal on the website; prizes are outlined on the flyer. Checks can be dropped off in the collection or mailed to the Parish Office. For more information, contact Tom Klawunn at (908) 246-3722. **Thank You for supporting the Knights of Columbus charitable efforts and good luck to everyone.**



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