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OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

December 26, 2021



The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH

*After three days Jesus' parents
found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and
asking them questions.*

Luke 2:46

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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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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Dear Parish family,

Greetings during our Christmas week which overflows with joy and blessing as we visit and continue to greet each other with "Merry Christmas!"

Our pro-life witness as Catholics finds us beginning a new outreach to dedicate the second floor of our former convent, 55 High St., as "A Life-Care Center" for support of expectant mothers and the ministry of pro-life advocacy to family. A prayer moment will be offered following January 2, 10:30am mass with some promotional information to share with others.

Our final weekend for St. Joseph School calendar raffle sales will be next weekend, January 1 and 2. Thank you to all who have so generously supported this key fundraiser on behalf of our parish school and its mission of providing excellence in education together with faith-centered formation. Good luck as weekly winners will be drawn beginning January 5.

In Jesus' love,

Msgr. John



2021 Holiday Mass Schedule

NEW YEARS EVE

December 31st, 2021

8:00 a.m. Daily 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

SUNDAY JANUARY 2nd MASSES

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. and

1:30 pm Spanish Mass

DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m.

Thursday - 7:00 p.m., Spanish Mass

Daily Masses are held in the Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.,
in the Church.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday mornings, from 11:00 a.m. until noon, in the Church.



Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

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

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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

EMAIL: stjosephchurch@sjps.net

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*



Parish office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday
Starting December 24th.
The office will reopen January 3rd at 9am.

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,
I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.
Thank you for making all things *new*
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts
and *new beginnings*.
Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.
Be glorified in my life this year.
Amen



Saint Joseph Parish will be hosting the Grand Opening and blessing of its new Life Care Center, which will be located at 55 High Street. A prayer moment will be offered January 2 after the 10:30am Mass.

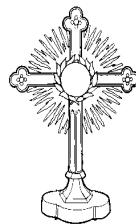
The Life Care Center is a non for profit information center for moms to be. We will provide compassionate Pro Life support to women and men faced with pregnancy decisions. Pregnancy isn't always expected and can often come at a difficult time; that's where our pregnancy centers comes in. With our center you can trust that you'll only receive accurate Pro Life information, pregnancy and material resources and confidential services, without charge.

THANK YOU

New Jersey Right to Life wishes to express to you and your parishioners at St. Joseph Parish our sincere appreciation for your support of our annual car raffle fundraiser. We are deeply thankful for your generosity which makes possible truly life saving work.

The 2021 Raffle Winners are:

1st Prize – Volvo Mario Bernardo Ticket # 44305
2nd Prize - \$1,000 ShopRite GC Vincent Narcisi Ticket # 32744
3rd Prize - \$750 ShopRite GC Frank Rooney Ticket # 062407
4th Prize - \$500 ShopRite GC Richard Hayek Ticket # 19803



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.



MARCH FOR LIFE

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](https://www.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.



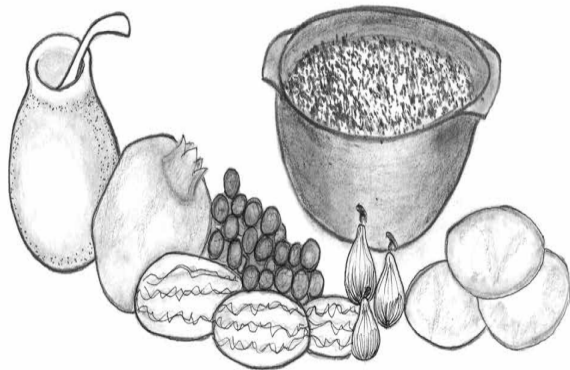
FOR WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We look to this family as a model for our own family to grow in holiness. Like your family, the Holy Family worked together, played together, and prayed together. They cooked and cleaned and ate meals together. But their meals were probably very different.

Bread was their most common food, but it probably was made from barley rather than wheat. Barley grew quickly and cost less to buy. For breakfast Mary might have served cheese and olives with the bread. At lunchtime the family would have had bread again but this time with fruit and grain. Dinner was the most important meal and would have included vegetables cooked into a stew and served in a common dish. Jesus probably used bread to scoop up the food, or even ate with his fingers. Only the rich ate meat regularly because it was very expensive.

What about dessert? There was no ice cream in this hot desert region. The family might have enjoyed sweet figs or dates or pomegranates. Water was very scarce in the Middle East so people drank goat's milk or wine—even the children.

Although the food you eat today might be very different from what Jesus ate, one thing about the meal is probably the same. Before the Holy Family ate together they always took a moment to thank God for the food they were about to eat. Maybe your family does the same.



Ask your family to plan a special meal on this Holy Family Sunday or perhaps one day this week.

You might want to include some of the foods that Jesus shared with his family. Be sure to thank God for your food, your family, and your faith.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.



Reflection question:

How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?

FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-flesh-ment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life.

As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus’ mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God’s intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.



They found [Jesus] in the temple, listening . . . and asking . . . questions. Luke 2 : 46



MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY December 26th

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 AM + Edward Mihalko
10:30 AM + People of the Parish
1:30 PM + Faustino Saez Jr.

MONDAY December 27th

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 AM + Eileen Starsiak

TUESDAY December 28th

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 AM + Daniel Pagan

WEDNESDAY December 29th

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM + Deceased members of the Hanley and Barney Families

THURSDAY December 30th

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM + Mary and Fred Lakatos
11:30 AM Adoration
7:00 PM + All the Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY December 31st

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

8:00 AM + Lillian C. Connolly
5:00 PM + People of the Parish

SATURDAY January 1st

THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD,

8:00 AM + World Peace
11:00 AM + World Peace

SUNDAY January 2nd

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM + All the Unborn
10:30 AM + Kevin Setar
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 26 - January 1

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of Sam and Madeline Russo requested by their son Anthony Russo.

The **St. Joseph Lamp** burns in loving memory of Stanley Gilbert requested by his loving family.



"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 Virolo, 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.

World Day of Prayer for Peace January 1, 2022

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.



O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 12th 2021 Parish \$4,994

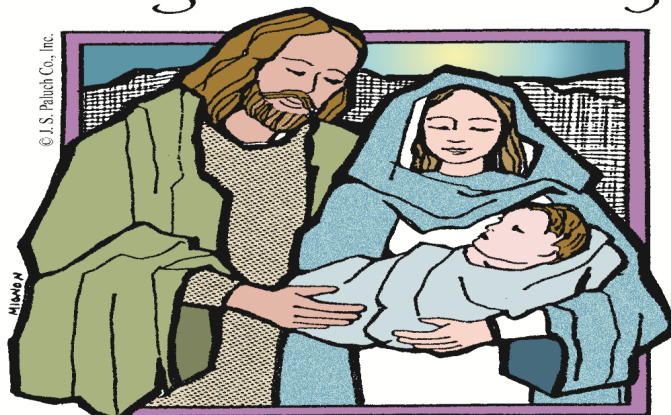
December 19th 2021 Parish (TBD)



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for Your
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Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.
—Psalm 84

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grew to maturity



and was
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