SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

973-383-1985

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Weekdays

Monday and Tuesday at 8:00am
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
at 12:05pm

Saturday *(Vigil)* at 5:00pm

Sundays

8:00am, 9:30am 11:30am and 6:00pm
(All are in church)

Misa en Espanol todos los Domingos
a las 2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00pm-4:30pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & PERSONAL APPOINTMENTS

Please call the Parish Center

MARCH 6, 2016

Church: 24 Halsted Street
Parish Center: 22 Halsted Street, Newton NJ 07860-2003
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OUR PARISH FAMILY IS SERVED BY

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Dorothy Bosi, George Hayek and Gerard Woodring.

Saint Joseph Regional School
20 Jefferson Street - 973-383-2909
Mrs. Patricia A. Klebez, *Principal*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday *3/5*	5:00pm	Gloria Latino Irene Gallo DeGroat
Sunday *March 6th*	8:00am	Barbara Morsell
Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:30am	William & Neal Looney Lottie Scripsic
	11:30am	Francis & Stella Covel
	6:00pm	Nunzio Vacca
Monday *3/7*	8:00am	Deacon John Turner
Tuesday *3/8*	8:00am	Michael William Samra, Sr.
Wednesday *3/9*	12:05pm	George Reskovac, Sr.
Thursday *3/10*	12:05pm	Mike & Pat Ryan
Friday *3/11*	12:05pm	Bertha Parons LaCrosse
Saturday *3/12*	5:00pm	Joseph Pellek Kenneth West
Sunday *March 13th*	8:00am	Elizabeth DiGidio Frank J. Sevola
Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:30am	William Looney Elizabeth DiGidio
	11:30am	John Mills, Sr.
	6:00pm	Sue Altrui

"OREMUS PRO INVICEM"

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Susan Allanson, Mary Benziger, Jennifer DiNardo, Ted Eis, Pat Fitzpatrick, Jessica Kirby, Kerri Knight, Greg Orvetz, Michael Palumbo, Michael Ryan, Rosemary Woodring, Cale & Lane Yetter and Rita Zimich.

WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Lamp which burns near the tabernacle in church is the reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn in loving memory of:

Irene DeGroat

May she now be resting in the peace of the heavenly kingdom!

The hosts and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in loving memory of:

Jeanne Rosano

May she also be resting
in the joy of God's presence!

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday evenings during Lent
from 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30 pm
(No confessions on Monday evening March 21st)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday evening
during Lent at 7:30pm
(until March 18th)

Fourth Sunday of Lent– March 6, 2016

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, March 7
4:05-5:20pm Faith Formation *(School & Parish Center)*
6:50-8:05pm Faith Formation *(School)*
6:00pm Columbiettes *(Community Center)*
7-8:30pm Confessions *(Church)*
Tuesday, March 8
4:05-5:20pm Faith Formation *(School)*
7:30pm Sacramental Meeting for Parents *(Community Center)*
Wednesday, March 9
5:00pm Basketball *(Community Center)*
7:00pm R.C.I.A. *(Parish Center)*
Thursday, March 10
1:00-2:00pm Legion of Mary (*Parish Center*)
5:00pm Basketball *(Community Center)*
7:00pm Knights of Columbus *(Parish Center)*
7:30pm Choir Practice *(Church)*
Friday, March 11
5:00pm Basketball *(Community Center)*
7:30pm Stations of the Cross *(Church)*
Saturday, March 12
8:00am-2:00pm Basketball *(Community Center)*
Sunday, March 13
10:30 Confirmation Class *(School and Parish Center)*
2:00pm Baptism Class *(Parish Center)*
2:30-5:00pm Squires *(Parish Center)*
3:30-5:00pm Squirettes *(Community Center)*

WEEKEND READINGS

March 13, 2016
Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
Saint John 8:1-11

PARISH WEEKEND DONATIONS

Weekend of February 27-28th
Collection $8,557
Second Collection $1,390
Total=$9,947
Attendance: 787

Remember that Lent is a wonderful time to give to the poor. Saint Joseph Church supports the poor each and every day through our food pantry and many other ways!

CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future.

Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Attention all children 9 years old and under: please come join us for an Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, March 20th (Palm Sunday) immediately following the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses at the Saint Joseph Regional School (side yard), sponsored by the Columbian Squires and Squirettes. Bring your siblings. Invite your friends.

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary invites you to attend the Morris County Curia Acies to be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, March 13th. Bishop Serratelli will be presiding at the Mass at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church, 6 Sussex Avenue, Morristown NJ.

FAUSTINA

Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy, the live production will be presented at Pope John XXIII High School on Saturday, March 19th at 7:00pm The event is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

The program runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 13 and older.

For tickets, visit ww.faustinasparta.eventbrite.com.
for more information, email faustinasparta@gmail.com
or call 862-684-0984

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Please join the Saint Joseph Regional School family in honoring all alumni, while helping to support the current students and staff up through the school's pending transition and merger of the Catholic elementary schools in Sussex County.

Please join us as we celebrate 60 years of the loving and faithful educational community that has defined Saint Joseph. A Country-Western Casino Night will be held at the school on **Saturday, April 9, 2016** beginning at 6:00pm. All proceeds from the event will support Catholic education right here at Saint Joseph School in Newton, Sussex County.

For more information, please contact the school at 973-383-2909.

PREPARING FOR EASTER

Easter is not only a date and time on our calendars each year, but more importantly, it is an **event**! An event that should be celebrated in the life of every Christian and especially we of the Catholic tradition. At Easter something happens and this happening is called the "Paschal Mystery." However, in order to celebrate this mystery, this event, we need to be prepared in body, mind and spirit. Hopefully, this week and the weeks to follow will give you food for thought in order to help you celebrate this event in your lives once again this year.

The term "paschal mystery" is not a new term that has been used only since the Second Vatican Council, but more accurately, it was a term that was used frequently by the Church Fathers and was easily seen in the Opening Prayer and Prayer after Communion of the Mass. This scriptural and historical outlook on our faith was soon replaced by the systematic and juridical philosophies of the scholastic theologians (e.g. Anselm of Canterbury, Peter Abelard, Albertus Magnus, Duns Scotus, Saint Thomas Aquinas, etc.). These philosophies and theologies soon made their way into catechisms, sermons and popular devotions, ways of thinking that most of us grew up with in the 50's and 60's. It is the view that sees our redemption in the form of a "payment" of a debt (reparation) or a pardon given to us because Christ took upon Himself the sufferings which we really deserved for our sins (penal expiation). Of course, these ideas certainly found many scriptural passages that supported this theology. However, the theology and philosophy of the Church Father's was a more radical approach to our salvation which sees our salvation as transformation. It was the intention of the Second Vatican Council that this former notion of transformation be brought into prominence. Therefore, in order to understand more fully what this transformation, this paschal mystery means we have to look more closely into the meaning of these words.

First, let us look at the word "mystery." Usually we understand this word to mean something that is beyond our understanding and we believe because God revealed this to us. But mystery also means "an action done by God in carrying out some plan" (e.g. the mysteries of the rosaries, which refer to some action of Christ which is contemplating while praying ten Hail Mary's and one Our Father). Of course these two definitions are not distinct from each other, but rather work hand in hand.

The main point about a mystery according to the scriptural, patristic and Vatican Council sense is that is has three qualities: 1.) It is something that is done, an event, 2.) It is something that is accomplished by God Himself and 3.) It is something done by God for the promoting of our salvation.

The second word that needs to be look at is "paschal." The original Passover was a historic event when the Angel of the Lord **passed over** the land of Egypt to inflict death on the first-born of the Egyptians in order to free the Israelites from their slavery (Exodus 12:13ff). This event allowed the Israelites to **pass over** the Red Sea and go to Mount Sinai where God made a covenant with them, saying "I will be your God and you will be my people" (Exodus 6:7). For the Israelites, this was a change in their status, from being an enslaved people with no laws, no rights, no privileges only looking forward to death, to becoming a free people, a chosen people, looking forward to life in the Promised Land. They **passed over** from slavery to freedom, from death to life. This event was the most marvelous and important of all the wonderful things that God has done for His people in the Old Testament. However, this was only a prelude to the work of Christ in His redemption of all people.

When Christ suffered, died, rose from the dead and ascended to the Heavenly Father, this too was a Passover, similar to what the Israelites experienced. For Christ also underwent a change in status; once assuming the nature of a fallen creature, He became a new man, glorious and immortal. He has **passed over** from the state of slavery to the state of freedom, from death to the newness of life. This transition or transformation is the **Pasch** or the **Passover** of Christ. Therefore, it is correctly called the "paschal mystery" because it was something done by God, to affect our salvation and is of its nature a **Passover!**

And just as it was a Passover for Christ, so it can be for us as well. Our salvation is our transformation from that which enslaves us to sin to freedom. This becomes our paschal event in our lives. Because of the sin of our first parents, our lives are now subject to death. We all possess a life that will one day die out, by our very living, our lives are expended. It is in the words of Saint Augustine life is "A prolonged process of dying." We all want an immortal life, but until our present life is transformed, this will never happen. And the fact is that no mortal man (or woman) can change this type of life which we presently possess. However, when God becomes a man in the person of Jesus Christ, this extraordinary man is born with divine powers. And this man did transform the kind of life that we possess. He took it upon Himself, this imperfect life, mortal and subject to death, and by his own suffering and death destroyed death and His Resurrection, restored our lives. For He did not rise to a mere continuation of his former life (like Lazarus did when He raised him from the dead) but to a new kind of life, not subject to suffering or death. He transformed human life by **passing** from one state to another, from death to life; this **Passover** becomes our **Paschal Mystery!**

COLUMBIETTES

Are you interested in becoming a Columbiette?

The Don Bosco Columbiettes Auxiliary # 7784 will be holding a First Degree Ceremony for any women wishing to join the Columbiettes on Monday March 7, 2016.

THANK YOU

After many years of dedicated service to the parish and in particular as an assistant to the Faith Formation Office, Susan Murray will be retiring from her position.

Many thanks to Susan for her many years of service to the many priests, religious and lay people she has worked for.

God bless you Susan in your new endeavors!

SAINT PATRICK DAY

Saint Joseph Church will have their Annual **Saint Patrick Day Mass and Irish Breakfast** on Saturday, March 19th. Mass will be at 8:00am followed by an Irish Breakfast in the Community Center. **"All Are Welcome!"**

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

This Spring we will be reading **"Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus"** by James Martin, a best selling author and editor at large of America Magazine.

Based on his talks at Saint Patrick Cathedral on Good Friday 2015, this is a series of meditations on the seven last sayings of Jesus from the cross, which reveal not only Jesus' love and forgiveness, but also why we can confidently turn to Him with our worries, fears, and even doubts.