



# 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:** 973-694-4411

**Fax:** 973-305-8466    **Convent:** 973-696-4279    **Email:** stjoepl@optonline.net    **Parish Website:** stjosephparishnj.org    **Facebook:** @stjoepl

## 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

**First Friday Mass:** 6:30 pm

**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**

**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**

**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.

**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

Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P. ----- 973-694-8289

#### 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

#### Christian Service

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

#### Finance

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

#### Greeters

Deanna Colaizzi ----- 973-980-9811

#### Hall Rental

Lorraine Thierry ----- LThierry727@optonline.net

#### Knights of Columbus

Vinnie Mascelli ----- kofc5486@gmail.com

### 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

### Social Activities

Fundraiser/Social Activities

Tina Vatrano ----- 973-476-1228

### Stewardship

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

### Warming Bee

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

### Women of Faith

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



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ✠ JANUARY 2, 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

#### **New Years Day**

Saturday	1:00 PM	Herbert Bell – Fam
	5:30 PM	William Hughes – Fam
Sunday	8:00 AM	Antonia Garofalo–M Montalbano
1/2/22	10:00 AM	Lucille Samluck – M&D Frank Bob Caldara – C&A Gauthier
	12:00 PM	George & Mary Dixon – Fam
Monday	7:00 PM	Perry Franklin – Fam
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Karpinski Family – For Blessing & Health – Friend
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Patricia McCarthy – E McCarthy
Thursday	8:00 AM	Betty Jacobovics – Fam
Friday	8:00 AM	Ruth Callahan – Fam
Saturday	5:30 PM	Christine Emolo – D&C Cleary Marie Joan Lierni–Muscato Fam
Sunday	8:00 AM	Bill Allard – Dempsey Fam
1/9/22	10:00 AM	Julieana Smielewski – Fam
	12:00 PM	Michael Harrigan – S Schwake

### SHARING OUR TREASURE

***Due to an early holiday deadline by the publication company, the Sharing Our Treasure will be published in the January 9, 2022 bulletin.***

The Magi relied on both science and faith to guide them to the Lord. They observed the night sky and studied the movement of the stars and planets, drawing conclusions from the travels of these heavenly bodies. Without knowing what this remarkable star was, they realized its importance and journeyed all the way to Jerusalem. But, still a few miles from their destination, they needed guidance from the chief priests and the scribes to direct them to Bethlehem.

By science or faith alone, the Magi did not know enough and did not know where the star would lead them. They just followed it until it brought them to Bethlehem, and to Jesus. Let us try to have courage and trust the example of the Magi to follow our guiding lights.

### MEMORIAL

The sanctuary lamp will burn in loving memory of  
*Cathie Doroshenko ~ From R&M Doyle*



#### **First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.



#### **Sunday**

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

#### **Monday**

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

#### **Tuesday**

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

#### **Wednesday**

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

#### **Thursday**

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

#### **Friday**

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

#### **Saturday**

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30



## THANK YOU...

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

*I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have given me your well wishes, gifts, cards and your support to our parish throughout the year and during this Christmas Season. Your thoughts and prayers are truly overwhelming and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

*May God bless you with health, happiness and faith during this New Year.*

Fr. Dominik

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our annual Christmas Pageant was narrated by Echoes of Faith members and performed by grades K – 4. Thank you to the children and their parents for all their hard work and to Denise Dixon, our music director, and Julienne Mendoza, Ava Oberlin, Olivia Oberlin and Julia Romano who retold the story of Jesus' birth.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### GRADES K-6

- Jan 2 No Classes – New Year's Weekend
- Jan 4 Classes Resume for Grades 5 & 6
- Jan 9 Classes Resume for Grades K – 4
- Jan 16 No Classes – MLK Weekend

For more information, please call 973.696.4411 x10.

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM GRADES 7-8

- Jan 5 Classes in School
- Jan 12 Classes in School
- Jan 19 Presentation in the Hall – Grade 8
- Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Mass – 10 AM

## NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

*May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year. May the Lord make your New Year a happy one, not by shielding you from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it if it comes.*

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 1-2	Maria Maggi
5:30 pm Gale Tedeschi	cell: 201-774-5544
8:00 am Liz O'Connell	email: <a href="mailto:nd79@optonline.net">nd79@optonline.net</a>
10:00 am Stephen Nellessen	
12:00 pm Tony Rafael	





**Stewardship is a Way of Life**

*"For it is in giving that we receive". St Francis*

The Stewardship Way of Life is the grateful, unselfish response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in the love of God and their neighbor. It is a spiritual way of life marked by faith filled prayer, compassionate service to others and a generous sharing of time, talent and treasure. The more we give back to God, the richer our spiritual lives become. Jesus not only calls people to Him, but also forms them and sends them out in His service. Becoming a follower of Christ leads naturally to the practice of Stewardship, the living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. Joining a Ministry is a way of thanking God for all the blessings He has granted to you and your family and helps to make our parish stronger and the world a better place for all. Exercising stewardship is caring for and sharing the gifts God has given us. Please consider joining a Ministry during our Ministry Weekend on January 29-30, 2022.

*"The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent, and treasure."*

Pope Benedict XVI

**BROTHER JUNIPER**



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**"It was not made known to people of other generations as it has been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."**

We recall with fondness the visit of the Magi, astrologers and kings. We admire the gifts and honor they brought. Imagine the warmth and gratitude of Mary and Joseph, following the songs of the angels and greetings of the humble shepherds.

Today we fast forward and learn through St. Paul the fruit of the visits. We are the beneficiaries – coheirs, recipients of the same grace, participants in the body of Christ, and copartners, with responsibilities to bring and reveal Jesus to others.

I bring my gift and share the gift of Jesus with others.

**HIS WORD TODAY**

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS



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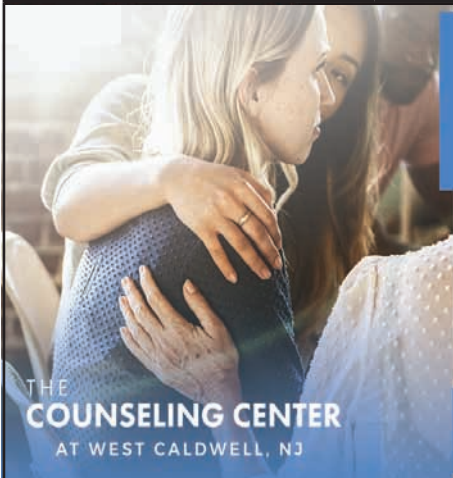
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