



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Our Mission Statement: We, the Eucharistic community of the Lord at Saint Joseph's and members of the Body of Christ, are varied in background, culture, age and economic class. We are a welcoming parish consisting of longtime Catholics, new and returning Catholics and the young, all seeking knowledge of our faith, its teachings and traditions. We are a faith community empowered by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to helping others. We are committed to celebrate the sacramental life of the church; to listen, proclaim, practice, teach and evangelize the word of God; to minister to each other, the poor and those in need.

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm **Parish Office:** 973-696-4411 **Religious Education:** 973-696-4411

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We Invite You to Celebrate the Eucharist

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm

Polish Mass: Every third Saturday
of each month at 7:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon &
7:00 pm (*Spanish Mass*)

Weekdays: Monday, 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am

Holy Days: Will be announced in the
bulletin and from the pulpit.

Parish Membership

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into our parish is requested to register. Please contact the parish office for the form. If you are going to move to another parish or change your address, please notify the parish office.

Parish Staff

Fr. Artur Zaba, Pastor
Fr. Martin Bradtke, Parochial Vicar
frmartinbr@gmail.com
Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P., Pastoral Associate
Rev. Mr. Stephen Marabeti, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joseph Parlapiano, Deacon
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Ms. Denise Dixon, Director of Music
Mrs. Kathleen Miller, Director of Religious Education
Mr. John Petraccia, Maintenance
Mr. Rich Williams, Maintenance

Novena: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 6:30 pm followed by the Mass at 7:00 pm and Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Monday.

Adoration: Every Tuesday from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm, every Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-9:30 am.

The Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sunday, with the exception of major holidays. Baptisms during Mass or at any other Time are to be arranged with the Pastor. A parent preparation program is held monthly. Parents are asked to contact the parish office for information about Baptisms two months in advance.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 5:00 pm to 5:20 pm

Communion & Sick Calls: Anointing of the Sick is offered every third Sunday of the month after the noon Mass. When any member of your family becomes ill or is confined to the home and unable to come to the Celebration of the Eucharist, please contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made for Communion to be brought to the house. If it is an emergency situation, please call 973-974-0213.

Matrimony: Ideally, arrangements for weddings should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Grief Ministry: Meets twice per year, mutual sharing and support in strictly confidential setting. Call Sr. Ellen at 973-696-4411.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

WORSHIP

Eucharistic Ministers

Bonnie-Ann McLain ----- 973-610-2014
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Maria Maggi ----- 201-774-5544

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Rick Doyle ----- 973-872-6371

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Denise Dixon ----- 973-590-9975
Cantors, Adult Choir, Echoes of Faith & Choristers

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RELIGIOUS ED. / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

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Mrs. Kathleen Miller ----- 973-696-4411

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Fr. Artur Zaba ----- stjoeelp@gmail.com

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Deacon Joseph Parlapiano ----- 973-696-4411

Confirmation

Kathleen Miller ----- 973-696-4411

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Women of Faith

Vicki Pignone ----- 201-410-6869



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ✠ DECEMBER 31, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 PM Edward Fratrach – Emily & Sarah
Betty Curcio (1st Anniv) –
U&G Daidone

Sunday 8:00 AM Joan Bubnick – Fam
Polish 9:00 AM For the Living & Deceased
Polish Community
10:00 AM Bill Merihew – M Chisari
12:00 PM Bishop Emeritus Arthur Serratelli
– Health & God's Blessing
Spanish 7:00 PM Praxide Daniel Sanchez

Monday 9:00 AM Mieczyslaw Fritza & Mieczyslawa
New Year's Gorska – Karpinski Fam
Day 7:00 PM Czeslawa Skrodzka – Fr. Art

Tuesday 8:00 AM Jane DePasquale – J& F Librizzi

Wednesday 8:00 AM Lawrence Byrnes – Sr. Ellen

Thursday 8:00 AM Mark Cox & Bethany Cox –
J&D Hughes

Friday 8:00 AM Piotr Karpinski (Healing) – Fam

Saturday 9:00 AM Intention Known to God
5:30 PM Emma O'Shea (1st Anniv) –
DeGuzman Fam
Adam Shakoor – Mulhearn Fam

Sunday 8:00 AM Joan Murphy – P Folenta

Mass in 9:00 AM For the Living & Deceased
Polish Polish Community
10:00 AM Anthony Lacatena–Sorrentino Fam
Ray Kerwin – Deacon Joe &
Cathy
12:00 PM Babs Custer–Eucharistic Ministers
Mario Foti – U&G Daidone
Joseph & Elsie Tasin–Breaky Fam

SHARING OUR TREASURE

*Sharing our Treasure will be published in the
January 7, 2024 bulletin.*

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord because he was their firstborn son, no matter how he was conceived. Before he can even be consecrated, however, Simeon and Anna recognize the Savior of the world in this babe. In faith, they have waited all their lives—until they were of an advanced age—for this moment to come. Their fidelity and devotion to God brought them to the temple each day and allowed them to see deeper than anyone else there present, allowed them to see the light of the world who would shine forth for all to see, allowed them to see the eventual redemption of all peoples.



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.



Sunday

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:29-3:61; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

First Friday

1 Jn 4:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38

MEMORIALS

*The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of
Hewig & Frank DeAngelo ~ Daughter*

COOKIES FOR OUR TROOPS

Fr. Dominik's troops received their cookies on Wednesday, December 20th during their special Holiday Luncheon. Everyone was extremely grateful, especially Fr. Dominik, who was at a loss for words. Many of the soldiers said "We are an amazing parish". Thank you again to everyone who participated in this awesome project.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES K – 4

Dec 31 New Year's Eve (No Class)
Jan 7 Class Resumes
Jan 14 No Class

For more information, please call 973.696.4411

GRADES 5 – 8

Jan 3 Class Resumes
Jan 21 Grade 7 Class Mass

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Do you know the story of Samson? The life of Samson shows us the importance of relying on God's strength, not our own power; following God's will, not our own stubbornness; and seeking the Lord's wisdom, not our own understanding.

The Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus are hosting another Family Movie Night on January 13th at 7 PM in Halloran Hall. All Parishioners are welcome and admission is free.

DECEMBER & NEW YEAR'S DAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

Dec 30/31	Jan 1
5:30 PM Gale Tedeschi 8:00 AM Dan Blewitt 10:00 AM Maria Maggi 12:00 PM Joyce Favorito	9:00 AM Mary Boyle 7:00 PM Mary Ann Arney
Lectors	Maria Maggi 201.774.5544 nd79@otponline.net

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On behalf of St. Joseph Parish, we extend our deepest gratitude to **the Bator Family** for their generous donation of the Christmas altar cloth in **memory of Jack Bator and Catherine and Norman Gravino**. Your thoughtful contribution has added a special and meaningful touch to our Christmas celebrations. The beauty of the altar cloth serves as a lasting tribute to the cherished memories of your loved ones. Their legacy will be honored and remembered by our entire parish community during this joyous season and beyond. Your generosity has not only enhanced our worship space but has also touched the hearts of all those who gather to celebrate the spirit of Christmas at St. Joseph Parish. We are truly grateful for your kindness and the enduring impact it has on our faith community. May the love and warmth of this Christmas season surround you and your family,

just as your generosity has warmed the hearts of ours.



On behalf of the entire St. Joseph Parish community, I want to express our deepest gratitude to the anonymous family for the incredibly generous Christmas gift. Your donation of books for our parishioners and visiting guests during this festive season has brought immense joy and warmth to our hearts.

Your thoughtful gesture not only adds to the spirit of Christmas but also contributes to the sense of community and shared joy that defines our parish. The act of giving, especially in the form of such meaningful gifts, embodies the true essence of the holiday season. Your anonymity only adds to the mystique and beauty of your selfless act, and we respect your wish to remain unnamed. Please know that your contribution has touched the lives of many within our parish, creating lasting memories and fostering a sense of togetherness. Once again, thank you for your kindness and generosity. May your act of giving inspire others, as it has inspired us, and may the spirit of Christmas continue to shine brightly in your hearts

throughout the coming year.

As the Christmas Pageant came to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to Kathy Miller and the entire CCD team for orchestrating such a delightful and meaningful event. The Christmas Pageant was a true testament to the dedication and hard work that you and your team invested in making it a memorable experience for all. The children's performances were not only adorable but also heartfelt, and it was evident that they put a lot of effort into their roles. Your leadership and commitment to fostering a sense of community and celebration were truly inspiring. The joy and warmth that filled the room was a beautiful reflection of the spirit of Christmas, and it was heartwarming to see the children come together to share the joy of the season. Please extend my heartfelt thanks to each child who participated in the pageant. Their enthusiasm and sincerity added a special touch to the event, creating lasting memories for all who attended. Wishing you and your team a restful and joyous holiday season. May the spirit of Christmas continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all those involved in making the pageant a success.



Denise Dixon, our Director of Music, sends her heartfelt thanks to the Choristers for their inspiring Christmas songs and readings during the pageant and Mass. Their dedication to our church through their rehearsals and ministry shows their sincere love for our Lord, Jesus. ❤️



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