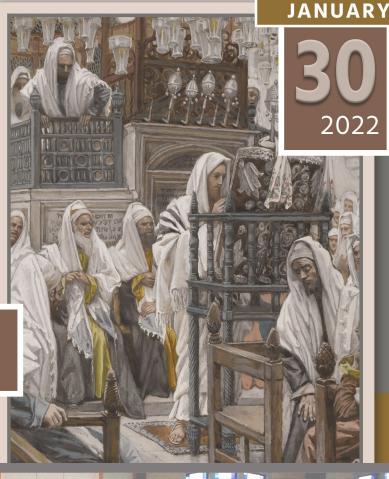
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OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.

Luke 4:24



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"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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Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 30, 2022

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



Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love — 1 Corinthians 13:13

Dear Parish Family,



As we welcome February with this coming week we participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal on behalf of the ministries and mission of the Gospel as a diocese.

Our bishop invites us to support, in a special way, the highlighted efforts of Catholic Charities and their continued outreach to the homeless, the forgotten and the family. Also, the special work of our hospital chaplains who do not waver in responding to the spiritual needs of patients and staff within the eight regional hospitals. Your support also helps with the training of tomorrow's priests. Our present group of 21 seminarians will very soon, with God's grace, bless our lives with their dedication and ministry following their ordination.

Thank you as we all give from our hearts to make this year's campaign a success. Our parish goal is \$27,000.

Please also remember that this Wednesday, February 2, we will celebrate Candlemas. You are all invited together with our ministries of lector, eucharist, music, altar server, St. Vincent DePaul, youth, catechism, charismatic prayer, Legion of Mary and food pantry, to the 'Candlemas' procession and Mass at 7pm. The procession will start in the church entrance. Candles will be supplied.

In the Lord,

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

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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.

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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!



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.



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.

Updates from



2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years— Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Synod 2023

Listening Sessions Postponed, Online Questionnaire Now Available.

Due to ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic, the Synod 2023 Listening Sessions originally scheduled to take place on Jan. 25, have been postponed. More information and the new date(s) for the Listening Sessions will be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, all are invited to visit the Diocese of Metuchen's website, diometuchen.org/synod2023, to share their feedback by completing the online questionnaire.

"The Chosen" Study Series

All young adult engaged and married couples are invited to join in a virtual study series based on the hit series, "The Chosen." A different episode will be discussed each meeting and virtual watch parties will be planned sporadically. Meetings will take place every other Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, beginning on January 24. For details or to join, please contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins at: cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Valentine's Day is Every Day, No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 4-6.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Please call 732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

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Catholic Schools Week

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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

Catholic School 2022-2023 Tuition Assistance

Online Application Process is now Open. Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2022. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

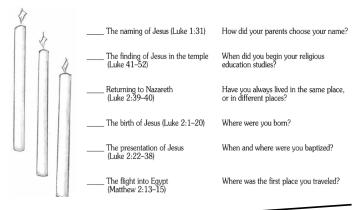


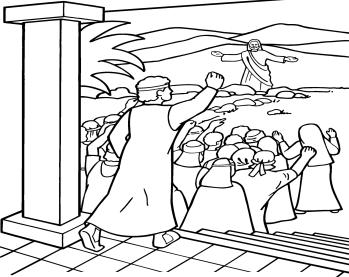
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after Christmas we remember that Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present their baby to God and give him his name. You can read the story in your Bible at Luke 2:22-40. There a man named Simeon called Jesus "a light for revelation to the Gentiles," that is, to all people; and a holy woman named Anna spoke about him to everyone. The ancient name for this feast of light is Candle Mass or "Candlemas," for on this day the Church blesses the candles that will be used in the church all year.

The story of the Presentation is one of only a few stories that tell us about the life of Jesus as a child. This list names some things that happened before Jesus began his public life of teaching people about the coming kingdom of God. Number the events in the order they occurred, then answer the question next to each one.

Jesus became one of us to teach us how to live. He did many of the same things we do. We must always try to live as Jesus taught us.





The people in the synagogue were filled with fury. They rose up and drove Jesus out of town.

Luke 4 : 28, 29

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY January 29th

Weekday

5:00p.m. + Daniel Pegan

SUNDAY January 30th FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM + Lucia Feliciano People of the Parish & Catholic School week Mass 10:30 AM

1:30 PM + Doriam Bueno

MONDAY January 31st

Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder + All Souls in Purgatory 8:00 AM

TUESDAY February 1st

Weekday

+ Mr. & Mrs. Victor Servello

WEDNESDAY February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

+ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tomchak 8:00 AM 7:00 PM + Sister Maria Francisca Tamayo

THURSDAY February 3rd

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

8:00 AM + Lena Marinelli Adoration

11:30 AM

7:00 PM + Juanita & Antonio Pasteris

FRIDAY February 4th

Weekday

8:00 AM + George R. Irwin

SATURDAY February 5th

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

+ All the Souls in Purgatory 8:30 AM

+ Amelia Gervino 5:00 PM

SUNDAY February 6th FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM + People of the Parish 10:30 AM + Felina Holgado 1:30 PM + Jeriel Melendez

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.

<u>INTENTIONS ~ January 30 - February 5</u>

The St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of Joseph R. Irwin requested by his 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 15:13-14. 30: 16:5-13: Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11];

Lk 5:1-11

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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:

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?



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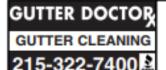
Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy.



Candlemas Prayer

All-powerful Father, Christ your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. one God for ever and ever.

Amen



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