

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

JANUARY 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

John said, "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

~ Luke 3:16

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2022



Dear Parish Family,

Important Parish Dates 2022

Jan 25	First Confession
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 19	St. Joseph Day (Parish Patron)
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 30	First Communions
May 14	Diaconate Ordination-Paris; 'hioner Vidal Gonzalez
June 10	St Joseph School Graduation
Aug 15	Assumption of Blessed Virgen Mary Feast
Sept 4	Opening Mass and Sunday Brunch for Centennial Year, St Joseph Parish School
Sept/Oct (TBD)	Confirmation
Sept 18	Opening Mass for Prep (Catechism Classes)
Oct 2	Life Chain for Pro-Life Sunday
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 24	Thanksgiving
Nov 27	First Sunday in Advent
Dec 8	Immaculate conception Feast

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and officially close our Christmas season.

Please pray for your own godparents and the life that they welcomed when they committed each godson and goddaughter to the waters of everlasting life.

Today we welcome Gianna DeJesus on her baptismal day together with her parents, Willie and Alexa and her godparents, Francis and Wanda Engracia.

Our parish Food Pantry Ministry is always faithful. Following the Christmas/New Years' response, we remind all to share what is possible through donations of canned goods, cereals and non-perishables to our donation bin in church foyer. These early months of cold weather are always a time to respond in charity as we begin another calendar year from the heart.

Please see the recently posted information flyer on our new Family Care Center ministry which we blessed on the Epiphany. May all our efforts for life and family strengthen faith in the love of our merciful Lord.

In Christ's peace,

Msgr. John



He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5



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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
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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.

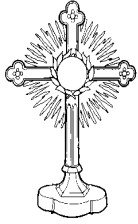
R.C.I.A.: Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the parish office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

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

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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!



January 22 & 23 we will be having fellowship after all Masses. Please remember to bring in baked goods to share with the parish community.

Thanks in advance for your donation and participation.



DONATE TO THE FOOD PANTRY

With tens of millions of Americans currently unemployed due to the pandemic, it's no surprise that many families are facing shortfalls when it comes to purchasing food. As a result, there are many families skipping meals or relying on their local Food Pantry to feed their families.

With your support, our Food Pantry is able to feed several families in our community each month. To help them with the increase in the number of families in need of food and a decrease in available resources, we are now accepting donations for the Food Pantry online. To donate online, please visit our website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com and click on the Food Pantry button. *Your support is greatly appreciated!*



Thank you for your donations to the Giving Tree. Your generosity meant so much during this Christmas Season. 166 gift cards totaling \$4,045.00 were given out to our Food Bank clients. Everyone was grateful to receive your gifts during these uncertain times.

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



Saint Joseph Parish new Life Care Center is now open. It is located at 55 High Street.

The Life Care Center is a non-profit information center for moms to be. The Life Care Center provides 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. Our Hours are Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 9a.m. -12p.m.

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards

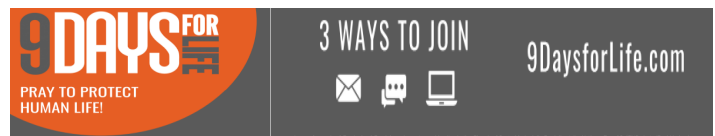
Friday, January 14, 2022 at 5 pm
at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi,
Metuchen. All are welcome!

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 at <https://marchforlife.org> for related updates concerning travel and other logistical details.



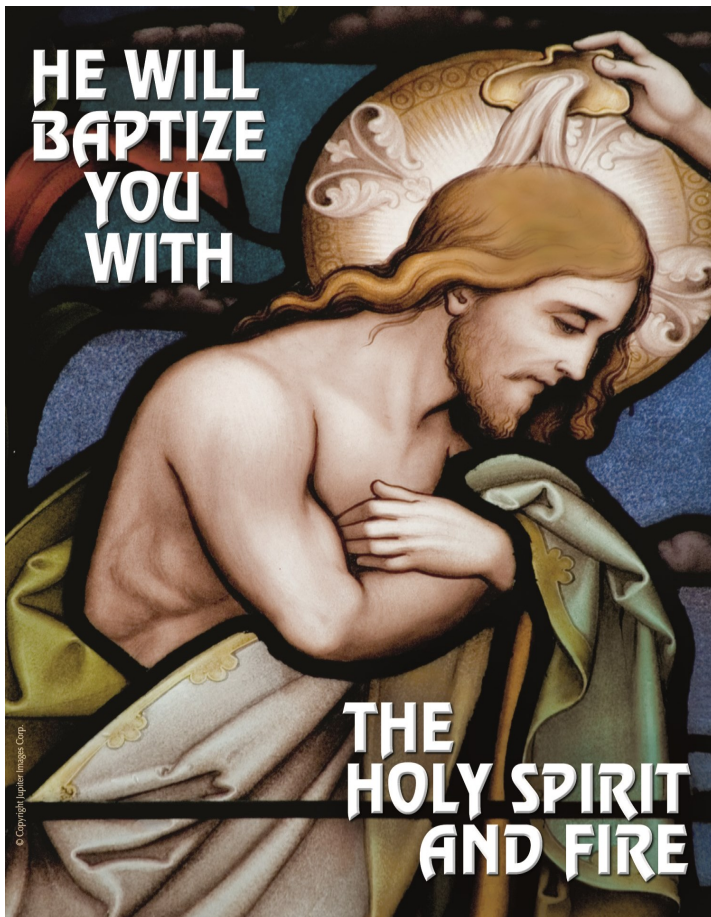
JANUARY 19-27, 2022

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.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baptism of the Lord
 Almighty ever-living God,
 who, when Christ had been baptized in the River
 Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
 solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
 grant that your children by adoption,
 reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
 may always be well pleasing to you.
 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:

What can I do this week to be well pleasing to God?

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He who gives you
the day will give you
also the things
necessary for the day.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

4th-century theologian and bishop of Nyssa who
contributed to the Nicene Creed. Along with
Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nazianzus,
he is one of the Cappadocian Fathers.

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January 10



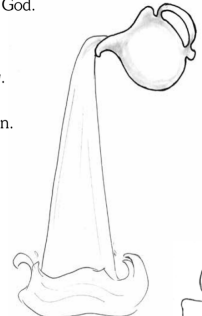

MY BELOVED CHILD

In today's Gospel we hear the voice from heaven call Jesus "my beloved Son" (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22). It tells us that Jesus is the Son of God.

At your baptism you were called a "child of God," that is, God's beloved son or daughter. With words and signs the Church reminds us of God's love for us, and the ways in which we must always try to act as a child of God. Connect the symbols with the prayers used in the Rite of Baptism that describe how we are to live as a chosen child of God.



See in this white garment
a sign of your Christian dignity.
Bring that dignity unstained
into the everlasting life of heaven.



Walk always as a child
of the light.
Keep the flame of faith
alive in your heart.



God anoints you with
the chrism of salvation.
Live always as a
member of his body.



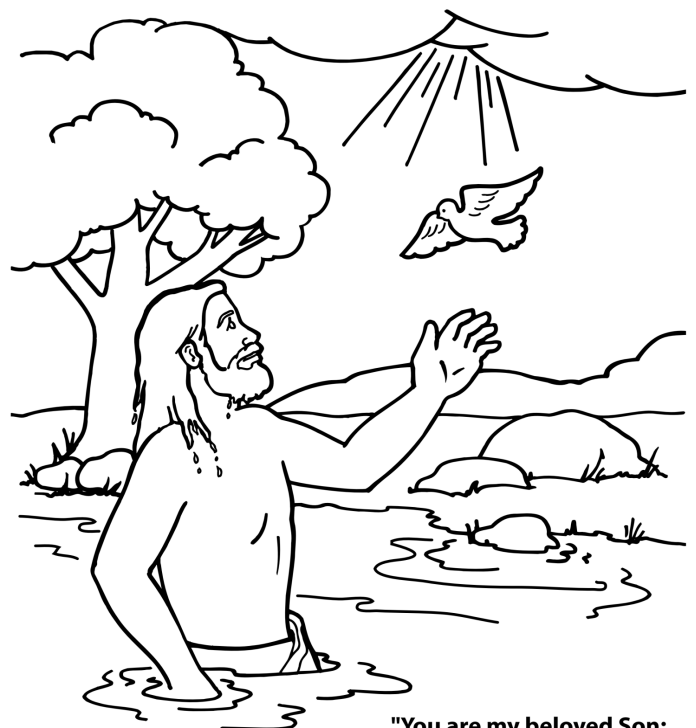
I baptize you
in the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Ask your family to share with you their memories of the day you were baptized.

Perhaps they have pictures or videos of that special day.

Try to ask yourself each day, "How can I live and act as a beloved child of God?"

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**"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."
Luke 3 : 22**

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY January 8th

Christmas Weekday

5:00p.m. + Daniel Pagan

SUNDAY January 9th

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM + People of the Parish.
10:30 AM + James Failace
1:30 PM + All Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY January 10th

Weekday

8:00 AM + Kevin Setar

TUESDAY January 11th

Weekday

8:00 AM + Raymond Horrigan

WEDNESDAY January 12th

Weekday

8:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Onofrio Alongi

THURSDAY January 13th

Christmas Weekday

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Victor Servello
11:30 AM Adoration
7:00 PM + All the Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY January 14th

Weekday

8:00 AM + Chappy Thatcher

SATURDAY January 15th

Weekday

8:30 AM + All the Unborn
5:00 PM + Giuseppeantonio Di Martino

SUNDAY January 16th

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM + World Peace
10:30 AM + Antonio Quimpo
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 ~ January 9 - January 15

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Frank Curto* requested by Sister Mary Ann Boone.

The **St. Joseph Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Marth Gilbert* requested by her loving family.

The **Pieta Lamp** burns in loving memory of *John and Sophie Raia* requested by their grandson Anthony Russo.



Saint Hilary De Poitiers
January 13th

"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, Genevieve Elko, Helen Lurker, Joey Conti Sr., Josie Gibbs, Kirsten Kisselman, Mary Warren, Ray Sewing, Raymond Sewing, Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Puleo, Robert Sulo and Theresa Tumolo.*



Registration
Information

St Joseph Parish office is currently in the process of updating our parishioner files. If you have not done so already, please update your family information. Complete information below and return to parish office.

Family Envelope Number: _____ Do you receive _____ envelopes?
Family Last Name: _____ ☐ Yes ☐ No
His First Names: _____
Her First Name: _____
Phone number: _____
Email Address: _____
Address: _____
Name of Children: _____
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

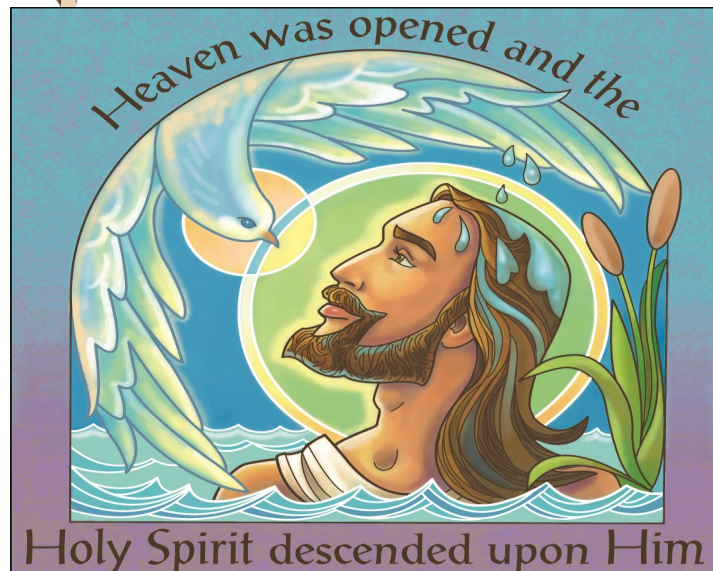
December 26, 2021 Parish \$8038.00

January 2, 2022 Parish \$8171.00

The Lord will bless his people with peace.
—Psalm 29



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