

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Whoever has two cloaks
should share with the
person who has none.
And whoever has food
should do likewise.

Luke 3:11



THIRD 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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Ms. Joanne McKnight - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021



2021 Holiday Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th, 2021

4:30 p.m. Children's Nativity Presentation

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

9:30 p.m. Christmas Carols

10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th, 2021

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

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

NEW YEARS EVE

December 31st, 2021

8:00 a.m. mass

5:00 p.m. Vigil Solemnity of Mary

NEW YEARS DAY

January 1st, 2022

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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



Dear Parish Family,

Greetings as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe weekend in the midst of our Advent journey!

She is our patroness as the diocese of Metuchen and we entrust our motherly protection to her care and faithfulness spoken to Saint Juan Diego 500 years ago on the hill of Tepeyac outside of Mexico City.

May our Advent joy, symbolized by the lighting of our third candle and its color pink, give us pause to model our faith on the Magnificat of Our Lady's prayer, "My soul rejoices in God my Savior!"

Our Giving Tree is being removed this weekend. Your most generous response to the families of our food pantry ministry is very inspiring. If anyone has additional gift cards to donate, please leave them with the priests/deacon at Sunday Mass or feel free to drop them in the parish office mail slot at 7 Locust Street.

Our school children will present their Christmas concert this Thursday, December 16. It will be uploaded to our school website which can be reached from the link on our parish website. It should be a wonderful presentation and the children really shine with their talents and harmony during this happy holiday time.

This week our Advent enrichment theme on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in church will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The meditation will be on the role of Saint John the Baptist, his announcement as the end of the age of the prophets and his place in salvation history as the voice who heralds the Eternal Word. All are invited.

God Bless you all,

Msgr. John



With joy you will draw water
At the fountain of salvation.

—Isaiah

12:3

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

Parish	School
7 Locust Street Carteret, NJ 07008	865 Roosevelt Avenue Carteret, NJ 07008

MAILING ADDRESS

Parish Office	732-541-8946
Parish Office Fax	732-541-0500
Religious Education	732-969-8767
School	732-541-7111
St. Vincent de Paul Society	732-541-8946 x108

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

EMAIL: stjosephchurch@sjps.net



Advent Season Schedule



Date	Time	Event @ Location
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 to the church. If you have not return your family card please do so and if possible, please try and include your family picture. We will display the Parish Family Christmas Cards on 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. Donations are Now due, please return as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for supporting this year's giving tree program, your support is greatly appreciated!



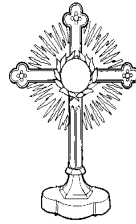
If you are an Alum, Parent, or interested Parishioner, Please feel welcome to Log on! Please join us to help plan our 100 year Gala celebration. The **Saint Joseph Anniversary Planning meeting** will be:

December 17, 2021

The planning meeting is open to all who would like to help us plan for the St. Joseph School 100th year anniversary gala event to be held on April 2023. The link for the Zoom meeting is:

[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84728790918?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84728790918?pwd=bnFwNDRhQndas1pjQm1yZTZMU3VWdz09)

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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!

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards

Friday, January 14, 2022 at 5 pm
at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi,
Metuchen. All are welcome!

Rally for Life at the Statehouse in Trenton, NJ

Friday, January 14, 2022 at 11 am.
For bus information, please contact Angela
at amarshall@diometuchen.org.



The March for Life will take place as a normal on-site event on: **Friday, January 21.**

Please be sure to check the March for Life website marchforlife.org directly for related updates concerning travel and other logistical details.



JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank You today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our Nation once again becomes a Nation with liberty and justice – not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Third Sunday of Advent Prayer

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a Salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Reflection question:

How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?

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.

Mother Seton Virtual Gala and Silent Auction

Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark would like to announce its Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition Annual Fundraising Event.

Join us on January 15, 2022 from 6:30 until 10:30 p.m. for the 2021 Gala. This year it will be both virtual or in-person. There will be a limited number of tickets available for an in-person Gala Watch Party to be held at the school. Alumnae, family, and friends are invited to visit us online for the 2021 awards and silent auction. Bidding for the silent auction starts on January 1, 2022. For more information, visit our website at MSRGala.org. There is no charge to register for the virtual Gala or place bids in the Silent Auction. #MSRGala2021



GAUDETE!

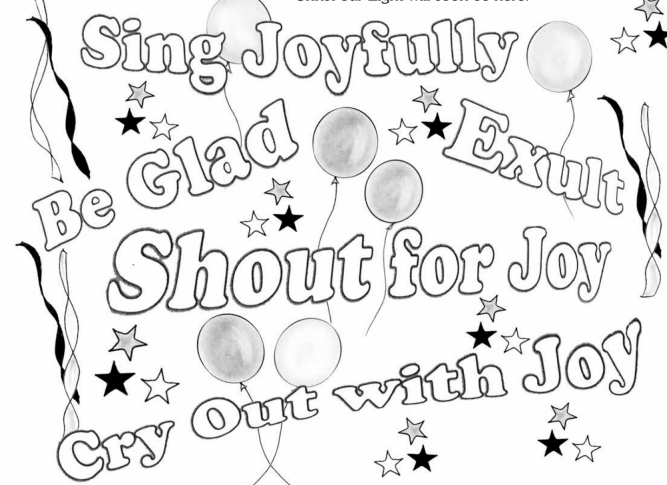
The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete, the Latin word meaning "Rejoice!" Today's readings contain many words with the same meaning as "rejoice." They are printed here. Color and decorate them so they really represent rejoicing.

Why do we rejoice this day? Because Christmas is almost here!

The priest wears rose-colored vestments at Mass today.

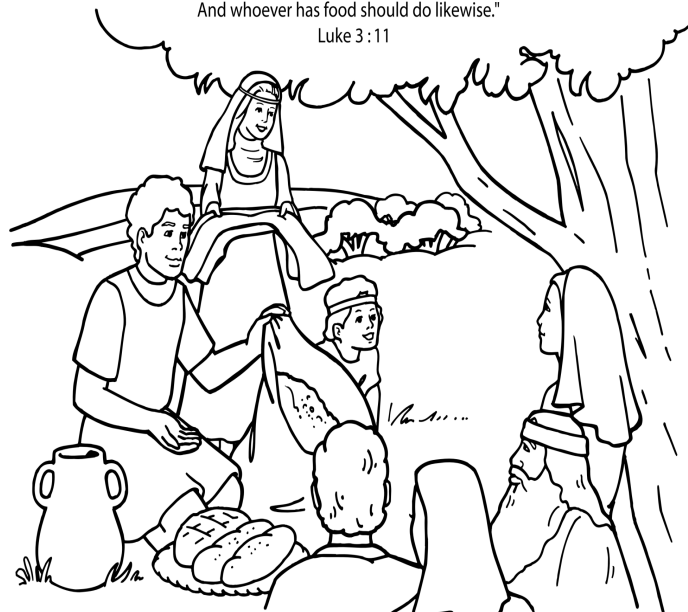
We light the third candle on the Advent wreath, the pink one, to remind us that now there is more light than darkness.

Christ our Light will soon be here!



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Luke 3: 11



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

Please register in order to attend, by going to diometuchen.org. Click on '40th Anniversary' logo and entering under conference with Scott Hahn

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY December 11th

Advent Weekday; Saint Damasus I, Pope

5:00 PM + Fr. Ron Pieters, S.J.

SUNDAY December 12th

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM + Bill Lenahan

10:30 AM + Helen Gilligan

1:30 PM + People of the Parish

MONDAY December 13th

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM + Virginia Garatina

TUESDAY December 14th

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM + Anthony Gentile

WEDNESDAY December 15th

Advent Weekday

8:00 AM + Ralph Chirico

7:00 PM Advent Evening of Reflection

THURSDAY December 16th

Advent Weekday

8:00 AM + Joanne Abello

11:30 AM Adoration

7:00 PM + All the Unborn

FRIDAY December 17th

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM + Souls of Purgatory

SATURDAY December 18th

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Judith Troche

5:00 PM + Anthony Steffie Ostrowski

SUNDAY December 19th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM + Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild

10:30 AM + Peggy Milevoi

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

INTENTIONS ~ December 12 -December 18

The **Pieta Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Editha Tan*
Requested by the Flores Family.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



"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

December 5th 2021 Parish (TBD)

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel
—Isaiah 12

PRAYER FOR THE FEAST Our Lady of Guadalupe DECEMBER 12

Loving God,
As Advent days Continue,
we pause to celebrate
the Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Honoring Our Lady's
message of hope,
we open our hearts and
offer prayers for all
who are in special need
of her help and care this day.

Honoring Our Lady's
message of peace,
we work and pray for the
unity of all people,
and for the true and lasting
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