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Parish Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9AM - 3PM

Tuesday & Thursday 10AM - 3PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

 Saturday
 9:00am and 5:00pm

 Sunday
 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 6:00pm Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00am

Holy Day Masses 9:00am and 6:00pm

Eve of Holy Day 6:00pm

Confession:

Saturday $$4:00\rm{pm}$-$4:30\rm{pm}$$ Monday (After 6pm Mass/Holy Hour) $6:30\rm{pm}$ - $7:15\rm{pm}$

For questions about the Cemetery or to make an appointment to view available plots, please call Jenifer between 10:00 AM-2:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: (973) 697-6100, ext. 5. You may also email Jenifer at jenifer@saintjoseph-nj.org.

Funeral Masses and Interments: Arrangements for funeral Masses and interments are coordinated through the cemetery administrator upon notification by the family of the deceased or a funeral director. To arrange a funeral or interment, please call Jenifer at the number listed above. Your call will be returned promptly.

Sacrament of Baptism: Information about the Sacrament of Baptism may be found on the parish website: www.stjoseph-nj.org. If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

Marriages: Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance of your wedding to arrange for Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Sessions.

Visitation of the Sick and Elderly: Please keep us informed so that we can be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): We wish to invite anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or a Catholic who would like information on receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and or Confirmation to please call the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 28, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, Jan 29

6:00 PM Intentions of the Stopka Family

TUESDAY, Jan 30

9:00 AM +Stanislaw Chryolz

WEDNESDAY, Jan 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest

6:00 PM +Stephen Modzelewski

THURSDAY, Feb 1

9:00 AM The Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Continuous Blessing for Fr. Jakub

FRIDAY, Feb 2 - The Presentation of the Lord 6:00 PM +Steven Modzelewski SATURDAY, Feb 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

9:00 AM +Joan Sherlock from Nancy Decker

5:00 PM 1. +Dr. Art Silver from Diana Haggett

2. +Edward Lamoureaux from Frank and Kathleen Struble

3. God's Blessing for All Benefactors of St. Joseph Church

SUNDAY, Feb 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM God's Blessing for All Benefactors of

St. Joseph Church

10:00 AM God's Blessing for All Benefactors of St. Joseph Church

12:00 PM 1. +Mary Jobes from Donna Petronchak

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This Week:

 $Fourth\ Sunday\ in\ Ordinary\ Time$

1st Reading: Dt 18:15-20 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35 Gospel: Mk 1:21-28



Today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' renown extended throughout Galilee, driven by the compelling power and authority evident in his words and actions.



In our journey through life,
we encounter people who
become renowned for their
influence, achievements, or
uniqueness. The Gospel
reminds us that Jesus' fame
spread not merely for
popularity but because his
words and actions
demonstrated profound power
and authority. Just as Jesus
showcased the divine in his
deeds, we too are called to
reflect God's power through
our own words and actions.

Consider those individuals who inspire through their faith, consistently embodying it in both speech and conduct. These role models serve as guides for us to follow, encouraging us to deepen our understanding and emulate their example. As we navigate our daily lives, let's aspire to be consistent in expressing our faith, seeking divine guidance to align our words and actions with the powerful essence of our beliefs.

A Time to Serve in The Military...

Daniel Luccarelli, Joseph
Connors, Alex Richnavsky,
Matthew Lattanzi, Christopher
Hettema, Jeffrey Cox, Joshua
Paicer, Ckyson Santos,
Johnathan Greenwald, Joseph
Canova, Carlos Hernandez III,
Jude Pope, Noah Anderson
If you have a family member in
the military and would like them
to be prayed for please call the
parish office with the name of the
person.

A Time to Heal...

Bill Hoffman, Scott Frew, Natalie Hummel,
Donald Conlon, Mary Henaghen, Andrea
Di Domenico, Mary Paicer, Peg Lupo,
Blanca Medina, Bobby Toomes, Antoniette
Moralishvili, Dave Youngren, Bob Caldo,
Barbara Richnavsky, Brenden Viellette,
Paul Arthur Newman, Shannon Alejo,
Joanne Klosz, Patricia Burd, Sandy
Golcejak, Blanca Lynn, Edward
McLaughlin, Kelly Misner, Carolyn Hanak,
Gladys Tacinelli, Kevin Toomes

A Time to Return to God....

Those buried in our cemetery

Next Week:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

<u>Scripture Focus</u>: Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.

<u>Life Focus:</u> We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

The Little Catholic's Corner



Today, we learn about Jesus healing a man and becoming very well-known because of actions.

Jesus became famous not just because he was popular, but because everything he said and did showed the amazing power of God. In our lives, we also meet special people who become famous for doing amazing things. They stand out because of their actions or important things they've done to help other people.

We are encouraged to be like Jesus by reflecting God's incredible power through our own words and actions. Think about people you know who always do good things and talk about God. They can be like guides or role models for us to learn from. As we go through our daily lives, let's try to be consistent in showing our faith through what we say and do!



SAINT JOSEPH CARES FOOD PANTRY

NEXT FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2024 - 10AM TO 12 NOON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2024 - 10AM TO 12 NOON

ON SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21, 2024 WE SERVED 76 FAMILIES, FOR A TOTAL OF 293 PEOPLE!

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"non-holiday" food distribution at
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This coming week, donations for any of the following items would be greatly appreciated...

- ITEM OF THE WEEK: PEANUT BUTTER!
- Oatmeal Quick Oats &
 Instant
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Shelf Stable Milk & Coffee
- Cereal for Adults & Kids
- Bottled Juice or Juice Boxes
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Chunky Soups & Stew
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Ravioli & Spaghetti
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ST JOSEPH CARES FOOD PANTRY CAN BE REACHED DIRECTLY BY PHONE!

Call us at the Parish Office number: 973-697-6100 extension #6

If we are unavailable to take your call, please leave a Voicemail and we will return your call as soon as possible!

DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO

• The Parish Office during Regular Business Hours:

OPEN: Mon & Wed, 9AM to 3PM

Tues & Thurs, 10AM to 3PM

CLOSED: Friday

- The Food Drop Off Box Outside the Food Pantry
 (24/7 located outside the Food Pantry)
- The Food Pantry between 10AM and 12 NOON on <u>Scheduled Saturdays</u>.

THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

The Disciples of Christ group meets every Saturday at 10:00 AM at the Parish Center. Come join us and lead all people to the love of Jesus Christ!



LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Our Parish Lectionary
Bible Study meets every
Tuesday at 7pm.
Join us every week to
deepen your
relationship with Christ
through prayerful
reflection on His word!



LUX MUNDI

The Lux Mundi Young Adult Group meets every Sunday after the 12pm Noon Mass. Meetings are both faith and activity based. All individuals 20-35 years old are welcome to join!





Scan the code to visit our Facebook page and stay up-todate on everything happening at St. Joseph Church!

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As we embark on this new year, let us strengthen the bonds of our community through prayer and shared intentions.

Consider offering Mass intentions for your loved ones, those in need, or special intentions close to your heart. By contributing to our communal prayer, we deepen our connection with God and support one another on our spiritual paths.

May this new year be a time of increased spiritual devotion, and may our shared intentions uplift us all.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14

If you would be able to bring ashes to a homebound parishioner or a nursing home resident, <u>please call Sr. Janet at</u> 973-697-2846.



We are delighted to announce that our parish project to restore our two historic communion rails is now complete! The wooden altar rails have been fully refurbished and will be ceremonially reinstalled on March 19 when our parish celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph, our patron.

These rails are original to the present church building erected in 1905, but were removed for safekeeping during renovations in the 1970s and '80s. Aside from a new coat of white paint to match the rest of the sanctuary furnishings and some minor repairs to the woodwork, the rails are intact. By the grace of God and the generosity of all who contributed to this restoration effort, these communion rails will once again grace our sanctuary and allow all who so wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament at the same rail in the same manner as our ancestors did so many centuries ago when this parish was first established.

A huge Thank You from Fr. Jakub and the parish staff of St. Joseph Church to all of you who supported this project financially or otherwise!

We could not have done it without you. May God abundantly reward your generosity!





LIVING ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

MONTHLY CONFERENCES



Join the Living Rosary Prayer Group for its series of monthly conferences. Each month, we will consider a different mystery of the Rosary from a biblical perspective, beginning with the Joyful and ending with the Glorious.

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH FOLLOWING THE 6:00 P.M MASS

Please invite your family, friends, and anyone you know who would like to learn more about the Rosary.

FEBRUARY 3

ST. BLAISE



Saint Blaise was a physician and bishop in the early Christian Church. Celebrated on February 3rd, his life and devotion offer inspiration and lessons for those who recognize his significance. Reflecting on the life of Saint Blaise, individuals may draw inspiration from his commitment to both medicine and the Christian faith. As a physician, he attended to the physical well-being of people, while as a bishop, he tended to the spiritual needs of his community. This dual role underscores the harmony between faith and reason, emphasizing the importance of caring for both the body and the soul. Saint Blaise's unwavering dedication to his Christian beliefs, even in the face of persecution, serves as a powerful example of courage and conviction. His life encourages us to remain steadfast in our faith and to trust in divine guidance during challenging times. Saint Blaise is often invoked for the blessing of throats on his feast day, a tradition known as the Blessing of the Throats. This practice originated from a legend in which he miraculously saved a young boy choking on a fishbone. Saint Blaise's association with throat ailments has made him a patron figure for those facing such issues.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS FEAST DAY, WE WILL BE HAVING THE BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER EACH MASS NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 3RD AND 4TH.

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A COMPREHENSIBLE MASS WALK-THROUGH

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Part 2:

God's Word Spoke to You

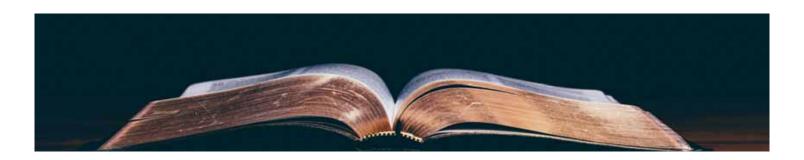
Let us focus our attention now on the first table, the Liturgy of the Word. The readings from Scripture do not merely provide us with exhortations for moral living and reflections about the spiritual life. The Bible does not simply talk about God, but is God's own speech. In the Liturgy of the Word, therefore, we encounter the words of God Himself spoken personally to each one of us.

This does not mean the Scriptures are not human. They were written by human beings, to particular human communities, at a certain moment in history. Each book of the Bible contains the human author's writing style, personality, theological outlook, and pastoral concerns. But the Scriptures also are inspired by God. "Inspiration' comes from the Greek word *theopneustos*, which means

"God-breathed" (2 Tm 3:16). In the inspired books of the Bible, God breathed forth his divine words through the human words of the sacred writers. Thus, Scripture is like Jesus Christ Himself – fully human and fully divine. As Vatican II explained, "To compose the sacred books, God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in this task, made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more."

To hear the words of God is a serious matter. At Mount Sinai, the people of Israel prepared themselves for three days before God spoke to them the words of the covenant. In the Mass, we prepare ourselves for this holy encounter with God's Word through the Introductory Rites - - the sign of the cross, the *Confiteor*, the *Kyrie*, and the *Gloria*. Having marked ourselves with the sign of the cross, confessed our unworthiness to be in God's presence, asked for his mercy and sung his praises, we now sit down to listen carefully to what God wants to speak to us through his own inspired words in the Scriptures. And this is a personal encounter, for as Vatican II taught, "In the sacred books the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them."

In order to appreciate the profound nature of what is really happening in the Liturgy of the Word, consider the amazing role played by the lector who reads the Scriptures to us. The lector is not simply a public reader of the Bible. At Mass, the Lord uses the lector as the instrument through whom he proclaims his Word to the people. Think of this as the lector lending God his human voice so that God's words can be spoken to us at Mass. What an amazing honor and privilege it is to read the Word of God! And what a blessing it is for us to hear it (see Rv 1:3).





A MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

In the quiet sanctuary of our hearts, the memories of our departed loved ones continue to bloom like flowers.

You can now order an arrangement of flowers and a flickering candle with your loved one's name on it, honoring their cherished memory with a thoughtful tribute.

Each week a new flower arrangement and tribute candle will be placed near the altar, creating a space where the memories of our departed loved ones are honored and cherished by our entire Parish community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS, PLEASE CONTACT JENIFER AT (973) 697-6100, EXT. 5 OR JENIFER@SAINTJOSEPH-NJ.ORG

IF YOU WOULD TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH AND FEATURE YOUR BUSINESS AD IN THE NEXT BULLETIN, PLEASE CONTACT FR. JAKUB AT PASTOR@SAINTJOSEPH-NJ.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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Gospel Today Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:21-28

Jesus teaches and heals with authority in the synagogue.

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Fill in the blanks with the underlined words from above.

Just like the people in Jesus' community, we still ask Jesus to help and heal us through daily prayer and attending mass.

- → Where can we hear the Good News?
- → How can praying help us in our daily lives?
- → Who in our community can help us keep our bodies healthy?



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A prophet like me will the Lord God raise up for you, from among your own kin, to him you shall listen... I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into their mouth, he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it."

The first pages of scripture tell us of a promised redeemer. The prophets, the spokespersons for God constantly reminded the people of their covenant with God. John the Baptist pointed out Jesus as the one. Jesus being present made a new covenant, and today that covenant is renewed in His church.

Promise, prophets, presence, preaching, the story of salvation for us all. Today we are called to listen to the voice of God found in the teaching and preaching of our church leaders, chosen ones, who are calling us to awaken and respond to the covenant God made with us. We hear the word proclaimed at mass, we open the bible at home to reflect upon it. We have so many resources on YouTube or Relevant Radio to continue to form and reform our lives. May this help us answer for His call.

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BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

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