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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday | 5:00pm

Sunday | 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:30am

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday | 7:00am, 8:30am

Saturday | 8:30am

Benediction followed by Novena to Our Lady — Suspended until further notice.

Parish Staff

Rev. Dominick J. Lenoci, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Donald E. Guenther, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. James R. White, In Residence
Msgr. Edward Bradley, Weekend Asst.
Deacon Richard O'Hara
Clare Krakoviak, Catechetical Leader

Rectory Office

973-669-3221

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Hours

Mon. - Wed., 9:00am-12:00 pm

If you need assistance at other times, please call the Rectory and leave a message.

Religious Education

973-669-8331

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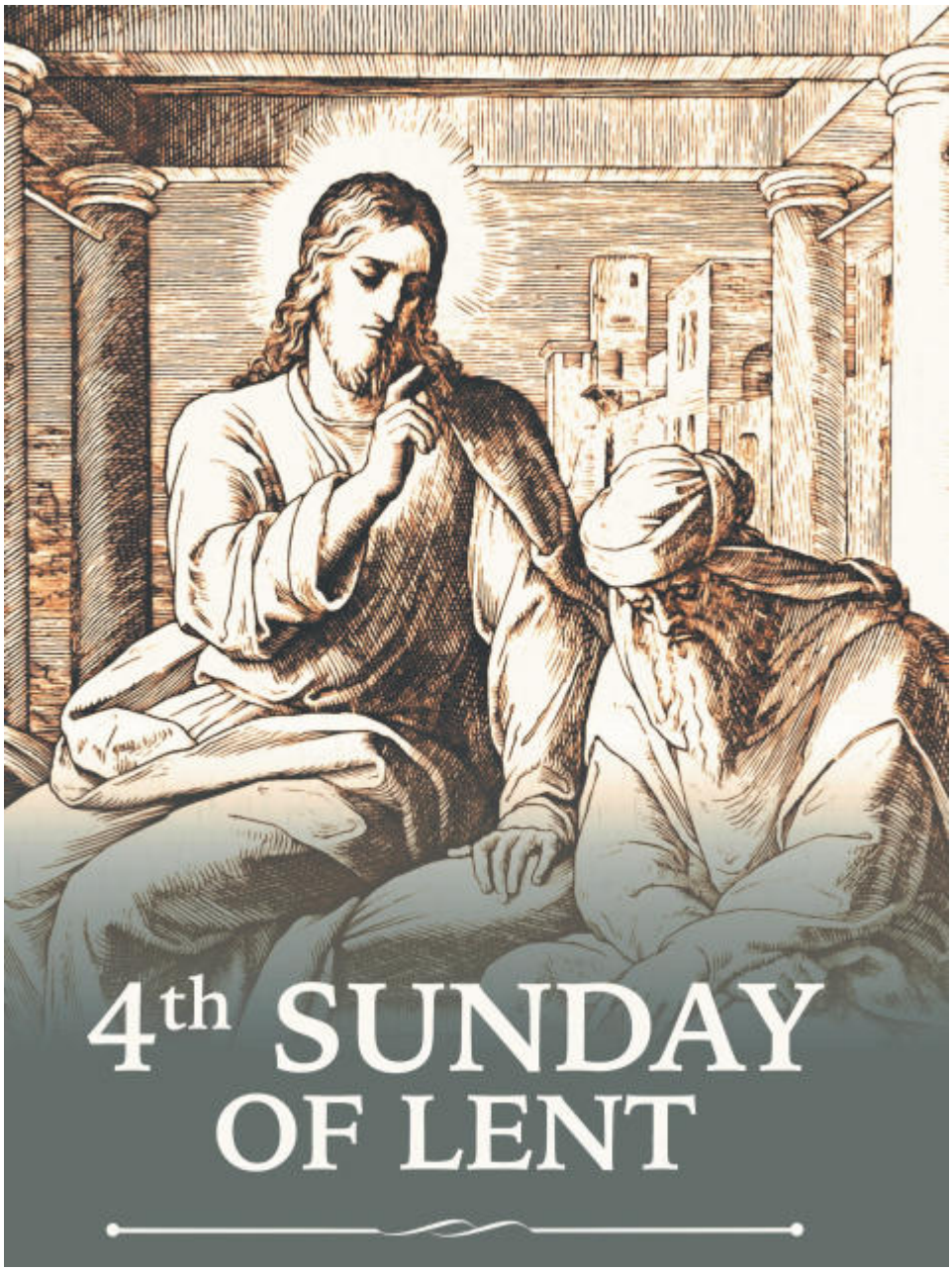

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." — John 3:21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 13

8:30 am † John Berberich
5:00 pm † Florentino Martinez

Sunday, March 14

7:30 am † Gary Grabowski
9:15 am † James Tarbell
11:30 am † Joseph & Josephine Gagliano

Monday, March 15

7:00 am † Deceased Members of the Narduzzi Family
8:30 am † Fr. John Sweeney

Tuesday, March 16

7:00 am † Special Intention of Dominick Narduzzi
8:30 am † People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 17: St. Patrick

7:00 am † Special Intention of Bill Narduzzi
8:30 am † Ronald Mulligan

Thursday, March 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:00 am † Deceased Members of the Lonsway Family
8:30 am † Edmund C. Spelman

Friday, March 19: St. Joseph

7:00 am † Grace Lee
8:30 am † Joseph Donadio

Saturday, March 20

8:30 am † Mary Donadio
5:00 pm † Joyce Joyce

Sunday, March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am † Cheryl Washkewicz
9:15 am † Fr. Thomas Ivory
11:30 am † Honorable Edmund Kirby

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Time is continuing to fly by. In the church, we're already in the Fourth Week of Lent. Easter will be here before we know it.

How has Lent been for each of us? Have we tried to turn away from what separates us from God and grow closer to Him? This is what we want to do in Lent, turn away from sin and let the Lord in.

On Good Friday, we will look back on how Jesus gave His life for us. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate His Resurrection. Jesus's death and resurrection tell us that Jesus loves us and wants us to be with Him. All we have to do is open our hearts and let Him in.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Dominick

Readings for the Week

Mon. | Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tues. | Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wed. | Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thurs. | Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Fri. | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sat. | Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Sun. | Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Sacrament Information

Baptism

Celebrated on 2nd & 4th Sundays (except during Lent) at 1 p.m. by appointment only. Call the Rectory.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Saturday from 4 - 4:30 p,m. or by appointment.

Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage should call the Rectory for an appointment with a priest one year in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the Rectory for Anointing or Communion for the homebound. Anointing Masses are scheduled twice a year.

Holy Orders

Please call the Rectory if you would like information about serving as a religious sister or brother, deacon or priest.

Religious Education

(For Children Attending Public/Non-Catholic School)

Grades 1 - 4 | Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Mass, Classes to follow

Grades 5 - 7 | Tuesday, 7 - 8:15 p.m.

Grade 8 | Saturday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Adult Religious Education (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) welcomes people who would like to become Catholics, as well as Catholics who have yet to receive all their Sacraments. Please call the Religious Education Office.

***"To everything there is a Season and a time for every purpose under heaven."* Ecclesiastes 3:11**

"A time to be healed..."

Prayers for those who are ill: Julia Callaghan, Rose Maselli, Anna Passero, Richard Florentino, Kathleen Keenan, Faith Nzegwu, Marisa Robertazzi, Victoria Cioffi, Lorraine Peters, Marian Farina, Grace Zambrowski, Jose Almonte, Gerard McGrath, Rafael Macaraig Hernandez, Carmina Cabiltes, Myra Mariano, Louise Manning, Cathy Spagnuolo, Carmen Pereira, Alma Rivera, Linda Salazar, Ryan Cabiltes, Justin Cabiltes, Foula Lembesis, Alfonso Rivera, Mercedes Rivera, Ann Whelan, Adrian & Audrey Kole, Sandy O'Connor, Durecia Watley, Dominic Jacobs, Guadelyn Salva, Michael DeMartini, Thomas Longo, Jean Lechner, Mirazol Mariano, Michael McCollum, Taylor Piazza, Michael Urbino, Susan Fulvio, Jaemarie DePaz, Bill Grabowski, Lani Wood.

"A time for sorrow..."

Prayers for those who have died: especially the beloved deceased of our parish.

"A time for war and a time for peace..."

Prayers for national and world leaders and those in the Armed Services: Lt. Eric Washkewicz.

Sunday Collection - 3/7/2021

Weekly.....$3,397.00

Archdiocesan Assessment.....$387.00

Faith Direct - All Collections for 2/2021.....$5,129.48

From the Office of Religious Education

Outdoor Family Prayer Service & Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 21, 2021, at 1 p.m.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is back – this year following a Lenten Prayer Service for all families in the Religious Education Program (and those who'd like to be). It will take place outside on the grounds surrounding the Parish Center at 1 p.m. on March 21. Masks and social distancing are required. There will be separate "hunt" areas for children in Pre-K—Grade 1 and Grades 2—4. **We ask all families attending to please RSVP by 3/17** to Clare Krakoviak at 973-669-8331 or *c.krakoviak@saintjosephwo.org* so we can ensure there are enough eggs for everyone and make plans in case of inclement weather.

"Baby Shower" Collection Drive for Mercy House

As their Lenten Service Project, our 8th Grade Confirmation Prep class is hosting a "Baby Shower" for families in need who are supported by the Archdiocese of Newark's Mercy House. The Collection Drive runs through Sunday, March 28. A list of possible donations includes diapers (especially larger sizes: 4-5); baby wipes; crib sheets; blankets; baby & children's clothing, all sizes; footwear, hats, outerwear and toys. Donations may be dropped off in the collection bin at the Church Cry Room, which is open Weekdays 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday mornings.

Family Stations of the Cross — Fridays via Zoom

Family Stations of the Cross, sponsored by the Religious Ed. Program, continue Fridays during Lent at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Open to all families in the parish, the 30-minute session offers parents and children an opportunity to participate in reading reflections and prayers for each of the 14 Stations of the Cross. If you have not received a Zoom invitation via email, please contact Clare Krakoviak at *c.krakoviak@saintjosephwo.org*.

Ministries & Activities

Baptism Ministry - 973-669-3221
Celebrate Love - Joe & Clare Krakoviak, 973-736-7285
Decoration Committee - Nancy Fitzsimmons, 973-731-4682
Food Pantry - Allison Baumgartner, 973-731-9005
Garden Club - Beverly Famiano, 973-325-2135
Giving Tree - Cathy Danatos, 973-669-3221
Knights of Columbus - Peter Ascherl, 973-736-9579
Lectors - Jennifer D'Alessio, 973-731-8325
Ministers of Holy Communion - Patti Magliaro, 973-669-3221
Martha Ministry - Carol Kurtyka & Patti Magliaro
Music Ministry - Rita Maggio, 973-669-3221
Parish Finance Council - Joe Palumbo, 973-202-0050
Parish Pastoral Council - Allison Baumgartner, 973-731-9005
Rosary Altar Society - 973-669-3221
Soup Kitchen - Isabel Ramos Figiel, 973-736-1796
Ushers - Rich Holley, 973-736-0631

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give. Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him. Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad. As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

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Archdiocese of Newark

2021 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

   On a day of Fast, **only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

   On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. 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.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

*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.*

Please note – *Stations of the Cross will be held in-person each Saturday during Lent after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.*

Stewardship

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son…" — John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

St. Joseph Food Pantry

Thank you for remembering the Food Pantry – your donations of non-perishable food items are very much appreciated by those in need. **We are especially in need of canned tomatoes and jars of tomato sauce, cold cereal, canned meat, peanut butter, canned soup,** as well as chicken & beef broths, tuna, coffee, rice, oatmeal, sugar, dry milk, canned fruit, pasta and canned chili. **Thank you very much for your continued support!**

Small Group Lenten Reflection Series Via Zoom, Wednesdays during Lent at 2 p.m.

Join us for an hourly Zoom session that includes prayer, reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings and group sharing. Come to one session or to them all. We are using the book, "The Word Among Us," copies of which are available for free at the doors of the church. Please contact Carol Kurtyka (*cak907@verizon.net/*973-669-8261) or Clare Krakoviak (*c.krakoviak@saintjosephwo.org*) to receive the secure Zoom link.

2020 Contributions Statements are now Available

Please call the Rectory office to request a copy of your statement. If no one is in, dial extension zero and leave a message with your request. Thank you for your support of St. Joseph's Church!

This Week's Events at St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

2 p.m. – Lenten Reflection Series via Zoom

Friday, March 19, 2021

7:30 p.m. – Family Stations of the Cross via Zoom

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Stations of the Cross following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

4 – 4:30 p.m. – Confessions in the Church

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1 p.m. — Family Lenten Prayer Service & Easter Egg Hunt

2nd Collection — CRS/Black & Indian Collection

2021 Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young; ensures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most importantly, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. **Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal, which we achieved in 2020. To date, we have received $33,125.00 in pledges from 52 families and achieved approximately 94% of our goal.** Envelopes are in the pews of the church and may be dropped in the Sunday collection basket or at the Rectory. Donations applied towards our parish goal can also be made online at *rcan.org/appeal*.

St. Joseph Holy Hour at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, South Orange, N.J.

Friday, March 19, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

On the Solemnity of St. Joseph, patron saint of fathers and protector of families, the St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry and the Sacred Heart Society for Vocations will pray for vocations to the priesthood and for the protection of human life for one hour before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 217 Prospect St., South Orange. The Holy Hour will directly follow the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome!

St. Joseph's Day Dispensation from Cardinal Tobin

One of our Lenten obligations is abstaining from eating meat on all Fridays in Lent. This year, the celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19, falls on a Friday. In response to requests from the faithful, Cardinal Tobin has granted everyone in the Archdiocese dispensation from abstinence from meat on Friday, March 19, 2021. The Cardinal recommends celebrating the feast day with a festive meal with your household and a gift to a food pantry or soup kitchen.

Pope Francis Proclaims Holy Year of St. Joseph

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the naming of St .Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a Holy Year of St. Joseph from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021. St. Joseph was a man of sacrifice and prayer for the good of the Holy Family. Even today, he continues to inspire others to reach out to those in need, especially during this difficult time. Visit the Archdiocese of Newark's Year of Saint Joseph webpage: *rcan.org/joseph.* This page is intended to provide helpful links and resources for this Holy Year. ***St. Joseph, pray for us!***

Current Status of Worship at St. Joseph

Based on Updated Directives for Parish Liturgical Celebrations During the COVID-19 Pandemic issued by the Archdiocese of Newark on Feb. 22, 2021, **St. Joseph Church will now allow seating of up to 170 participants for worship services.** Modifications, including social distancing, wearing of masks and sanitizing measures will continue to be in place.

The Sunday Mass schedule is: 5 p.m. Saturday and 7:30, 9:15 & 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Ushers direct attendees to their seats and parishioners will be seated on a first-come basis. **Seating at Sunday Mass will be limited to 170**, based on the Archdiocese's directive of 50% of the church's capacity. **Please note the Cardinal's dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in effect until further notice.**

Confessions are heard from 4 – 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays in the main area of the church with masks worn and social distance observed.

We ask all to continue to adhere to the following guidelines:

+ Please do not enter the church if you are sick in any way.

+ Nobody should enter the church without a mask. You must wear the mask at all times while in the church.

+ As you both enter and exit the church, please make use of the hand sanitizer dispensers located by the doors of the church (or bring your own hand sanitizer).

+ Please practice social distancing (6 feet around each person or family).

Information about all protocols and expectations of parishes is available at: *rcan.org/covid19.*

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