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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 12:30-7pm Adoration, 6pm Confessions,
7pm Mass

First Saturday: 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Saturday: 12:00pm, Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday

St. Anthony: Tuesday

St. Joseph: Wednesday

St. Jude: Thursday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich: Friday

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00Noon Mass

Sunday, September 14, 2025 A.D.
Jubilee Year of Hope



ADORATIONS

We are back to our regular schedule
Tuesdays and Thursdays

8:30AM-11:50AM

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism call the rectory.

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Sick calls at any time in emergency.

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Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4pm & 5pm

Sunday: 7am, 8am Latin, 9:30am,
10:45am, 12pm, 1pm Spanish, 6pm

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Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...

Holy Name Society today is hosting their regular monthly meeting; join them downstairs after 9:30AM Mass for a great discussion as always and social. **OLV Rosary Society** will meet this Thursday for 12Noon Mass and social afterward. Please join them.

Reminder, September 28, we restart our **Family Mass in the OLV Gym at 9:30AM**. Also Sunday, **September 28**, we will start our CCD program with classes for K-8th grades 8:30-9:30AM and 1st-9th grades 10:30-11:30AM.

✠ TRIUMPH ✠ OF ✠ THE ✠ CROSS ✠

September 14th is the feast day of the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, also known as the **Triumph of the Cross** or the **Elevation of the Cross**. This is the day the Church celebrates both the discovery and the recovery of the True Cross of Jesus Christ. The Roman Emperor Constantine's mother, St. Helena, a convert to Christianity, went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to locate where the important events in the life of Jesus Christ occurred, and to preserve the relics of the Christian faith that remained there. One of her goals was to find the place of Jesus' crucifixion and the very Cross on which He was hung. Through interviewing many locals, and with the assistance of the Bishop of Jerusalem, St. Macarius, she discovered the spot and found the True Cross which had been previously hidden by the Jews. According to the historian Rufinus, the identity of the True Cross was distinguished from those which only served for a common execution and was confirmed by the prayer of St. Macarius and a miraculous healing of a dying woman.

Holy Name Society Meeting - September 14

Men of all ages are invited: 9:30am Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet and refreshments/discussion in the lower church. *Our reflection topic will be "Archbishop Bernard Hebda: 'It really is our task now to try to connect people with the hope that's within us'."*

OLV Rosary Society Mass

Thursday, September 18 - 12Noon Mass & Meeting/Social
New members are welcome!

St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions - September 20

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at age 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital. Andrew's father Ignatius was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but most were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.



SEVEN SORROWS (DOLORS) of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY September 15

The Presentation in the Temple Sorrow as sharp as a sword shall pierce Mary's heart because of her Child. Mary is in the Temple, having come with Joseph to present the Child to God. They meet Simeon, the holy man, and Anna, the prophetess. Simeon takes the Baby in his arms, saying he will now die in peace because he has seen Christ, then he foretells the sorrow to come.

The Flight into Egypt Soon the sword of sorrow strikes. Herod the King seeks to kill the Child. Warned in sleep by an angel, Joseph takes Jesus and His Mother Mary, setting out for Egypt, where they lived in obscurity and poverty until it was safe to return to Nazareth.

Loss of Jesus For Three Days When Jesus is twelve, He is taken to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. On the return journey Joseph and Mary find at the end of the first day that Jesus is not with them. Racked with anxiety, they search for Him. Nobody in the streets, not even the beggars, can tell them where He is. Not till the third day do they find Him, in the Temple.

The Way to Calvary Mary has known fear and sorrow, but none so great as seeing her beloved Son stumbling under the weight of the Cross. She hears the jeering shouts from the crowd and has no power to help Him. Pity and love are in her eyes as she gazes at His blood-stained face. To many around her He is no better than a criminal, and her heart is breaking as she follows Him to Calvary or Golgotha.

The Crucifixion With John, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross. "A sword shall pierce thy soul," Simeon told her. Truly her heart is pierced with sorrow. Her beloved Son is dying and she shares in His suffering. She does not ask God to take away this agony. She is His Mother, so close to Him that His pain is hers, too. And now He speaks from the Cross: "Woman, behold thy son." Jesus give His Mother to John, and to us. For all eternity she is our Mother.

The Descent from the Cross It is over. Dark clouds have appeared in the sky and upon the world. Jesus is dead. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take down the Body from the Cross. and Mary receives It in her arms. She is filled with a sadness that no human heart has known. This is her Son. Once she had cradled Him in her arms. listened to His voice, watched Him working at the carpenter's bench. Now He is dead. She does not weep, her grief is too great for tears.

The Burial of Jesus Hastily the Body is wrapped in a clean linen cloth. Nicodemus has brought myrrh and aloes, and the Body is bound in the Shroud with them. Nearby is a new tomb, belonging to Joseph of Arimathea, and there they lay Jesus. Mary and John and the holy women follow them and watch as the great stone to the sepulcher is rolled. it is the end.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
Colonel John McLaughlin
Sergeant Major Marc Medina
Captain John G. Miele
Captain Joseph W. Niece
1st Lieutenant Megan Niece
Captain Jack Ottomanelli
Staff Sergeant David Petersen
Specialist John Petersen

US Air Force

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Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Staff Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Corporal Mark Fredrick
Private Nicholas Giron
Major Stephen Ikalowych
Captain J.P. Maher
Corporal Cody McGrath

US Navy

Commander Julia Cheringal
Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
Airman Cody Massa

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick Please Pray in the name of JESUS, the Healer, that the sick of the Parish may be restored to health and all those who assist and care for the sick will be given the strength to continue God's Will: infants Jack Merritt, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie; Cheryl Alonso, Annie Baklycki, Kevin Douglas Barry, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Paul Brennan, James Buckley, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Paula Criqui, Michael Curran, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Noelle DeJoseph, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Siobhan Donaghi, Whitney Dugan, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Peter Fimbel, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Pat Halligan, Cara Hansen, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Joseph Koch, Chester Kovaleski, Artie Latz, Kenneth Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Michael McMahon, Adolfo Mendoza, David Mercur, Alice Miller, Len Moriarity, Gianna Moscatello, Kevin Mullane, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, Michael Oates, John Pal, Mary Parker, Tom Paskewich, Ronald Peterson, Louis Peduto, Bob Phillips, Cathy Pommert, Canice Prince, Christina Pulver, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Patrick Ricci, Herman Rodriguez, Veronica Romanchuk, Wendy Ruggiero, Beth Sacco, Blase K Sacus, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub, Peggy and Chris Shedden, Roseanne Stella, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Felicia Veneruso, Jim Vlantes, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V. Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Melinda, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
2. Our Lady of Sorrows.
3. September 15th.
4. Precepts of the Church.
5. St. Joseph of Cupertino

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 Thomas Weir R/b Michael Weir
8:00 Howard and Deirdre Walsh Family R/b Alysia Kelly
9:30 Selena Piazza R/b OLV Social Concerns
10:45 Anna and Joe Bonomolo R/b the Burderi Family
12:00 Beverly Juliano R/b Michael and Tish Oates
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Brian McElroy Sr. R/b the McElroy Family

Monday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 William A. Duby Sr. R/b the Duby Family
12:00 Karen Diane Giardino R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet

Tuesday, September 16 - SS. Cornelius and Cyprian, martyrs

8:00 Marie D'Alessandro R/b Regina Senicar
12:00 Matteo Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family

Wednesday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop, Doctor fine

8:00 Joan Accavallo R/b Karen Accavallo
12:00 Muriel McGinnis R/b Peter Stonitsch

Thursday, September 18 - St. Joseph of Cupertino, Priest

8:00 Elizabeth Gormley
12:00 Phil and Marge Audino R/b the Berlinghieri Family

Friday, September 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

8:00 Mary Hofbauer R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey
12:00 Barbara Stonitsch R/b Peter Stonitsch

Saturday, September 20 - St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions

8:00 Bob and Mary Connolly R/b Margaret Brandes
12:00 William Touw R/b the Sutter Family
4:00 John and Anna Pagnussat R/b Lorraine Gobbetti
5:00 Larry Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle

7:00 People of the Parish
8:00 Benedict and Anthony Walsh R/b Bridget Walsh
9:30 Selena Piazza R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet
10:45 James and Joan Filippone R/b Ron and Adele Filippone
12:00 Lola Rokeach - 1st Anniv. R/b the Corbett Family
1:00 Jose Joaquin Saray R/b the Giron Family
6:00 Stephanie Katechis R/b Paul and Rosemary Frasco

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Anthony Zaccaro, r/b Mary Nicoletti.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn in memory of Anthony Zaccaro, r/b Mary Nicoletti.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn in memory of Anthony Zaccaro, r/b Mary Nicoletti.

My Parish-My Responsibility Thank you to those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some are experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. Donations may be mailed to OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn St., Harrington Park, NJ 07640.

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Five Precepts of the Catholic Church

The basic requirements of being a practicing Catholic lie in what are known as the Precepts of the Church. Many Catholics are unaware of them, let alone conscientiously trying to follow them.

1) **"You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor."** This "requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days." (CCC 2042)

Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is not a suggestion—it is a requirement. Unless there is a serious reason, all Catholics must attend. Notice also the phrase "rest from servile labor." These are meant to be days of worship and rest.

2) **"You shall confess your sins at least once a year."** This "ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness." (CCC 2042) Catholics are not to receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin. Confession is the sacrament by which a person is cleansed of mortal sin. Because Catholics are required to receive the Eucharist at least once a year (see Precept 3), the Church requires confession at least once a year as well. To receive the Eucharist more frequently, and for the sake of their own souls, most Catholics should go to confession regularly throughout the year.

3) **"You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season."** This "guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy." (CCC 2042) The Christian faith centers on Jesus Christ, his sacrifice on the cross, and our union with him in grace. The Eucharist is one of the primary ways God gives us that grace. Receiving it once a year is the minimum requirement, but a practicing Catholic should receive the Eucharist much more frequently. The point is, though, if a person is not receiving the Eucharist even once a year, there is a problem.

4) **"You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church."** This "ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart." (CCC 2043) Fasting has always been part of the Christian life. Jesus himself speaks about it in the Gospels (see Matthew 6). The Church prescribes certain minimal days of fasting and abstinence during the liturgical year. These obligations are not difficult, but they set a basic standard. Many Christians choose to fast more often or more intensely as a personal devotion, ideally with guidance from a spiritual director.

5) **"You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church."** This "means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability." (CCC 2043) The Catholic Church has the most important mission in the world: preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bringing souls to salvation. Carrying out this mission requires earthly resources. Those who, by God's grace, have received faith in Christ should naturally desire to support this work. Because of human weakness, however, the Church makes it a formal obligation. The Church does not prescribe a set amount or percentage, but asks that each person give "according to his own ability." Every Catholic should prayerfully discern what they are able to contribute. Failing to provide any support at all—when one is able—is not an option.

A Little Humor ... from the mouths of kids!

Teacher: Glenn how do you spell "crocodile"

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

Glenn: Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Are you an **ADULT** without

Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or *Holy Communion* should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old * **Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.** Must be a practicing Catholic (*Attend Sunday Mass weekly*). * Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. * If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only. * **Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.** Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (CanonLaw872874)

Sacred Matrimony on Sacred ground

"ceremony" at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

For the Catholic Church the Sacrament of Matrimony is such a sacred matter that the Church requires for two Catholics to be married Sacramentally in the Catholic Church, not elsewhere. All the Sacraments except Confession are always celebrated in Church. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Sacred Orders (Priesthood is even celebrated at the Cathedral of a given Diocese). A Catholic priest can only officiate Sacrament of Matrimony of two Catholics on sacred grounds (Church). This wedding at the same time is a civil wedding. For more info contact Fr. Wojciech.

Respect Life Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should **never** feel that abortion is her only option. For confidential assistance call: Archdiocese Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350 * Gateway Pregnancy Center: 908-353-0604 * Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379 * Lifecall: 800-662-2678 * Birthright: 201-845-4646.

OLV Needlers If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, join us in the lower church Wednesdays at 6PM and/or Thursdays after 12Noon Mass. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles supplied.

OLV Knights of Columbus All men over 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. As Catholic men we are called to lead, serve, protect and defend our Faith, families, and our parish. The Knights of Columbus will help you grow as a husband, father and Catholic. Join us!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' call Marie 201-741-0499.

Don Bosco Prep Events: Attention 8th graders! Experience Ironman for a Day - walk our halls, meet our students and teachers - see what makes Don Bosco Prep truly exceptional. 6th, 7th, 8th graders & families are invited to our Open Houses on Thursday, September 25th 6:30-8:30PM and Sunday, October 19th 1-3PM. Sign up at donboscoprep.org and create your Admissions Portal & register for your visit.

Bergen Catholic Open Houses: Wednesdays, October 8th & November 5th 6:30-8:30PM. Meet our students, faculty, & staff & see what makes Bergen Catholic such a special place to learn and grow. Register at www.bergencatholic.org. Email admissions@bergencatholic.org.

New Jersey March for Life & Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25

Trenton, New Jersey

For more info visit website marchforlife.org/new-jersey

Pray for Vocations

*"When I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw everyone to myself" (Jn 12:32)*

Exaltation of the Cross - September 14th

From now on, through the cross, all shadows have been dispelled and the truth arises, as the apostle John says: "The old order has passed away; all things are new" (Rv 21:4-5). Death has been stripped of prey, hell's captives liberated; man is set free; the Lord reigns; creation rejoices. The cross is victorious and all nations, races, languages and peoples (Rv 7:9) come to adore him. Together, in the cross we find our joy, exclaiming with blessed Paul: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal 6:14). The cross gives light to the whole universe; it casts out darkness and gathers nations together in charity into one Church, one faith, one baptism, from West and East, from the North and from the seas. It stands at the very center of the world, set up on Calvary.

Armed with the cross, the Apostles go out to preach and gather together in adoration of it the whole universe, treading under foot every hostile power. Through it the martyrs have bravely confessed the faith, fearless of tyrants' cunning. Having taken it upon themselves, monks have joyfully made solitude their home.

When Christ returns this cross will first appear in heaven, the Great King's precious scepter, living, true and holy. "Then," says the Lord, "the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven" (Mt 24:30). We will see it escorted by angels, illuminating the earth from one end of the universe to the other, brighter than the sun, proclaiming the Day of the Lord.

We do not understand the Cross if we do not understand sin. If we deny there is sin, the Cross loses its meaning. That is why it is difficult in our time to speak about the Cross. One no longer knows what sin is.

Fr. Wilfrid Stinissen, OCD from *The Holy Spirit, Fire of Divine Love*

Catholicism has a way of sanctifying time. We not only believe physical things are holy and good, but we also believe time is given to us by God. . . The way we redeem time is through the discipline of our worship. Seeing that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh, we - like most other Christians - observe the commandments to keep holy the Sabbath day. The best way to keep the Sabbath holy is to worship God on that day.

— Fr. Dwight Longenecker from *More Christianity*

KIDZ KORNER

1. What feast does the Church celebrate on September 14?
2. The month of September is dedicated to ???
3. On what date does the Church celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows?
4. What are the basic requirements of being a Catholic known as?
5. What saint whose feast is September 18 is the patron of air travelers, pilots and learning disabled?

Answers on page three

St. Joseph of Cupertino - September 18



St. Joseph was born in 1603 at Cupertino in the Kingdom of Naples. After spending his childhood and adolescence in simplicity and innocence, he finally joined the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual. After his ordination to the holy priesthood, he gave himself up entirely to a life of devotion to the Lord and his church. His deep devotional life led him to the kind of holiness which is forged through humility, voluntary

mortification, and obedience. He was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and promoted devotion to her among all classes of people as a wonderful path to a deeper Christian life and love for Jesus Christ.

It is said that his mother often considered him a nuisance and treated him harshly. Joseph was purported to be slow to learn and absent-minded. He was said to frequently wander aimlessly, with his mouth gaping open. And, he had a bad temper, so, he was not at all popular. He tried to learn the trade of shoemaking, but failed. He asked to become a Franciscan, but they initially would not accept him. Finally, he did join the Capuchins, but after eight months, they sent him away. Sources say it was because he could not seem to do anything right. He dropped piles of dishes and kept forgetting to do what he was told. His mother was not at all pleased to have the eighteen-year-old Joseph back home again, so she finally got him accepted as a servant at the Franciscan monastery. He was given the friars habit and put to hard work taking care of the horses.

About this time, Joseph began to change. He grew in humility and gentleness, fruits of the Holy Spirit at work in a person. He became more careful and successful at his work. He also began to pray more and do more voluntary acts of penance. Finally, he was able to enter the Franciscan order and, eventually, study for the priesthood. Although he was a good and holy friar, he had a very hard time with his studies. During his seminary exams, the examiner happened to ask him to explain the only thing he knew well, and so he was ordained a deacon, and later a priest.

After this, the Holy Spirit began to work many amazing miracles through St. Joseph. Over seventy times, people say they saw him rise from the ground while offering Mass or praying. Often he went into ecstasy and would be caught up in talking with God. Once as Christmas carols were being sung, he soared to the high altar and knelt in the air, in ecstatic prayer. He fell so deeply in love with God that everything he saw only drew him into a deeper union. St. Joseph became so famous for the miracles that he was finally kept hidden from the public, but he was happy for the chance to be alone with his beloved Lord. On His part, Jesus never left him alone and one day came to bring him to Heaven. He died on September 18, 1663.

Pope Clement XIII canonized him in 1767. He is the patron saint of air travelers, pilots, and learning disabled.

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