



Saint Joseph's Church

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June 22nd, 2025 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Our Parish Mission

The mission of St. Joseph's Church is to be a welcoming, caring, Christ-centered Catholic community.

We desire to experience and share God's unconditional love.

Inspired by the example of Jesus, we strive to lead all people to wholeness and fullness of life.



Prayer to Saint Joseph

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Saint Joseph's Parish Staff

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule—Main Church

Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and

Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. and any other time by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday of the Month, *September thru June* from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed at 3:00 p.m.

Novenas & Litanies

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Litany to Saint Joseph

Wednesdays after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses

We prayerfully remember those for whom Mass is offered:

Sunday, June 22nd ~ The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00am Ann-Marie Bury
10:00am Joseph F. Ballato
12:00pm Raymond Stutts
6:00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, June 23rd ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

7:30am Edward J. DiLisio
9:00am Kelmer Family

Tuesday, June 24th ~ The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist

7:30am Duke Polidor
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, June 25th ~ Weekday

7:30am Paul Gerhardt
9:00am Sam & Natalie Bernstein

Thursday, June 26th ~ Weekday

7:30am Michael Ambrosini
9:00am Lucy Fajek

Friday, June 27th ~ The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:30am Brothers, Donald, John and Robert of the Sacred Heart
9:00am Nicole Gaine

**Saturday, June 28th ~ The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, and Doctor of the Church, BVM**

8:00am Joseph Benedict Breen
5:00pm Joy Tobin

Sunday, June 29th ~ Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00am Ronald Disanza
10:00am Dr. Paul Change (Living)
12:00pm Michael & Concetta Arleo
6:00pm For the People of the Parish

Regular OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - 9:00am-4:00pm
Tues. - 9:00am-4:00pm
Wed. - 9:00am-4:00pm
Thurs - 9:00am- 4:00pm
Fri. - 9:00 am- 3:00pm

**Scripture Readings for this
Sunday are #1108 in the Red
Worship Book**

Second Collections next Weekend

Our 2nd Collection next weekend,
June 28th & 29th, will be for our
“Extraordinary Maintenance of the
Building and Grounds”

Unfortunately, even though we are
in a relatively new facility, we are
faced with problems that are above
and beyond our routine expenses.

At this point, all the mechanical
systems are no longer under
warranty so occasionally we are hit
with some expensive repair bills.

This special collection will assist in
meeting those unexpected costs
which seem to arise at the most
inopportune times. Your prayerful
generosity is as always greatly
appreciated.

Stay up-to-date on Parish
News and Events by join-
ing **Flocknotes**. Text
keyword “**stjoesomers**” to
84576 or visit ~ [https://
stjoesomers.flocknote.com](https://stjoesomers.flocknote.com) to
join.

PARISH CALENDAR Events for Week of 06/22/2025 thru 6/28/2025

Sunday, June 22nd

- Fr. Breslin's farewell ~ 12:00 Noon Mass, followed by reception in Parish Center

Monday, June 23rd

- No Events

Tuesday, June 24th

- Mah Jong Group ~ 1:00pm to 3:00pm ~ MR
- Knights of Columbus ~ 6:30pm to 9:30pm ~ MR

Wednesday, June 25th

- Knitters Group ~ 1:00pm to 3:00pm ~ MR

Thursday, June 26th

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ~
9:30am to 5:00pm ~ Chapel

(Note: This is the last Adoration until September)

Friday, June 27th

- No Events

Saturday, June 28th

- No Events



CHURCH SUPPORT

Regular Collection Total for Sunday, June 15th = \$10,513
WeShare Regular Collections for the month of May = \$42,979.41
Weekly Collection goal to meet expenses = \$20,000



From the Desk of Fr. Breslin
The Feast of Corpus Christi



As Catholics, we proudly boast that the greatest gift God has given us is the Eucharist, the true **Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus**. Yet whenever we repeatedly receive the same gift, we can easily grow too familiar, comfortable, and eventually take for granted the overwhelming generosity of God that this gift is. That is why the Church has the special feast each year of **Corpus Christi Sunday** (this year: June 22, 2025), the day dedicated to the Body and Blood of Jesus.

That is why we will celebrate this feast with extra solemnity at St. Joseph's by having Nocturnal Adoration – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament throughout the night – on the evening of **Saturday, June 21st**, into the morning of **Sunday, June 22nd**. Adoration will begin immediately following the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and continuing through the night, concluding just before our Sunday 8:00 am Mass. Nocturnal Adoration brings to mind how, the night before He died, Jesus asked His disciples to pray with Him as He endured the Agony in the Garden.

What we will need from all our parishioners is a committed time to pray! During those hours, we need **at least two people** to remain in the church/chapel with the Blessed Sacrament. There are 14 hours to keep, so we need 28 people to sign up. Please consider taking one hour from your evening to pray with our Lord. Of course, many more than two per hour are welcome to come and pray! There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex of our church. Please commit yourself to one hour.

May we all grow in greater devotion to our Lord in the Eucharist!

A message from Birthright of Peekskill

There are many children in Peekskill in need of gently used summer clothes, especially sizes 9 months to 5yrs. Their mothers came to us, maybe, because they couldn't afford to raise another child, and we said we would help them. As you are going through your children's outgrown clothing, please consider donating them to our mothers at **Birthright**? Our office is located at 1 Park Avenue, Peekskill, NY, in the Social Security building. (914-737-0344). **Thank you for helping others choose Life.**

A message from Gianna's House

The parishioners at St Joseph's have yet again been very generous. Items donated during the Father's Day Baby Shower ranged from diapers and formula to clothing and books/toys, and the monetary donations totaled \$2,188! Your love and support of Gianna's House is greatly appreciated!! **THANK YOU!!!**

A message on behalf of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion

Please join Saint Joseph's, Saint John's and Kennedy Catholic alumni in supporting our **Founders' Day of Giving** online fundraising campaign to benefit the Sisters of the Divine Compassion.

Visit divinecompassion.org to **donate**. **Share a memory or message to thank a Sister of the Divine Compassion** for the impact she had on your life.



The Bread and Wine

That will be used this week is
in memory of
John Nevins Sr.



The Sanctuary Lamp

For our Tabernacle burns this week
is in memory of
Carol Krtil

From the Desk of Fr. Lagiovane



Today, Sunday, June 22nd is Fr. Breslin's last weekend with us here at Saint Joseph's. Father Breslin will celebrate the 12:00 Noon Mass. After the Mass there be a reception in the Parish Center. Please join us as we say goodbye and thank Fr. Breslin for his 4 years of faithful ministry here at St. Joseph's. He will be missed!!

Congratulations to Fr. Rufus Kenny upon the news of his new assignment. Many of you know Fr. Kenny was presently at St. Benedicts in the Bronx. He has been appointed by the Vatican and the Archdiocese of New York to serve as Attaché to the Holy See's Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations in New York. In other words, he will serve on the staff of the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia, who represents the Pope as his ambassador to the United Nations. He will work at the Vatican Mission and reside at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. We wish Fr. Kenny God's Blessings in his new assignment .



Friends, we recently announced that I received a new assignment from Cardinal Dolan to serve at Saints John and Paul and Saint Augustine Parishes in Larchmont, meaning that my time here at St. Joseph's is coming to an end. I remain so grateful to Almighty God for allowing me to be one of your priests here at St. Joseph's; these past four years here have been filled with so many graces, and I will forever be thankful for the love I have received from you all.

My last Mass here at Saint Joseph's will be on Sunday, June 22nd at 12:00 noon, followed by a reception in the Parish Center, I hope you can join. There I will *try* to put into words how grateful I am to have been your priest during these wonderful years.

In a particular way, I wish to thank our great pastor, Father Lagiovane, who has been such a great father, mentor, and friend to me during these years. I will forever cherish his fine priestly example and great memories filled with many lessons, laughs, and King Kone trips.

Thank you all, know that you will all remain in my prayer, please remember to pray for me. May God bless each and every one of you.

In Christ,
Fr. Breslin

From the Desk of Fr. Lagiovane



I am happy to announce that Fr. Vincent Castaldi will be assigned as Parochial Vicar here at St. Josephs effective July 1st. Father will also be the Chaplain at Kennedy Catholic High School and helping with their High School Retreats.

We welcome Father Castaldi to Saint Joseph's and pray that God bless him with many good, fruitful years here at St. Joseph's.



Fr. Vincent Castaldi was raised first in Yonkers and then in the Bronx. His family joined Saint Frances de Chantal Parish in Throggs Neck. He graduated from Salesian in 2010. He completed his undergraduate studies at Loyola University in Baltimore and went on to do graduate studies in philosophy at Leuven in Belgium. He entered initial formation with the Jesuits for a time, after which he served as a Seton Teaching Fellow at a middle school in the South Bronx. He then entered formation with the Archdiocese of New York, completing his theology studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

We also welcome to Saint Joseph's Father Michal Lelaw Bieronski. Father comes from the Diocese of Kilece in Poland and will be here to help us out in the summer months from July 15th thru August 28th.

Michał Bieroński, Master of Theology,

Academic Affiliation and Duties: Student, Institute of Biblical Sciences, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

Michał Bieroński, born on May 28th, 1995. In 2011-2014, he attended Mikołaj Rej High School No. 1 in Jędrzejów, in a class with a mathematics and natural sciences profile, after which he entered the Major Theological Seminary in Kielce. In 2020, he graduated with honours by defending his Master's thesis at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin with the title: 'Studies on Artificial Intelligence - Selected Philosophical and Theological Implications. He was ordained a priest on 30 May 2020. In 2024, he was directed by Bishop Jan Piotrowski of Kielce to continue his studies at the John Paul II Institute of Biblical Studies of the Catholic University of Lublin.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2025– 2026

Registration for all families is open.

***LATE FEE OF \$50 AFTER JULY 17**

***NEW FAMILIES NOT SUBJECT TO LATE FEE**

GRADES 1 - 7 WEEKLY CLASS CHOICES

LOCATION

Sunday 10:15a-11:30a

Kennedy Catholic Prep

NOTE: All Monday classes are closed for registration. Please consider other options based on your child's grade level. Contact us if you have questions or need assistance. Thank you.

Tuesday 4:30p—5:50p

Kennedy Catholic Prep

GRADE 8 WEEKLY CLASS TIME CHOICES

LOCATION

Wednesday 5p-6:15p or 6:45-8p

Saint Joseph's Parish Center

HOME FAMILY PROGRAM

GRADES 3,4,5, & 6 (Grades 1, 2, 7 & 8 NOT eligible)

REQUIRED In-Person Family Sessions: Saturdays 9-11am

Location: Saint Joseph's Church

DATES: 10/25/25 ~12/6/25 ~ 2/7/26 ~ 3/21/26 ~ 4/18/26

TUITION FEES

1 Child	\$300
2 Children	\$400
3 Children	\$450
4+ Children	\$525

SACRAMENTAL FEES

Fees are per child/sacrament.

Communion - 2nd Gr or Sac 2 only - \$75

Confirmation – 8th Gr only - \$75

WeShare Online Giving

If you have not done so already, we invite you to consider switching from envelopes to our convenient and safe online giving program called **WeShare Giving**. This will reduce paper mailings and provide convenience and cost savings for both you and Saint Joseph's Church.

If you would like assistance with getting "set-up" on WeShare, please contact our Facilities Manager, Joseph Bilello, in the Parish Office at 914-232-2910.

We can get you set-up in just a few minutes.

Over 800 parishioners of Saint Joseph's Parish are currently participating in WeShare and more are joining all the time! Thank you!!

To make a recurring or one-time donation to Saint Joseph's Church, visit....

Stjosephsomers.churchgiving.comor Scan the QR Code



From the Desk of Father Lagiovane

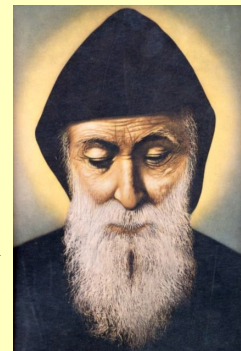
Two portraits have been installed in the rear of the Church along with votive candles Saint Charbel & Blessed Carlo Acutis (soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis!) They will be in our Church for our public veneration and prayer.

ST CHARBEL MAKHLOUF

On July 24, the Catholic Church celebrates the life of St. Charbel Makhlouf, a Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit who is known for working miracles both during his life and after his death.

On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Pope Paul VI as “a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity,” who “through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people.”

O Lord Jesus, you inspired the Saint, Monk and Hermit Charbel to live and die in your path and you gave him the strength to detach himself from the world in order to make triumph, in his hermitage, the monastic virtues. We implore Thee to bestow upon us the grace to love Thee and serve Thee following his example.



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young Italian computer programmer and Catholic, lived a life deeply rooted in faith, particularly the Eucharist, and is known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his work documenting Eucharistic miracles. He was beatified in 2020. His canonization will soon be set by Pope Leo XIV.

O God, our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a model of life for young people and a message of love for all. You made him fall in love with your Son Jesus, making of the Eucharist his 'highway to Heaven'. You gave him Mary as a beloved mother, and with the Rosary, you made him sing the praises of her tenderness. Accept his prayer for us. Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and helped. Grant me, too, through his intercession, the grace that I need (mention your intention). And make our joyful, raising Carlo among the saints."



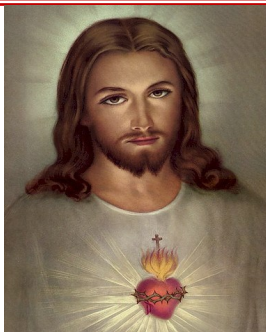
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DRESS IN CHURCH

In the book of Ecclesiastes it is written in the third chapter, “There is an appropriate time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be silent and a time to speak”. In other words everything has an appropriate place. I would add a time to dress up and a time to dress down.

We come now into the summer season, the season of flip-flops, short, tank tops and anything else that lets in the sun and cool breezes. The season also brings the dilemma of what is appropriate dress. Are shorts appropriate at a wedding reception, or job interview? Is wearing a suit and tie to the beach called for? Do we wear a dress or pants with shoes to bed and pajamas to the supermarket?

I ask you to consider what you wear to worship your Creator. Is He important enough to dress up for? Oh, yes it is true that God loves us just the way we are. Saint Paul writes that because of his relationship with Jesus, he is free to do anything, but qualifies that freedom with his obligation not to offend or bring harm to others. The question is, how much do we respect the love our Creator has for us and are we willing to witness to others that respect, by our dress and behavior. There is a time for everything.



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart.

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is June 7th.

In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular solemnities in the Church.

Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term “Sacred Heart of Jesus” denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of His being, and His person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful historical expression of the Church’s piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord. It calls for fundamental attitudes of conversion, reparation, love, gratitude, apostolic commitment, dedication to Christ, and his saving work.

A short Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
filled with infinite love,
broken by my ingratitude,
pierced by my sins,
yet loving me still,
accept the consecration which I make to you,
of all that I am and all that I have.
Take every faculty of my soul and body,
and draw me, day by day, nearer and nearer to your sacred side:
There, as I can hear the lesson,
teach me your blessed ways. Amen

Twelve Promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary

In the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus gives these twelve promises for those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance. They shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our Second Annual Parish Feast is scheduled for the weekend of September 5th, 6th and 7th, 2025

We will have Rides, Great Food, Entertainment, Raffles and a beautiful procession on Sunday after the noon Mass again, that will take us to the blessed Mother and Saint Joseph.



All are invited to attend a general meeting of volunteers
Thursday, July 24th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center



Banns of Marriage

III ~ Nicholas Ferrandino & Gabriella Gentile

III ~ Charles DeLuca & Marina Zhinin

I ~ Stephen Assumma & Theresa Swertfager

We hold in our hearts and prayers our loved ones in the Military Services

Antonio Alers, Jr.
Joseph Giovannetti
Brian Hanley
Donald Langreb
Adam Musoff
Michael Wagner
Nicholas D'Urso
Carl Fuhrman
Robert Frame

Kevin Egan
Stephen R. Goldbach
Daniel Langreb
Paul Mullen
Bobby Tempesdelli
Patrick Saunders
Scott Brewer
Darren Pohlmann
Dylan Hildrew

Andrew Torres
Dylan Abatecola
Joshua Emerson
Timothy Bilello
David Recine Jr.
Brandon and
Catherine Spadafora
Robert M. Rice
Kevin Arnold
Nikolai Degenhardt



Grades 8th through 12th

St. Joseph's Catholic Youth Group

Location: St. Joseph's Church in
the parish center

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm Sunday

Every 2nd and 4th week
starting March 9th



Come for faith based
activities and events to grow
you closer to Christ but also
have fun. You can socialize
with people your age while
going deeper into your faith.

Next Meeting Sunday, June 29th ~ 5pm

We remember in our Prayers for health and healing

Lorenzo Indusi, Alexandria Marini, "Tricia",
Joann Vasi & Children, John Burke, Silas,
Nancy Lasalvia, Michael Hoffmann, Alicia
Stammer, Christopher Alterio,
Marina Padillia, Mateo Padillia,
Baby Cameron Ambury, Frances Burke,
Charles Grolli, Michael Hoffman

