



# 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 x10 **Religious Education:** 973-696-4411 x13  
**Fax:** 973-305-8466 **Convent:** 973-696-4279 **Email:** stjoeelp@optonline.net **Parish Website:** stjosephparishnj.org **Facebook:** @stjoeelp

## 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. Dominik Bakowski, Pastor**  
**Fr. Martin Bradtke, Assistant Priest**  
*frmartinbr@gmail.com*  
**Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P., Pastoral Associate**  
**Rev. Mr. Stephen Marabeti, Deacon**  
**Rev. Mr. Joseph Parlapiano, Deacon**  
**Ms. JoAnn Caputo, Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper**  
**Ms. Denise Dixon, Music Director**  
**Mrs. Kathleen Miller, Director of Religious Education**  
**Mr. Rich Williams, Maintenance**  
**Mr. John Petracca, 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, 4:30 pm to 5:00 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 ext. 12.

## CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

### WORSHIP

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Bonnie-Ann McLain ----- 973-610-2014  
Peggy Folenta ----- 973-628-6773

#### Lectors

Maria Maggi ----- 201-774-5544

#### Altar Servers

Carla Danzi ----- 973-452-2300

#### Ushers

Fr. Dominik Bakowski ----- 973-696-4411

#### Music Ministry

Denise Dixon ----- 973-590-9975  
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### RELIGIOUS ED. / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

#### Religious Education

Mrs. Kathleen Miller ----- 973-696-4411 x15

#### Youth Ministry

Dylan Anderson ymd.andersonst.josephs@gmail.com

### Marriage Preparation

Fr. Dominik Bakowski ----- 973-696-4411

### Baptismal Preparation

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

### Confirmation

Sr. Ellen Byrnes ----- 973-696-4411 x12

### PARISH SERVICE COMMITTEES

#### Baking, Parish Events

Maria McMann ----- 973-896-4353

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#### Christian Service

Walter Jaslanek ----- 973-305-0232

#### Finance

Fr. Dominik Bakowski ----- 973-696-4411

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### Lazarus Ministry

Judy Mulhearn ----- 973-696-4411

### Legion of Mary

Cora Jackson ----- 973-628-9010

### Media & Office Technology

Walter Jaslanek ----- 973-305-0232

### Our Lady of Fatima Devotional Group

AnnMarie Abad ----- 973-931-4882

### Prayer Line

Maria McMann ----- 973-896-4353

### Stewardship

Mary O'Reilly ----- 973-633-8009

### Warming Bee

Antoinette VanWyck ----- 973-694-1818

### Women of Faith

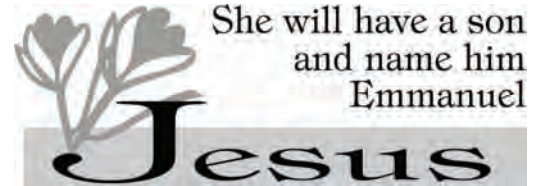
Vicki Pignone ----- 201-410-6869



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠ DECEMBER 18, 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30 PM	Steve Korkes – C&D Cleary
Sunday	8:00 AM	Genevieve Benson – Caputo Ron Nazario – W Arvidson
	10:00 AM	Jack Bator, Norman & Catherine Gravino – Fam
	12:00 PM	Grace J Abad – Abad Fam Jozef Ostrowski – Fam
Monday	7:00 PM	Boykiv Bogdan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) – Maria
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Helen Sulik – Nicole & Tony
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Olga Celleri – Fam
Thursday	8:00 AM	Azucena So – Fam
	8:00 AM	Michael Broderick – FSP's Joan Byrnes – Sr. Ellen John McCormack – Bono Fam
<b>Christmas</b>	4:00 PM	<b>Childrens Pageant</b>
<b>Eve</b>	4:30 PM	<b>For the Parish</b>
	6:30 PM	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Polish Mass</b>	9:00 PM	<b>For the Parish</b>
	11:00 PM	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	8:00 AM	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Day</b>	10:00 AM	<b>For the Parish</b>
	12:00 PM	<b>For the Parish</b>



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

#### **Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

### SHARING OUR TREASURE

December 11, 2022:	\$	5,014
Immaculate Conception:	\$	1,748
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection, Retired Religious:	\$	2,630
Christmas Flowers:	\$	710
Guadalupe:	\$	343
Candles:	\$	177
Poor Box	\$	309
Attendance		517

Joseph was a righteous man, Matthew tells us, devoutly observing the law. He was also a decisive man, working out a plan that would enable him to uphold the law in a way that would be merciful to his betrothed. But the angel of the Lord intervened and Joseph immediately changed his plans. He remained as decisive as before, but with a brand new decision. We may not experience anything as dramatic as Joseph's dream, but God can intervene in our lives as well, asking us to change our plans, no matter how decisive we already are. May we remain open to God's intervention in our lives.

Through all the excitement and stress of this coming week, can we be attentive to how Jesus remains with us and discern how God is calling us?

### MEMORIALS

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#### **Sunday**

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

#### **Monday**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

#### **Tuesday**

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

#### **Wednesday**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

#### **Thursday**

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

#### **Friday**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

#### **Saturday**

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
Lk 1:67-79

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

December 17<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5 pm

December 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6pm

December 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm



After 9 weeks...our Pastor Fr. Dominik returns during this season of waiting and expectations. We welcome him back to join in the Christmas Festivities and to share his joy with all of us!!!

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Those wishing to be anointed should be in the church after the Noon Mass this Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Also, please let us know if there is a need for anointing at any other time and

we would be glad to visit and anoint those who need it.

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

We cannot thank our parishioners enough for your overwhelming response to this year's Giving Tree Project. So many of you went above and beyond with your generosity in helping twenty-three local families experience a wonderful Christmas with their loved ones. You have shown that you are the heart of the parish and the true spirit of Christmas.

\*\* A special thanks also to the Lincoln Park Police Department, Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus for their generous contribution as well!

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for the following Holiday Masses:

Christmas Eve: 6:30 PM & 11 PM  
Christmas Day: 10 AM & 12 PM  
New Years Day: 8 AM & 10 AM

Please contact the Parish Office at 973.696.4411 x10 to sign-up.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### GRADES K-8

Dec 25 Christmas Day (NO CLASS)  
Dec 28 NO CLASS  
Jan 1 New Year's Day (NO CLASS)  
Jan 4 Classes Resume – Grades 5 – 8  
Jan 8 Classes Resume – Grades K – 4  
Jan 15 NO CLASS  
Jan 22 Grade 7 Class Mass

For more information, please call 973.696.4411.

### DECEMBER LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 17 & 18	December 24
5:30 PM Gale Tedeschi 8:00 AM Mary Boyle 10:00 AM Maria Maggi 12:00 PM AnneMarie Abad	4:30 PM Tina Vatrano 6:30 PM Gale Tedeschi 11:00 PM Ashley LoMonaco
December 25	December 31
8:00 AM Paul DePinto 10:00 AM Ellen Corbiere 12:00 PM Mark Karrs	4:00 PM Ken Foreman
January 1	Maria Maggi Cell: 201.774.5544 Email: nd79@optonline.net
8:00 AM Maria Maggi 10:00 AM Liz O'Connell 12:00 PM Joyce Favorito	

### CHRISTMAS OPLATKI

The Christmas wafers are available in the back of church for those who observe the ritual of breaking and sharing the wafers right before the Christmas Eve meal.



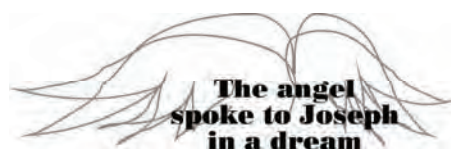
### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Every Tuesday  
8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an hour of companionship."

Venerable Fulton Sheen





## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe by the Spanish Community of St. Joseph Church. The feast was celebrated on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 AM with a Holy Rosary followed by a special Mass to commemorate the Feast of the Patroness of the Americas. Fr. Luis Carlos Moreno in his homily spoke about the many hidden symbolisms on Mary's garment when she spoke to Juan Diego during her apparitions that were so indicative of her sacred mission. After the Mass all were invited for breakfast prepared by the ladies in the Spanish community.



## Christmas Flowers

We will once again be memorializing the poinsettia plants that beautify our church for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory of a relative or friend; in honor of someone living; or in thanksgiving to God. The names of those making the donations and those being remembered will be published in the Sunday bulletin after Christmas, unless the donor prefers to remain anonymous. Please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket. You may also use the envelope included in your packet, but please be sure to mark the back with your intention.



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**"A servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God, which he promised long ago through his prophets...through him we have been favored with apostleship that we may spread his name and bring to obedient faith all the gentiles, among whom are you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ."**

Paul was keenly aware of his call and mission, but it did not end with him. We have been gifted with the same call through our baptism to spread His name today.

As we joyfully celebrate the Lord's birth this week, what better time for us than now to resolve to reach out to someone who has grown weak in the faith, been consumed by the idols of consumerism, or who place trust in things and not in the person of Jesus Christ. May we not allow this special moment to go by when we can be a sign of the Lord's coming. Meet people where they are, but bring them to what really matters with us.

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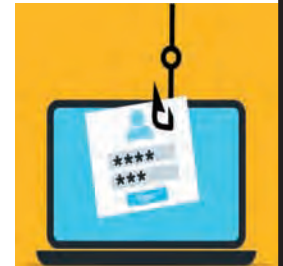
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