



St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8 am, 9:30 & 11 am

DAILY MASS

Monday—Thursday 8 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4 to 4:45 pm
1st Sunday after 11 am Mass &
By Appointment

ADORATION

First Friday of the month
2nd Sunday following the 11 am Mass

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 7:30pm,
Church Hall

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

3rd Weekend of the month

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

1st Friday of the Month
8pm, Church Hall

'MADE WITH LOVE' MINISTRY

Contact the Parish Office

PRAY THE ROSARY

5th Sunday of the month

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Contact the Parish Office to join

Our Parish is Served By:

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June 4, 2023

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who
believes in him might not
perish but might have
eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated every **first, third, fourth** Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass. Godparents must be practicing Catholics who have reached their 16th year and have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation). For those Godparents who are married, their marriage must be recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. Only one Godparent is required and not more than two. When two are acting as Godparents, one must be male and the other female according to Canon Law. If the Godparent (s) are registered at another parish, they must obtain a Certificate of Sponsorship from their Pastor and have it sent to St. Joseph Church, prior to the Baptism.

MATRIMONY: In accordance with Diocesan Policy, arrangements for a wedding should be made at least one year in advance. Before contracting a date with a venue, please call the Parish Office to schedule a wedding appointment with the Pastor.

MINISTRY OF THE HOMEBOUND, SICK AND DYING: Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites, *Viaticum ~ food for the journey ~* to be administered to those who are ill, undergoing surgery or near death.

FAMILY & MASS CENTERED FAITH FORMATION: For the School year of 2022-23 all grades will meet on the grounds of St. Joseph Parish. Children will be required to attend Mass with their parents as well as attend class every other week. All Faith Formation classes meet 2 times per month. Please contact Shari Schultz, our PCL, at (908) 638-6453 for more information.

PARISH REGISTRATION: St. Joseph Church welcomes those who are new to the area and encourages you to register at our parish as well as those who are attending Mass regularly. Visit our website at www.sjchb.org to register or pick up a form in the Church vestibule. Once we receive your registration form you will receive a welcome letter in the mail.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): This is a process through which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. All classes begin in September. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for individual private preparation from one of the members of our clergy. If you have question about becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic Church please call (908) 638-6211.

Saint Joseph, pray for us. Saint Brigid, pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/Sunday, June 3/4

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00 PM † Jessica Wescott
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM (L) Debra Cavaiuolo
 11:00 AM † Emily Setteducato

Monday, June 5 Saint Boniface

8:00 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, June 6

Saint Norbert

8:00 AM † Father Ted Osbahr

Wednesday, June 7

8:00 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 8

8:00 AM (L) Katie Marinello

Saturday/Sunday, June 10/11

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

5:00 PM † John Gradel
 8:00 AM † Darrell Dulak
 9:30 AM † Donald Sebold
 People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
 Knights of Columbus

"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course."

~Saint Boniface, Feast Day June 5

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like to have a Mass said for a deceased loved one, for someone living or for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (908) 638-6211 or by email, parishoffice@sjchb.org. A Mass card can be mailed for your convenience, the offering is \$10.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday: June 3

5pm: Dave K. & Luke R.

Sunday: June 4

8am: Joe F.

9:30am: Andrew R.

11am:

Saturday: June 10

5pm: Tom R.

Sunday: June 11

8am: Deb B.

9:30am: Jill G.

11am: Linda M.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection 5/20 & 5/21 \$2,568.-

Online Giving 5/15-5/21 \$1,490.-

The second collections will be listed in the following bulletin.

If you would like to receive envelopes **or** if you are donating online and no longer need envelopes please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

COLLECTION COUNTER SCHEDULE

1st Week: Monday, June 5 Pam/Linda

2nd Week: Monday, June 12 Pam/Deb

3rd Week: Monday, June 19 Pam/Sue

4th Week: Monday, June 26 Pam/Dee

MEDITATION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



"Many years ago, seminary classes were taught in Latin. A story is told of a professor who spent the entire year teaching a class on the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The students were lost – between the language and the intense amount of material they had to learn. On the last day of the class before the exam, the professor promised a summary review for the exam. The students were anxious to hear it since they were lost on how to prepare so much material. He stood before them at the podium, and said, in reference to the course material about the Trinity, *Mysterium est*. In other words, **"It's a mystery."** That ended the summary and the class.

No matter how many Biblical scholars and writers have tried to define and explain the One God in Three Persons, it remains a mystery beyond our ability to understand. And yet, belief in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the most essential doctrine of our Catholic faith.

There have been many false teachings and misunderstandings about the Trinity down through the centuries. For example, there were people who suggested there are three gods forming what we might call a "council of deities," and others who expressed the idea that God acted as different persons at different times. The truth is more mysterious – **our God is always and everywhere, always has been and always will be, the One in Three.**

Our Scripture readings today can shed some light on this mystery though. In the reading from the Book of Exodus, God renews His covenant with Moses. His chosen people had broken the first of the Ten Commandments by worshiping the golden calf. In an earlier verse, Moses had smashed the tablets in anger. God, however, revealed Himself as being **full of mercy**, slow to anger and abounding in faithfulness. He did not withdraw His covenant. Instead, He renewed it as the tablets were restored to Moses and the people, and they were forgiven.

God the Father has renewed His covenant with us, His Church – forgiving us our sins – by the saving actions of His Son acting through the power of the Holy Spirit. God's love reveals itself as a Trinitarian love, with all three persons of the one God acting together to help us in this life and help us to one day experience eternal life – God's great design and destiny for all of us.

God shows Himself as a Father of mercy, in His only Son as a Savior, and in His Spirit as a Redeemer who is forever renewing His love for us, and allowing us to do the same for Him and for each other. Indeed, the mysteries of the Most Holy Trinity are woven into the mysteries of the human person.

Only when we know who God is are we truly capable of knowing ourselves and each other. Made in the image and likeness of God, we are made in the image and likeness of the Holy Trinity. The love we have for one another should then be modeled on the love shared by God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Today, St. Paul concluded his second letter to the Corinthians, wishing that newly formed Christian community all the blessings of the Triune God. We begin each Mass with the words St. Paul used to conclude his reflections: *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."* May the Triune God's great love for us help us to mend our ways, encourage one another and greet each other in holy peace."

(stjamestheapostle.wordpress.com)

THIS WEEK'S PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 4

*Confession, following the 11am Mass

Tuesday, June 6

*Bible Study, 7:30pm, Church Hall

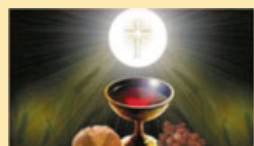
Wednesday, June 7

*Eucharistic Minister Meeting, 7pm, Church

BIBLE STUDY Join parishioner Andrew Rispoli on **Tuesday, June 6** for the Bible Study at **7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. All are welcome to come at any time and learn about the Holy Bible.



REINTRODUCING THE BLOOD OF CHRIST Beginning on **Sunday, June 11**, The Feast of Corpus Christi, the Precious Blood will be distributed at Holy Communion at the **11 am Mass**.



EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS In order for the distribution of the Precious Blood at Holy Communion to increase, Father is asking if anyone is interested in becoming a **Eucharistic Minister** or if you are one already and didn't receive the email sent on May 18, please come to the Eucharistic Minister Meeting this **Wednesday, June 7** at **7 pm** in the Church.

If you will be attending the meeting, kindly email the Parish Office at parishoffice@sjchb.org or call **(908) 638-6211**.

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Next **Sunday, June 11** following the 11am Mass, St. Joseph Church will hold a **Eucharistic Procession** from inside the Church to the prayer garden where prayers will be said by Fr. James and then Benediction will follow inside the Church. **All are invited to walk in the**

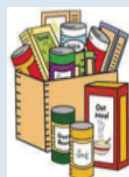


Procession to give public witness of your faith and devotion to the Eucharist!

All children of the Parish are invited to walk in the Eucharistic Procession and those children who made their First Holy Communion are invited to wear their First Holy Communion suit/dress.

*This Procession takes the place of Adoration, for this month only, which occurs on the second Sunday of the month.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES For the month of May, **104 pounds** of food donations were delivered to the Food Pantry. **Thank you** for your generosity. The Food Pantry is serving more clients in need and are super grateful for everyone's help in stocking their shelves.



While at the grocery store, kindly consider placing **1 extra item** in your cart for those less fortunate and bring it to Church with you and place the item in the entrance-way. There is a spot, to the right, with boxes for your convenience.

Your bottle of ketchup or apple juice, or package of napkins or box of tissues will go a long way for someone in need!

Our next collection will be on June 17 & 18.

"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his good deed." ~Proverbs 19:17



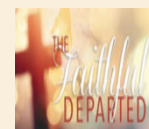
The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns constantly to proclaim the **Real Presence** of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Tabernacle. This week the flame burns:

For those listed on our Parish Prayer List

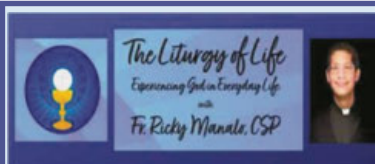
PARISH PRAYER LIST: Saint Norbert, (Feast day: June 6) you chose to devote your life to prayer and penance. You spent the rest of your life doing all you could to serve God worthily. Pray for those on our Parish Prayer List, that they may always seek to overcome their faults and to serve God more worthily. Pray that they may never allow themselves to become complacent in their spiritual life and may God hear and answer their petitions. Amen



We pray for: Kevin Speckin, Deacon Dan Kinsky, Jim R., Marie Buckalew, Jim Benson, Ron Carpenter, Cynthia, Barbara, Helen Devaney, David J., Dean Rapp, Stephanie, Christopher, Frank Parrillo Jr., Rose & Rocco Vallinoto, Kathy H, Lisa K., Michael Saia, Stephanie, Marleen, Baby Peter, Maxwell Mears, Tom Toohey, Rosemarie Buza, Sue Young and those who are ill in the hospital or living in assisted living & those who have no one to pray for them.



DEARLY DEPARTED We remember parishioner, **Tom Best**, who passed away on May 23. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

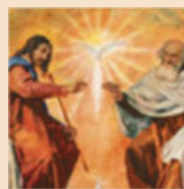


THE LITURGY OF LIFE

In this year of the National Eucharistic Revival, you're invited on **Saturday, June 24**, 8:30am-12:30pm to join **Fr. Ricky Manalo** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church,

Three Bridges, NJ, for a morning of prayer and reflection, to grow in Eucharistic understanding and reconnect Sunday worship with daily life. The registration fee is \$45 which includes a light breakfast. Register at www.npmetuchen.org.

Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D. is a Paulist Priest, theologian, and liturgical composer. This seminar is based on his award-winning book, *The Liturgy of Life*. Fr. Ricky will sing some of his Eucharistic Compositions as an added bonus!



Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity

As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His Divine Love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

Let us pray: Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw me into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three Divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by me each day through the gift of transforming mystical prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.

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You can see its beginning, BUT not its
end!



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