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October 27, 2024

St. Joseph Church

"The Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey!"

"Jesus told him, 'Go your way; your faith has saved you.'"

MK 10:46-52

MASS SCHEDULE:

Served By:

Fr. Jakub Grzybowski Parish Administrator

Deacon Steve McKenzie Permanent Deacon

Parish Office Hours:

Mon & Wed	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tues & Thurs	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday	Closed

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:

Monday	6:30pm - 7:15pm
Saturday	4:00pm - 4:30pm
First Friday of Every Month	5:00pm - 5:30pm

By appointment: Please call the office.

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

OCTOBER 27, 2024 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, Oct 28 - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

6:00 PM Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, Oct 29

9:00 AM +Dominique Dudek

WEDNESDAY, Oct 30

6:00 PM Peace in the Hearts of Parishioners and Their Families

THURSDAY, Oct 31

9:00 AM Peace and Blessings for Sister Marie

- 6:00 PM**
1. +Maria Bukowiec
 2. +Jas Grzybowski
 3. +Maria Zelek
 4. +Kazimiera Zelek
 5. +Stanislaw Uryga

FRIDAY, Nov 1 - All Saints' Day [Holy Day of Obligation]

- 6:00 PM**
1. ++Janina & Jozef Zelek (Father Jakub's Grandparents)
 2. ++Anna & Ludwik Grzybowski (Paternal Grandparents)

SATURDAY, Nov 2 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [All Souls' Day]

- 9:00 AM**
1. +Steven Modzelewski Requested by Fr. Jakub
 2. +James C. Farley Requested by The Farley Family
- 5:00 PM** +All Faithful Departed Souls

SUNDAY, Nov 3 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM** +Helen Goceljak 30 Days after Her Funeral
- 10:00 AM** ~
- 12:00 PM** God's Blessings for Donna and all Food Pantry Volunteers



This Week:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9

2nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6

Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

Next Week:

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Dt 6:2-6

2nd Reading: Heb 7:23-28

Gospel: Mk 12:28b-34

In Today's Gospel, we meet Bartimaeus, a beggar sitting by the roadside. Bartimaeus, blind and marginalized, could have let fear hold him back—fear of rejection, fear of the crowd's disapproval, or fear that Jesus might not respond to him. Instead, he chooses faith. His faith in Jesus' power to heal overcomes any fear of judgment or failure.

In our lives, we are often faced with situations where fear threatens to paralyze us. Fear of the unknown, fear of change, or fear of rejection can hold us back from stepping out in faith. In these situations, we must believe that God is bigger than the obstacles we face. Choosing faith over fear means trusting that, like Bartimaeus, when we call out to Jesus, He will respond. **It doesn't mean the road will be easy, but it means we don't walk it alone.** Faith allows us to believe in the possibility of transformation, healing, and new beginnings—even when the world tells us to be silent or that our prayers won't make a difference.

The Little Catholic's Corner



In today's Gospel, tells the story of Bartimaeus, a blind man who calls out to Jesus as he passes by, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Even though others try to quiet him, Bartimaeus doesn't give up. Jesus hears him, calls him over, and heals him because of his faith. Bartimaeus then follows Jesus. Sometimes, like Bartimaeus, we face challenges or feel lost. But Jesus is always ready to listen when we call out to Him. Even if others don't understand or we feel small, Jesus hears us. Just as Bartimaeus had faith and was healed, we can trust that Jesus will help us too when we turn to Him with open hearts. Let's remember to always keep our faith strong, knowing that Jesus is close and cares about each one of us. This week, let's remember to be brave like Bartimaeus. Let's pray and ask Jesus for what we need, and also be kind and helpful to others who might be asking for our help.



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, Peg Lupo, Blanca Medina, Bobby Toomes, Antoniette Moralışvili, Dave Youngren, Bob Caldo, Barbara Richnavsky, Brenden Viелlette, Paul Arthur Newman, Shannon Alejo, Joanne Klosz, Patricia Burd, Blanca Lynn, Edward McLaughlin, Kelly Misner, Carolyn Hanak, Diane Wirth, Roseanne Vanderjagt, Regina (McAloney) Kelly, Alison DiDomenico, Colleen Caldo, John Deering, Charlotte Bay, Linda Farias, Ronald Richnavsky, Martha Jean, Albert Wood, Gina Lupo, James Christopher Andrea

A Time to Return to God
Those buried in our cemetery



COLLECTIONS

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 13:

IN-PEW & MAIL-IN COLLECTIONS:
\$2,981.00

ONLINE GIVING: \$2,248.00

TOTAL: \$5,229.00

The Second Collection takes place the first Sunday of each month for Parish Needs.

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VISITATION OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY:



Please **notify the Office** if a parishioner is homebound or has been hospitalized so that we can be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES/ LAST RITES



For **Sacramental Emergencies/ Last Rites**, please call **973-697-6100, ext. 8.**

We are experiencing problems with the emergency phone number.

Let's pray for you!
Submit your prayer
request here

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2024 - 10AM TO 12 NOON

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If you qualify for a "free" item, but won't be able to use it, we would be VERY GRATEFUL if you considered donating it to the PANTRY! Turkeys, Hams, Oven Roaster Chickens, and Party Size Lasagnas are all GREAT for Holiday Meals!



**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
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DONATIONS FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED:

- **ITEM OF THE WEEK:**
Coffee & Tea
- Laundry & Dish
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- Instant Potatoes &
Side Dishes
- Bottled Juice & Juice
Boxes
- Cereal - Adults & Kids

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 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tues & Thurs 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

CLOSED FRIDAYS

The Food Drop Off Box Outside the Food Pantry
(24/7 located outside the Food Pantry)

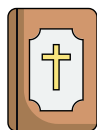
The Food Pantry between 10AM and 12 NOON on
Scheduled Saturdays.

JOIN OUR MINISTRIES!



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!

THANK YOU!



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Blanca Lynn** and **Steven Adragna** for their incredible effort in tidying up our All Souls section. Their generosity in replacing the trees and ensuring the area is beautifully maintained is truly appreciated. Thank you!



ALL SOULS DAY



This year we are going to read the names of the faithful departed on Saturday, Nov 2 at the 9 AM mass on All Souls Day (rather than on All Saints Day).

After mass there will be a procession to the cemetery crucifix accompanied by the recitation of the Rosary for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Please write the names of your faithful departed loved ones on the slips in the back of the Church and submit them by October 29. (In the collection plates or in the drop box outside the Parish Office). Envelopes are provided with the All Souls Day slips. We warmly invite family members of loved ones who passed away since November 2023.

POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FALL OPEN HOUSE



Pope John XXIII High School will be hosting a Fall Open House on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Students and their families are invited to meet members of our high school community and learn about our academic, athletics and extracurricular programs. Grounded in Catholic tradition and through our campus ministry program, Pope John prepares its students to be well-rounded, confident citizens who can meet the demands of higher education and the challenges of the world beyond. Come see what it means to be a Lion!

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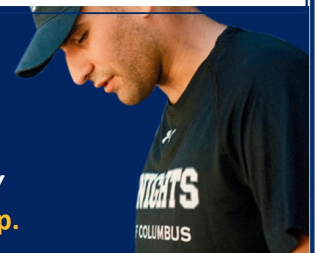
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ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY: A JOURNEY OF COMMUNION AND HOPE



November brings two important liturgical celebrations: All Saints' Day on November 1 and All Souls' Day on November 2. These days are deeply rooted in the theology of the communion of saints and the Church's belief in eternal life, providing the faithful an opportunity to reflect on the promise of salvation, the journey toward holiness, and the loving memory of those who have gone before us.

ALL SAINTS DAY: CELEBRATING THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

All Saints Day honors all the saints—known and unknown—who have achieved eternal life with God. The Church has long venerated individuals who lived lives of heroic virtue, offering them as examples of faith, hope, and charity. But this day reminds us that sanctity is not limited to canonized saints but is a calling for all of us. One of the key messages of All Saints Day is that all people are called to holiness. The Beatitudes read during the Mass for All Saints underscore this. They describe a path to sainthood rooted in humility, mercy, purity of heart, and peace. It is a reminder that sanctity is achievable in everyday life, in our small acts of love, patience, and sacrifice. Through prayer, the saints intercede for us, and we can assist the souls in purgatory on their journey to heaven. This profound connection bridges the gap between life and death, reminding us that the bonds of love and faith are stronger than death.

ALL SOULS DAY: PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

On November 2, we turn our attention to those who have died but are not yet fully purified to enter heaven. The day is dedicated to praying for the souls in purgatory, offering Masses and prayers for their purification and eternal rest. Purgatory is not a place of punishment but a state of purification for those who die in God's grace but still need to be purified of venial sins or the temporal effects of sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes purgatory as the "final purification" (CCC 1031), a necessary step before entering into full communion with God in heaven. The practice of praying for the dead dates back to the early Church and is rooted in the belief that our prayers can assist the souls in purgatory. It is a reflection of our hope in God's mercy and the belief that love transcends death. By offering Masses, prayers, and indulgences, the faithful participate in the spiritual support of those who have gone before us, helping them on their journey toward eternal life.

Both All Saints Day and All Souls Day are marked by profound hope. On All Saints Day, we celebrate the triumph of those who have reached heaven, a promise of what awaits us if we remain faithful to God. On All Souls Day, we reflect on the reality of death, but in the context of the resurrection. We pray for the dead with the assurance that death is not the end, but a passage to new life in Christ. In a world that often fears or avoids the subject of death, these two feast days offer a countercultural message: death is not to be feared, for in Christ, it is transformed into a gateway to eternal life.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day are not merely times for remembering the dead—they are celebrations of life, love, and eternal communion with God. They call us to hope in the resurrection, to trust in God's mercy, and to live our lives with an eye toward eternity. As we honor the saints and pray for the faithful departed, we are reminded that we too are on a journey toward sainthood, united with the entire Church in a bond that death cannot break.

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