

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

DECEMBER 5, 2021

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3



## SECOND Sunday OF *Advent*

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### MISSION STATEMENT

**"IN SINCERE GRATITUDE AND WITH GRACE IN OUR HEARTS, ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALLS GOD OUR ONE FATHER. HIS LIFE IS SHOWN TO US THROUGH JESUS AS HIS SON AND OUR SAVIOR. IN THE SPIRIT OF THAT SAME DIVINE LIFE WE REMEMBER, PROFESS AND PRACTICE AS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS SO THAT THE GOSPEL MAY BE LIGHT AND LEAVEN TO OUR WORLD."**

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## **Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 5, 2021**



### **2021 Holiday Mass Schedule**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass,

9:30 p.m. Christmas Carols

10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. English Mass

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

#### **NEW YEARS EVE**

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

8:00 a.m. mass

5:00 p.m. Vigil Solemnity of Mary

#### **NEW YEARS DAY**

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 a.m. English and 11 a.m. Bilingual

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings to you on our Advent journey!



As you know, our grade school is embarking on its Centennial year in the coming 2022/2023 session. Our next planning meeting for the festive gala gathering in spring of 2023 is scheduled for December 17 will be held on Zoom. The meeting is open to interested alumni, families, and grateful members of our Carteret community who have, and continue to see, the inestimable value of a Catholic education over these 100 years. See below for the Zoom meeting link.

Please continue to remember our Advent renewal schedule of confessions and conferences for blessings and spiritual enrichment listed in the Advent Season Schedule section of the weekly bulletin.

Our choir director, Robin Weaver, is most grateful to all who have come forward to join the choir and prepare for the Christmas Eve Carol Recital. If you are interested in participating please see her after Sunday masses.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our holy day of obligation as Catholics and our nation's Patroness of the American Church, is this Wednesday, December 8. Mass at 8:00 a.m. will be in English. Our bi-lingual Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. with a special Marian theme of enrichment in English. Please remember to attend on this most important day of faith.

In Jesus' love and peace,

*Msgr. John*

The link for the Zoom meeting is:

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God has commanded

That every lofty mountain be made low.

—Baruch 5:7

### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** (English): The second Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM.

**Baptism** (Spanish): The first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Please arrange for the obligatory preparation session by calling the Parish Office.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** The Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick are available to the sick and shut-ins upon request.

**First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation:** Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to receive ongoing Religious Education in the years preceding the reception of these sacraments.

**Matrimony:** To allow ample time for preparation, please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the intended wedding date.

**Holy Orders or Religious Life:** If you are considering serving God as a Priest, Deacon or Religious, you may contact your Parish Priest or Deacon; or phone the Office of Vocations at 732-562-2457 for additional information.

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

5:00 PM (Saturday evening Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM; Saturday: 8:30 AM

Thursday: 7:00 PM - Spanish Mass

St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick

Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

**Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 11:00 AM

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

<b><u>Parish</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
7 Locust Street Carteret, NJ 07008	865 Roosevelt Avenue Carteret, NJ 07008

### **MAILING ADDRESS**

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### **PARISH SERVICES**

**Parish Registration:** New parishioners are welcome. Please call the parish office to register. Please inform us if you move.

**R.C.I.A.:** Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the parish office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**Parish Organizations:** Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Ministry to the Sick & Elderly, RCIA Team, Food Pantry, Hispanic Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home School Association, Athletic Association, and Catechetical Instruction.

**Sponsorship:** To act as a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, Confirmed, received Communion, and live a morally good life; if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily the sponsor must be at least 14 years old.

**WEBSITE:** [sjps.net](http://sjps.net)

**EMAIL:** [stjosephchurch@sjps.net](mailto:stjosephchurch@sjps.net)





## Advent Season Schedule



Date	Time	Event & Location
Dec. 8	8:00am 7:00pm	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass (Special Marian reflection During 7pm mass) @ Church
Dec. 11	11am-12pm 4pm-4:45PM	Confessions @ Church
Dec. 13	6:30pm	Advent Scripture Reflection (7th Grade Parents) @ School Gym
Dec. 15	7:00pm	Advent Evening of Reflection (@Church) Theme: "John The Baptist and Salvation" @ Church
Dec. 18	11am-12pm 4pm-4:45PM	Confessions @ Church
Dec. 22	7:00pm	Advent Evening of Reflection Theme: 'O Antiphons' @ Church

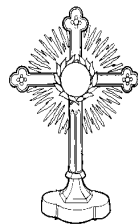
### Family Christmas Cards

Family Christmas cards are due back! If you haven't already returned your family Christmas card and picture, please do so as soon as possible. We will display the Parish Family Christmas Cards on the parish season tree at the church entrance during the coming weeks.



This year, due to the pandemic, our Giving Tree Committee cannot collect individual gifts for our Food Pantry families. However, our Parish Community can still support those in need by donating gift cards. A gift card to Target, Walmart, Macys, Kohls, etc. or a monetary donation, will offer an opportunity for families to reduce their worries and focus on the joy of the season. If you are able to give, please send or drop off your donation to the Parish Office located at 7 Locust, Carteret, NJ 07008 by Monday, December 13.

**Thank you so much for supporting this year's Giving Tree program, your support is greatly appreciated!**



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays in the Church Chapel

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

*Restoration, sanctification, transformation, reparation, and salvation are the graces being poured out graciously upon us with each Holy Hour we make. -Excerpt from Letter To A Brother Priest*

**Join us for Eucharistic Adoration.** Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company!

### Thanksgiving Thank You!

On Saturday November 20, we distributed turkeys and all the trimmings along with other food staples to 148 families from the Carteret community. We would like to thank the following organizations who played a vital role in making this possible:

St. Joseph Church community  
St. Joseph School and PREP  
Boy Scouts Troop and Pack 88  
Shoprite of Carteret

In addition we would like to say a special thank you to the food pantry team and all who work so hard to make this possible.



**Saint Joseph Anniversary Planning meeting** will be

**December 17, 2021**

Via Zoom meeting for St. Joseph School 100th year anniversary gala event to be held on April 2023. The link for the Zoom meeting is:

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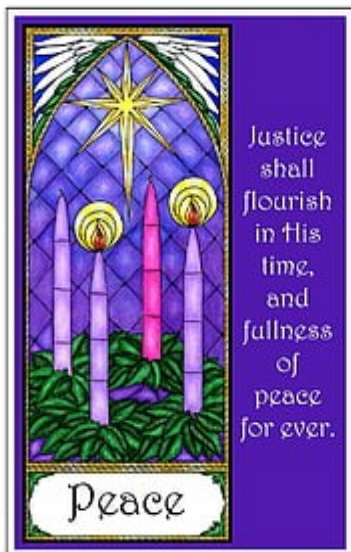
# Preparing The Way for Christ

with Dr. Scott Hahn

December 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
The Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi

An Event to Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Metuchen





### PRAYER FOR ADVENT

As we begin our Advent journey, guide us, dear God of Love. Help us to recognize the great gift You have given us in Jesus, and may we prepare well for His rebirth in our hearts. On each day of this journey, may we move closer to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. Shine the light of Your grace upon us that we may follow Him faithfully. In our preparations for Christmas, may we always remember that Jesus is the reason for this blessed season. Thank You, loving God, for this time of joy and expectation. Walk with us and show us the way today and every day of Advent. Amen.

### ADVENT SUGGESTIONS

- Create an Advent wreath for your home and light it at mealtime.
- Make a donation to the Food Pantry so that they may provide Holiday Baskets to families in need.
- Share an Advent calendar with special scripture references or activities with your family.
- Read the Christmas story in the Bible to remind you of the true meaning of Christmas (Luke 2: 1-14).
- Have a family night each week where you gather together and share prayers and songs in preparation for Christmas.
- Make plans to attend Eucharistic Adoration for some time on Thursdays or attend an Advent Enrichment Evening.

### Pope Francis' Prayer for the Immaculate Conception

O Mary, our Immaculate Mother,  
On your feast day I come to you,  
And I come not alone:  
I bring with me all those with whom your Son entrusted to me,  
In this city of Rome and in the entire world,  
That you may bless them and preserve them from harm.  
I bring to you, Mother, children,  
Especially those who are alone, abandoned,  
And for this reason are tricked and exploited.  
I bring to you, Mother, families,  
Who carry forward life and society  
With their daily and hidden efforts;  
In a special way the families who struggle the most  
For their many internal and external problems.  
I bring to you, Mother, all workers, both men and women,  
And I entrust to you especially those who, out of need,  
Are forced to work in an unworthy profession  
And those who have lost work or are unable to find it.  
We are in need of your immaculate gaze,  
To rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things  
With respect and awareness,  
Without egotistical or hypocritical interests.  
We are in need of your immaculate heart,  
To love freely,  
Without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other,  
With simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and tricks.  
We are in need of your immaculate hands,  
To caress with tenderness,  
To touch the flesh of Jesus  
In our poor, sick, or despised brethren,  
To raise up those who have fallen and support those who waver.  
We are in need of your immaculate feet,  
To go toward those who know not how to make the first step,  
To walk on the paths of those who are lost,  
To find those who feel alone.  
We thank you, O Mother, because in showing yourself to us  
You free us of all stain of sin;  
You remind us that what comes first is the grace of God,  
The love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us,  
The strength of the Holy Spirit which renews all things.  
Let us not give in to discouragement,  
But, trusting in your constant help,  
Let us engage ourselves fully in renewal of self,  
Of this city and of the entire world.  
Pray for us, Holy Mother of God



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## God's Word for Children

### Second Sunday of Advent

In his letter to the Philippians (1:4-6, 8-11)  
Paul tells the people that God has begun good work in them.  
Below are nine words describing the good work of Christians.  
See if you can find and circle them in the scroll  
by looking up, down, across, and diagonally.  
When you finish, see if you can think of any other words  
that describe good works.

share

help

pray

kindness

love

gentleness

honesty

give

care

f	z	t	p	m	s	y	a	y	t	s	m	k
c	b	d	e	v	o	t	l	v	s	q	k	
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j	p	r	g	i	v	e	j	v	y	n	n	d
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y	r	c	y	e	h	j	l	h	n	n	o	e
p	r	z	n	s	d	b	w	q	o	e	e	h
q	f	h	s	v	k	g	i	h	g	r		

Help John the Baptist  
through the desert maze and down to the people.  
He wants to tell them about Jesus.

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## MASS INTENTIONS



### SATURDAY December 4<sup>th</sup>

*Advent Weekday; Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
5:00 PM + Lucia Libutti

### SUNDAY December 5<sup>th</sup>

*Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM + Dominic & Mildred Rich  
10:30 AM + Preston Pieters  
1:30 PM + People of the Parish

### MONDAY December 6<sup>th</sup>

*Advent Weekday, Saint Nicolas, Bishop*  
8:00 AM + Frances & James Lenahan

### TUESDAY December 7<sup>th</sup>

*Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
8:00 AM + Henry Kolodzieski

### WEDNESDAY December 8<sup>th</sup>

*THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

8:00 AM + All Souls in Purgatory  
7:00 PM + All the Unborn

### THURSDAY December 9<sup>th</sup>

*Advent Weekday, Saint Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*  
8:00 AM + All the sick in our parish  
11:30 AM Adoration  
7:00 PM + St. Peregrine

### FRIDAY December 10<sup>th</sup>

*Advent Weekday*

8:00 AM + All the needy

### SATURDAY December 11<sup>th</sup>

*Advent Weekday; Saint Damasus I, Pope*  
8:30 AM + For World Peace  
5:00 PM + Fr Ron Pieters

### SUNDAY December 12<sup>th</sup>

*Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM + Bill Lenahan  
10:30 AM + Helen Gilligan  
1:30 PM + People of the Parish

**\*\*Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass\*\***

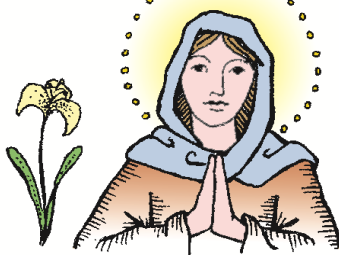
### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated for your intention and would like to present the gifts that will become the Body and Blood of Christ at that Mass, please be sure to inform one of the ushers before Mass; otherwise, they will*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

### Immaculate Conception



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### Immaculate Conception — Monday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

#### Mass Times:

8:00 a.m.  
&  
7:00 p.m.

**"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven..."**

**a time to heal...** for those in our Parish who are ill and especially for Alice Benson, Anthony LaMotta, Angelina Virola, Betty Ann Feeney, Constance Sewing, Helen Lurker, Joey Conti Sr., Josie Gibbs, Kirsten Kisselman, Mary Warren, Ray Sewing, Raymond Sewing, Robert Sulo and Theresa Tumolo.



### Keep Christ in Christmas

Observe Advent with Your Family. Advent is the time of reflection and preparation before Christmas. ...  
Light Advent Candles. ...  
Write Christmas, Not X-mas. ...  
Bake a Birthday Cake for Jesus. ...  
Go to Church. ...  
Read the Bible. ...  
Decorate Your Tree With Christian Ornaments. ...  
Send Christian Christmas Cards. ...  
Trim Your Shopping List. ...  
Forget the Mall....



### Pray This Christmas Prayer or Find One that Speaks to You

"The Christmas Prayer"

*By Robert Louis Stevenson*

Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.  
Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.  
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 21, 2021 Parish \$6609.41  
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The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are glad indeed.

—Psalm 126:3



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