

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



January 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME
TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

~ LUKE 4:18



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."

Rev. Msgr. John B. Gordon - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence

Deacon Ramon Torres - Permanent Deacon
Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon
Ms. Joanne McKnight - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant

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Important Parish Dates 2022

Jan 25	First Pence
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 19	St. Joseph Day (Parish Patron)
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 30	First Holy Communion
May 14	Diaconate Ordination-Parishioner Vidal Gonzalez
June 10	Saint Joseph School Graduation
Aug 15	Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
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	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec 25	Christmas



The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
— Luke 4:18a

Dear Parish Family,



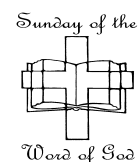
As we share in the many activities of these first weeks of 2022, please know of my gratitude for your dedicated and sacrificial giving on behalf of the parish. A brief summary of our previous financial year was completed for our biennial audit this past week and is printed in this week's bulletin. If you have questions or would like to see the formal report, please feel free to contact the parish office at 732-541-8946.

We welcome Maria Rodriguez to our parish staff as a part-time receptionist in the parish office. Her hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She will be assisting Sharon Salinas, our bookkeeper who staffs the office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Wednesday, February 2 is Candlemas Day when the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple by Mother Mary and St. Joseph. On this feast we will hold a special candle blessing and procession leading into mass at 7pm. All lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers and choir members are encouraged to attend as we renew our faith and commitment to meeting the Lord in His temple of parish life.

Blessings always,

Msgr. John



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.

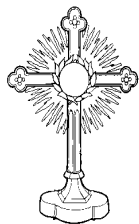
R.C.I.A.: Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the parish office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

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



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!



Candlemas Day

A special procession and Mass with Blessing of Candles will be held on :

Wednesday February 2, at 7pm in the Church

This day 40 days after Christmas marks the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple and asks Family Life to always be enlightened by the call to Vocation.

All Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, and Choir members are invited in a special way to attend this mass with their families.



Join us on our parish trip to The Sight and Sound Theatre on Saturday, April 2, 2022 to experience the Easter presentation of David.

Our bus will leave St. Joseph Church at 9:30 a.m. Tickets for the show and roundtrip transportation are \$125.00 for adults and \$70.00 for children up to 12 years old. The show will start at 3:00 p.m. and there will be an opportunity to purchase lunch at a nearby restaurant before the start of the show.

Please call the parish office at 732-541-8946 to purchase tickets and for additional information.



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!



Summary of 2020/2021 Parish Finance Report

Assets for Parish (church and rectory)	362,669.00
Revenue: (Collections and offerings)	<u>369,548.00</u>
Expenses:	
Salaries	367,696.00
Administration	31,554.00
Operations/Maintenance	103,346.00
Parish life/Ministries	33,276.00
Assessments/Depreciation	91,459.00
Total Expenses	<u>627,331.00</u>
Loss	(257,783.00)

(Please be informed that our projected budget for 2021/2022 shows an improvement with less expenses and a balanced financial report with no loss due to reduction of employees and overall generous support in parish contributions)

Letter from our School Principal for Catholic Schools' week 2022

Dear Friends of Saint Joseph Parish,

Your Parish School is a place to BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SERVE AND SUCCEED. We are a Pre-K to Grade 8 School that welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds. Our students are given the opportunity to grow and to be challenged in a Faith filled and safe environment. With outstanding academics and our expert and creative faculty, our students can unleash the strength within them to become strong citizens of the world.

Most important, is the fact that we can speak of God on a daily basis in our lessons in the Faith that creates a solid foundation for children as well as a strong love for God. Our teachers serve as role models and are examples of people with strong moral values. This is what sets us apart from the quality public schools that your children currently attend.

There are reasons why parents/guardians choose Saint Joseph School:

- We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
- We focus on the whole child.
- We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.
- We provide a 21st century learning environment.
- We encourage and create a family-oriented community that is warm and welcoming.
- We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
- We prepare our students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
- We take pride in consistently outperforming our public-school neighbors on standardized tests.
- We establish open lines of communication between administration, faculty, and parents.
- Our small class sizes allow for individualized student attention.
- We have our Eagles' Before and After Care Program, as well as, extracurricular activities.
- We offer tuition assistance programs.

I am respectfully requesting that you consider Saint Joseph School for your child. We are a strong and faith-filled school who would love to have you become a part of our loving community. We see parents as partners and your children will love learning at Saint Joseph School.

Please visit our website at <https://saintjosephschoolcarteret.net/> and if you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to personally contact me for an in-person tour and conversation which I will be happy to provide within the CDC guidelines.

I look forward to the exciting prospect of welcoming your family to Saint Joseph School.

Sincerely,

Joanne McKnight, M.Ed.

Principal

ST JOSEPH SCHOOL

Celebrates...

Catholic Schools Week

*Personal Tours Are Available
Please Call for an appointment*

(732) 541-7111 or visit us at
saintjosephschoolcarteret.net



**Catholic Schools
Week 2022**
January 30–February 5

Congratulations to the St Joseph School



Calendar Raffle Winner!

1st Prize \$400.00 Ticket # 966

2nd Prize \$400.00 Ticket # 576



We at Saint Joseph School are very appreciative of your support of our annual Calendar Raffle fundraiser. Thank you for your generosity which makes our school mission and quality education possible.

THANK YOU

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.

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 allow God to direct my actions this week?

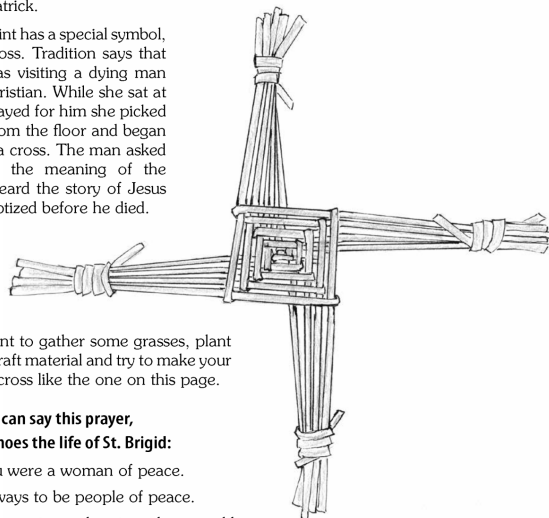


A WOMAN OF PEACE

Most people recognize St. Patrick as a patron saint of Ireland. On February 1, we celebrate the feast of another Irish patron, St. Brigid. Brigid was born around the year 450 A.D. near Kildare in Ireland. When she was young, she worked as a dairy maid. When she could, she would give milk, butter, and cheese to the poor. She was loved by those who benefited from her goodness.

Later in her life she founded the first convent for women in Ireland near Kildare and continued her work with the poor. When she died, around 525 A.D., she was buried in Downpatrick near the grave of St. Patrick.

This beloved saint has a special symbol, the St. Brigid's cross. Tradition says that one day Brigid was visiting a dying man who was not a Christian. While she sat at his bedside and prayed for him she picked up some rushes from the floor and began folding them into a cross. The man asked Brigid to explain the meaning of the cross. When he heard the story of Jesus he asked to be baptized before he died.



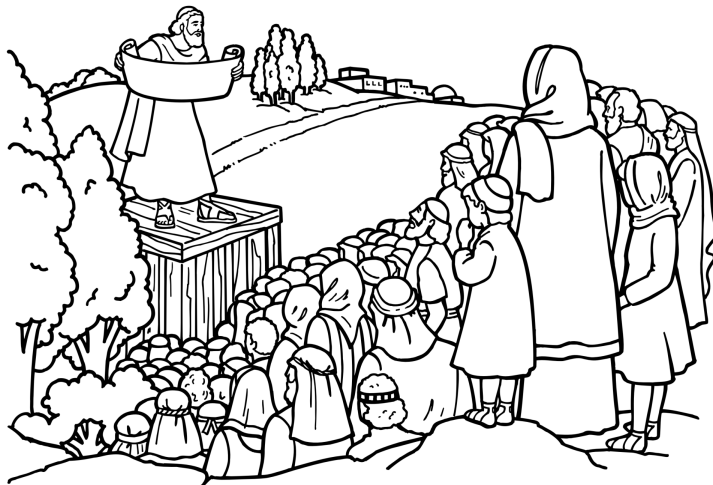
You might want to gather some grasses, plant leaves, or other craft material and try to make your own St. Brigid's cross like the one on this page.

You can say this prayer,
which echoes the life of St. Brigid:

Brigid, you were a woman of peace.

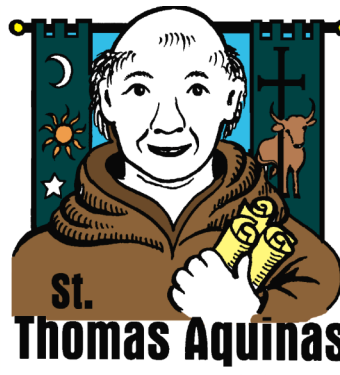
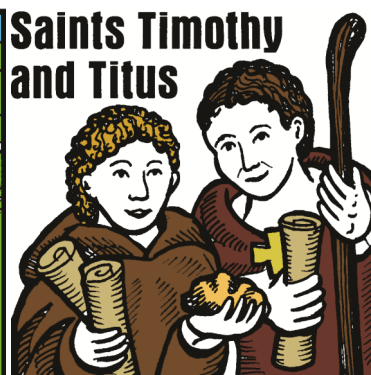
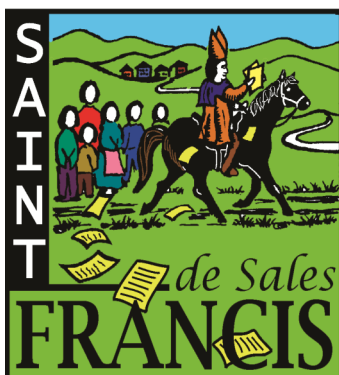
Teach us always to be people of peace.

Help us to bring peace to our hearts and our world.



[Ezra] opened the scroll so that all the people might see it . . . the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand.

Nehemiah 8 : 5 - 3



January 24th

January 26th

January 27th

January 28th

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY January 22nd

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

5:00p.m. + Staff and Students of Saint Joseph School
and Prep

SUNDAY January 23rd

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM + Tim Drew
10:30 AM + Jorge Villegas
1:30 PM + People of the Parish

MONDAY January 24th

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM + All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY January 25th

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:00 AM + John Comandini

WEDNESDAY January 26th

Saint Timothy and Titus Bishops

8:00 AM + All the Unborn

THURSDAY January 27th

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

8:00 AM + Elizabeth & Julius Vasvary
11:30 AM Adoration
7:00 PM + World Peace

FRIDAY January 28th

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM + Victor Rossi

SATURDAY January 29th

Weekday

8:30 AM + All the Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM + Daniel Pagan

SUNDAY January 30th

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM + Lucia Feliciano
10:30 AM + People of the Parish
1:30 PM + Duran Bueno

****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 ask someone from the congregation to present the gifts. Thank you.

INTENTIONS ~ January 23 - January 29

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Camille & Weston Curto* requested by Mary Ann Boone.

The **Pieta Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Sam & Madeline Russo* requested by their son Anthony Russo.

The **St. Joseph Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Elizabeth & Julius Vasvary*.

For January 2022, we join the Holy Father in praying for:

Religious Discrimination and Persecution

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human 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 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.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13
[13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



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SACRIFICIAL GIVING OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 15, 2022 Parish \$ 5485.00

As the body with its many parts
is still one body, so it is with Christ.
—1 Corinthians 12:12-

Prayer for Our Diocese and the Synod

In service to prepare to participate in the World Synod process, the Diocese of Metuchen will sponsor in each Deanery a Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

The Cathedral Deanery will open our local celebration of Forty Hours with Solemn Evening Prayer on Sunday, January 23 at 5:00 PM in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

The Holy Eucharist will remain solemnly exposed for continuous prayer throughout the night and day, reposing the Sacrament only for the Celebration of the Daily Mass schedule at the Cathedral: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 12:10 PM

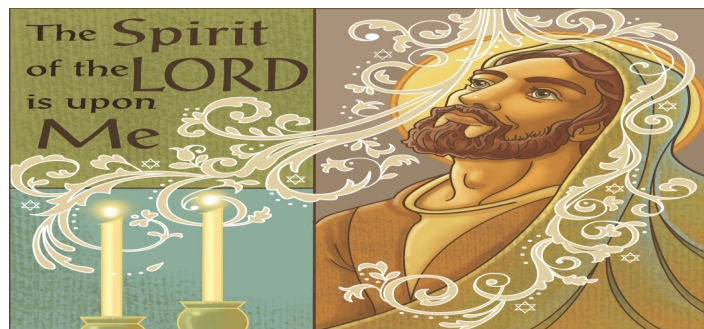
There will be Solemn Evening Prayer and preaching on Monday, January 24th at 7:00 PM. and a closing Solemn Evening Prayer with Eucharistic Procession on Tuesday, January 25th at 7:00 PM.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at the 3:00 PM, Hour of Mercy on Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on both Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Pope Francis in this World Synod is calling the Church to prayer, participation and communion---this is our local effort to heed the Holy Father's call and to increase our devotion and love for Christ and to intentionally be united with Him and one another for the sake of mission.

Please registering for attendance by going to the cathedral website: stfranciscathedral.org



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