

November 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

A Prayer for Using Our Gifts

Heavenly Father, help us to recognize and appreciate the many gifts and talents You have blessed us with. Give us the wisdom to use them generously, the courage to step beyond our comfort zones, and the faith to trust in Your grace when we face disappointments. May we never allow our gifts to lie dormant, but use them to bring goodness, hope, and love to others. Amen.

St. Joseph's
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1883-2026

Pastor:
Very Rev. G. Scott Shaffer, VF x2203

Parochial Vicars:
Reverend Neiser Cárdenas x2221
Reverend Alan J. Bridges x2209

Assisting Priests:
Reverend William Reilly
Reverend James Spera

Deacons:
Robert M. Barnes; R. David Greiner; Gerard Luongo; Edward Woram; Michael A. Taylor

Parish Office:
Hours: 9:00am - 4:30pm Monday-Friday
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Hispanic Ministry Center: x2213
Hours: 10:00am - 4:00pm Mon-Thurs

St. Joseph's Cemetery & Mausoleums:
Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm Monday-Friday
9:00am-12:00noon Saturday
Deacon Chris Buono, 732-244-3008
www.stjosephcemeterytr.org/cemetery

Mass Schedule:
Weekdays: 7:00am & 9:00am
Saturday: 8:00am, 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, & 6:30pm (Mass in Spanish) *Misa en Espanol*

Devotions:
Miraculous Medal & St. Jude Novenas:
Following Tuesday 9:00am Mass
Prayer in the Presence: 2nd Tuesday 7:00pm

Reconciliation/Confessions:
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm

St. Gertrude, Island Heights:
2nd Sunday of the Month: 9:00am

Director of Faith Formation & Religious Education:
Michelle Abi-Yaghi x2236

Director of Music:
Gina Corrao x2306

Parish Schools:
St. Joseph Grade School (SJGS)
Madeline Kinloch, Principal, 732-349-2355

Donovan Catholic High School
Kimberly Gleinig, Principal, 732-349-8801

Carpenter Shop: 732-349-0018 x2248

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

The readings for Sunday extol the fruits of a life of wisdom, issue a call to live awake and in the light, and warn us with the Parable of the Talents. Prayerfully consider these questions, taking stock of ways you have or have not responded.

- Wisdom's value is measured by the abundant goodness that she produces. What accomplishment of the past year has brought me the most satisfaction?
- In Thessalonians, Paul responds to those who are disappointed that their fellow believers have died before the second coming of Jesus. What disappointments lurk in my heart? What consolation do I take from Paul's words?
- Speaking of spiritual gifts, Jesus says, "To all those who have, more will be given and you will have an abundance." Have I recognized spiritual gifts in my life? How have I seen them grow through the grace of God?

Sacrament of BAPTISM

We welcome the newest members of our parish family recently baptized here at St. Joseph's Church:

Giavonna Sohia Fletcher — Austin Nicholo Gabutan
Claire Ryan McCarthy — Lucca James Stuart

To schedule a Baptism or to register for a Baptism Prep Class, call 732-349-0018 x2202.

Sacrament of MATRIMONY

We welcome and congratulate all who are seeking the Sacrament of Matrimony. Church arrangements and marriage preparation are best made one year in advance. Call the parish office as soon as possible at 732-349-0018 x2202.

If you are making plans for a "destination wedding," please call the parish office first. There is a way to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony before your destination wedding.

All couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Conference as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Sign- up by registering online at: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/precana.

We congratulate those who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony here at St. Joseph's Church:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Peyton Tommasi
Mr. and Mrs. William and Kara Carlson

Marriage Convalidation

The Convalidation of a Marriage is a special process by which one's marriage is recognized and blessed by the Catholic Church. Through this process your marriage will be fully embraced by the Church, granting it all the spiritual blessings and benefits it offers. If you are interested in learning more about a Marriage Convalidation contact Deacon Ed Woram at 732-349-0018 x2254 or email eworam@stjosephtomsriver.org.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

I **Alex Olivera and Lisa Bowman**

OFFERTORY

In an effort to keep our parish family regularly informed regarding finances, each week we publish actual weekly offertory figures and the necessary budget amounts for the week.

Donations needed to meet our budget: $29,490.00
Actual donations received 10/25/26 - 10/30/26: $32,148.00

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers those who recently died and for all the deceased members of our parish, the souls in purgatory and those who died in service of our country. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Amen.

Olympia Bari — Daniel Beltram
John C. Ford — Rose Occhipinti
James Ormando — Melissa Yannone

PRIEST / CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Subject to Change

Nov 21 & Nov 22		Nov 28 & Nov 29
	Saturday	
Fr. Bridges	**5:00 PM**	Fr. Scott
	Sunday	
Fr. Spera	**7:30 AM**	Fr. Bridges
Fr. Scott	**9:00 AM**	Fr. Scott
n/a	**9:00 AM *St. Gertrude***	n/a
Fr. Scott	**10:30 AM**	Fr. Spera
Fr. Reilly	**12:00 Noon**	Fr. Bridges
Fr. Bridges	**5:00 PM**	Fr. Neiser
Fr. Neiser	**6:30 PM *(Spanish)***	Fr. Neiser



A candle is a beautiful way to *celebrate, honor, remember, congratulate,* or *pray* for someone special. Offer one for a *new birth, Baptism, anniversary, milestone, healing, special intention,* or *in loving memory* of someone who has passed away. Candles may be offered for anyone—LIVING OR DECEASED—and for *any occasion*.

Each candle burns in the Church for one week (Monday through Sunday). The recipient receives a beautiful card and the intention is published in the bulletin (see below).

Blessed Virgin Mary or St. Joseph Votive Candles: $25 week;
Tabernacle Lamp: $50 week

Call the Parish Office at 732-349-0018 x2204

MEMORIALS—WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16

Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Candle

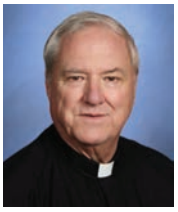
In Memory of Jennifer Drews

St. Joseph Votive Candle

For the intentions of the Vignevic Family

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of Sargent Philip J. Favarino Requested by Trish Molloy



FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

It's been said we live hectic lives in a chaotic world. And all this can lead to a confusion that fogs the mind, unsettles our souls and leads to poor decisions. In the midst of such confusion and chaos I believe we long to hear God's voice more clearly.

God is the intelligent Creator and the one who *ordered* the world rightly. God can help us rearrange our priorities and, if we let him, we will be happier than we ever thought possible. Last week we heard the word on wisdom and how we can be free from care when we seek her. When we allow God to order our hearts we can come to know the peace for which we yearn. Our Catholic spirituality constantly invites us to establish the deep roots of order in our lives and one of the best ways to do that is by praying the Rosary.

I encouraged you as we began the month of October to pick up your Rosary and pray it each day. The Rosary works! More than being a powerful way to pray, there is something about it that settles our hearts and minds. It puts everything in perspective and allows us to see things as they really are. In this month of November when we pray for the dead Holy Mother Church encourages us to reflect on the four last things: Heaven, hell, death and judgment. In praying the Rosary, we go through the four last things again and again, asking Mary to *"pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death"* and placing ourselves in the presence of *"Our Father who art in heaven,"* at whose judgment we hope God will *"forgive us our trespasses,"* and *"deliver us from evil."*

As we make our way through the chaos of the upcoming holiday season, remember to keep praying and trust the Lord's way will lead you into peace. God bless you all and *Oremus pro invicem.*

Fr. Scott Shaffer

The Second Collection
Next Weekend,
November 21 & 22
will be for
St. Vincent de Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14
8:00 **John Thievon** req. by Family
5:00 **For the Deceased Members of the Haelig & Mari Families** req. by Dwayne & Mary Gethard

Sunday, November 15
7:30 **Marie Fracassi** req. by Family
9:00 **Helen & Leo Mahon** req. by Bob & Maureen Kalinowski
10:30 **Kenneth Leaver** req. by Family
12:00 **Mary & Hugh Marren** req. by the Shalaida Family
5:00 **John Thievon** req. by Family
6:30 **For the Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church**

Monday, November 16
7:00 **Sister Juliana Naulty** req. by Parish Family
9:00 **Rose Carrier** req. by Pauline Carrier

Tuesday, November 17
7:00 **Rev. Dan Gowen** req. by Family
9:00 **Joseph Tredo** req. by Barbara & Family

Wednesday, November 18
7:00 **Rev. Thomas Petrillo** req. by Church Family
9:00 **Joseph & Mary Forte** req. by the Marano Family

Thursday, November 19
7:00 **Rosa Esteves Parga** req. by the Sowers Home School Community
9:00 **Domenico LoStracco** req. by the Uffer Family

Friday, November 20
7:00 **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory** req. by Brian & Kathleen Peltier
9:00 **Jennie Rosa** req. by Anthony Rosa

Saturday, November 21
8:00 **Lorrie Janeczko** req. by Pat Norcia
5:00 **Mark Robinson** req. by Fran

Sunday, November 22
7:30 **Bill & Sandy Choltco** req. by Family
9:00 **Joseph & Mary Ann Galella** req. by Amy & Ken Czenis
10:30 **Dott Beller** req. by her Family
12:00 **Charles & Eugenia Merceron** req. by their Grandchildren
5:00 **Sal Franco** req. by Grace & Joy
6:30 **For the Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church**

READINGS FOR MASSES THIS WEEK:
SUNDAY Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30, 19-21 MONDAY Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
TUESDAY Rv 3:1-6; 14-22; Lk 19:1-10 WEDNESDAY Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33 THURSDAY Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44 FRIDAY Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48 SATURDAY Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40









Representatives will also be in the gathering space next weekend, November 21 & 22 after all Masses to take your order.



ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL *Giving Tree*

Our Giving Trees will be in the Gathering Space from **Saturday, November 28 through Friday, December 11.** On the trees, you will find gift tags marked with gifts the children have requested. There are also tags for Birthright, The Sunday Supper, Providence House, Behavioral Health, and Hampton Ridge Nursing Home.

Take a tag for every gift you wish to purchase. In your kindness, we ask that all gifts be new. Please do not wrap the gifts; however, gift bags unwrapped gifts and place them under the trees in the Gathering Space. Please return gifts by Sunday, December 11, so they can be included in the "Blessing of the Gifts" at each Mass. Beyond that date, it will be too late.

If you have any questions, please call the Social Concerns Office at 732-349-0018 x2227.

ANNUAL TURKEY FUND



We are accepting monetary donations throughout November. If you prefer to donate a FROZEN whole turkey or turkey breast, please drop them off at the Food Pantry between 10am-4pm Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. *Thank you and God Bless.*





The Pleasant Plains Volunteer Fire Department Invites You to Their 85th Semi-Annual Famous All-You-Can-Eat Flapjack Breakfast

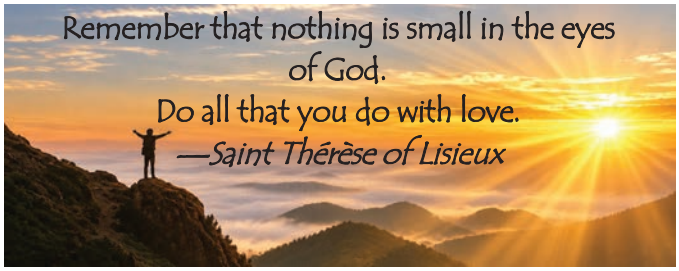
Sunday, November 22
7:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Pleasant Plains Firehouse, 40 Clayton Ave., Toms River

For $13.00 at the door you will enjoy a great breakfast featuring sausage, juice, milk, hot chocolate, free refills on coffee and tea and all-you-can-eat flapjacks. Breakfast available "to go" or take advantage of free delivery in the local area.



Take part in a 50/50 raffle and gift auction. Bring in a non-perishable items for a local food pantry. For more info, call 732-349-0808.







Future Griffin Family Touring Night

Come explore the campus, meet faculty and learn about affording a Donovan education!

December 3
6:00pm

Donovan is Accepting Applications for the **Class of 2031!**

Register Today for the Next **CLASS OF 2031 HSPT High School Placement Test**
November 18

Scan the QR Code to register or visit DonovanCatholic.org



Donovan Catholic's Performing Arts Department Proudly Presents

"Bye Bye Birdie."

Thursday, November 19 @ 7pm
Friday, November 20 @ 7pm
Saturday, November 21 @ 7pm
Sunday, November 22 @ 1:30pm

$18/ticket
non-refundable & non-transferable.
Tickets can be purchased at Donovan Catholic's security window during school hours or online by scanning the QR code.

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ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL



Catholic schools and universities should be, first and foremost, a "home", a familiar place where one is welcomed.



The first proclamation often takes the form of a welcoming attitude: someone who looks you in the eye, who remembers your name, who notices your absence, who rejoices at your return.

Pope Leo XIV, Oct. 22, 2026
vatican.va







Sign up for a tour by contacting our Admissions Office:
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732-349-2355 ext. 2005
Visit our Website at: StJoeSchoolTR.org

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Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, intercede for our Holy Church, protect Pope Leo, help those who invoke you in their moments of need, and since you are the ever-Virgin Mary and Mother of God, obtain for us from your Son the grace to deepen our faith. Be our hope in the midst of life's difficulties, and bless us with love and compassion toward our neighbor. Amen.

November 2026 OPTIONAL ACADEMY CARD ACTIVITIES

St. Joseph's Religious Education Academy

NOTE: Each student must be accompanied by an adult for all Academy events.

Wednesday, November 18, 4:30 - 6:00 PM:
What is Advent? Find out and create projects to bring Advent into our homes and prepare for the coming of our Savior. *St. Joseph's Church*

Thursday, November 26, 9:00 AM:
Thanksgiving Day Mass! The only mass that counts as an Academy card event. Give God thanks for all our blessings with the parishioners of St. Joseph's Church.
St. Joseph's Church .

November 2026 VIRTUAL Option (Found in November e-newsletter):
All Saints Day on November 1 celebrates those who have died and are now in Heaven. It is also an excellent time for us to remember our universal call to holiness. We were all made to become saints! Watch and learn more about a saint (maybe even your patron saint!) and complete a saint bio worksheet. Deadline: November 30, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

CYGNUS St. Joseph's Church Youth Ministry

Join us for social, spiritual and service opportunities all year long. Teens in grades 7-12 are very welcome!

CYGNUS & Jr. CYGNUS meet at the CYGNUS House, 10 Lafayette Ave. unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, November 15: No CYGNUS meeting this weekend

Sunday, November 22: CYGNUS Night 6:30-8:30pm.
All in grades 9-12 welcome!

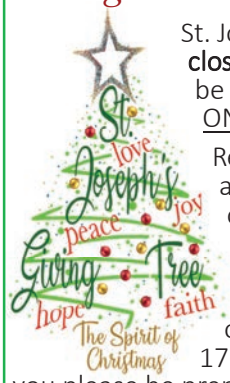
Sunday, November 29: Awesome Advent Week #1
6:30-8:30pm all in grades 7-12 welcome

***Join our email list and follow us on Instagram for notification of all our events!*

Connect with us via email cwerner@stjosephtomsriver.org or on social media and get the latest updates:

Instagram: CYGNUS_StJoesTR
Facebook Group: The One and Only CYGNUS

Giving Tree Registrations



St. Joseph's **Giving Tree** registrations will **closes Wednesday, November 25.** Calls will be accepted Monday through Friday ONLY, from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Registrants must speak with Rosemary at 732-349-0018 x2227 (messages left on telephone will not qualify you) and must live within St. Joseph's Church boundaries or be a fully registered member of St. Joseph's Parish for one year. Gifts for newborn to age 17 will be provided. We kindly ask that you please be prepared with knowing your children's likes and sizes.

Spanish-speaking families: Please contact Mercedes at 732-349-0018 x2213, Monday through Thursday, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. Thank you and God Bless!



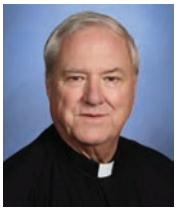
ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY

To save on postage and in an effort to see more of your kind donations go where they are intended, we hope you like our new method of conveying our sincere thanks and gratitude to each of you. We thank you for your donation to the Saint Joseph's Food Pantry. Your generosity is needed and greatly appreciated. May God bless you as you have blessed others.

LIGHT OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP CATHOLIC - CHARISMATIC

LIGHT OF LIFE - Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets Fridays at 7:30pm in the PMC. We come together in praise and worship, sharing scriptures and teachings. For more info, call Janice at 732-929-3877.





MENSAJE DEL PARROCO

Querida Familia Parroquial,

Se dice que vivimos vidas ajetreadas en un mundo caótico. Y todo esto puede generar una confusión que nubla la mente, inquieta el alma y nos lleva a tomar malas decisiones. En medio de tal confusión y caos, creo que todos anhelamos escuchar la voz de Dios con mayor claridad.

Dios es el Creador inteligente y quien ordeno el mundo correctamente. Él puede ayudarnos a reordenar nuestras prioridades y, si se lo permitimos, alcanzaremos una felicidad que jamás hubiéramos imaginado posible. La semana pasada reflexionamos sobre la sabiduría y cómo, al buscarla, podemos liberarnos de las preocupaciones. Cuando permitimos que Dios ponga orden en nuestro corazón, podemos experimentar la paz que tanto anhelamos. Nuestra espiritualidad católica nos invita constantemente a establecer raíces profundas de orden en nuestra vida; una de las mejores maneras de lograrlo es mediante el rezo del Santo Rosario.

Al comenzar el mes de Octubre, les animé a tomar el Rosario y rezarlo cada día. ¡El Rosario es eficaz! Más que una ponderosa forma de orar, tiene algo que calma nuestros corazones y mentes. Nos ayuda a poner cada cosa en su lugar y a ver la realidad tal como es. En este mes de Noviembre, mientras rezamos por los difuntos, la Santa Madre Iglesia nos invita a reflexionar sobre las cuatro ultimas cosas: el cielo, el infierno, la muerte y el juicio. Al rezar el Rosario, recorremos una y otra vez estas realidades: pedimos a María que *«ruegue por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte»*, y nos situamos ante la presencia de *«nuestro Padre que está en el cielo»*, esperando que, en su juicio, Dios *«perdone nuestras ofensas»* y nos *«libere del mal»*.

Mientras nos abrimos paso a traves del caos de la próxima temporada navideña, no dejen de orar; confíen en que el camino del Señor los conducirá a la paz. ¡Que Dios los bendiga a todos! Y oremos unos por los otros (*Oremus pro invicem*).

Padre Scott Shaffer



Una linda oración de Maryknoll.
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, rosa mística,
intercede por nuestra Santa Iglesia,
protegido del Papa León, ayuda a quienes te
invocan en sus momentos de necesidad,
y como eres la siempre Virgen María y
Madre de Dios, recibe para nosotros
de tu Hijo la gracia de ahaondar nuestra fe.
Se' nuestra esperanza en medio de las
dificultades de la vida, y bendicenos con
el amor y la compasión hacia el projimo. Amén



¿Se mudó y tiene nueva dirección?¿Cambió su número de teléfono o correo electrónico?
¡Por favor, aganoslo saber! Mantener su información actualizada nos ayuda a servirle de manera más efectiva.Llame a la Oficina Parroquial al **732-349-0018 ext. 2213** para actualizar su registracion. ¡Gracias!



HORARIO DE MISAS

En Semana: 7:00am & 9:00am de lunes a viernes en inglés.

Sábado: 8:00am, 5:00 pm (ingles)

Domingo: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm en ingles & 6:30pm español

Confesiones : Sábado 4:00- 4:45pm

HORARIO DE LA OFICINA HISPANA
Lunes a Jueves de 10:00am a 4:00pm
732-349-0018 x2213

Bautismos: El sacramento del Bautismo se celebrará el primer domingo de cada mes durante la misa dominical. Para mas información comuniquese con la oficina hispana.

Unción , confesión y comunión de los enfermos. Comuníquese con la oficina hispana

Bendiciones: Si quiere bendecir su casa, familia, o negocio comuníquese con la oficina hispana.

Matrimonios: Comuníquese con la oficina hispana para mas información.

Renovacion Carismatica: Se reúnen todos los viernes de 6:30 a 9:30 pm en el sótano de la iglesia.

Divina Misericordia: Se reúnen en las casas para petición llamar a la oficina hispana.

Ministerio de Oracion: Maria Estrella de la Evangelizacion: Se reúnen los Jueves de 6:30 a 9:00 pm en el sótano de la iglesia.

Ese hombre eres tu (TMIY) se reúnen los martes de 7:30 a 9:30 pm en el sotano de la Iglesia.

Classes PreBautismales: Ultimo sábado del mes 6pm –7:30pm en el (PMC) Parish Ministry Center, 509 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753

ANUNCIOS DE VIDA COMUNITARIA



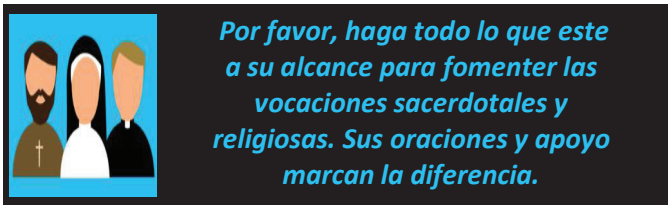
Registración para el Árbol de los regalos Navideños

Si su familia necesita un poco de ayuda adicional para hacer que la Navidad sea especial este año…

Las inscripciones para el programa "Giving Tree" (Árbol de Regalos) dirigido a niños recién nacidos hasta los 17 años, comenzo el 26 de Octubre y termina Noviembre 25. Para inscribirse llame al 732-349-0018 extensión 2227 de Lunes a Viernes de 10:00 am a 3:00 pm. Los beneficiarios deben residir dentro de los límites de la parroquia San José o ser miembros inscritos de la parroquia por lo menos un año.Para las Familias Hispanas comuníquense con Mercedes al 732-349-0018, extensión 2213, de Lunes a Jueves, de 10:00 am. a 4:00 pm.

Nos complace ofrecer esta ayuda a las familias de nuestra Comunidad Parroquial durante la temporada Navideña.





ACTIVIDADES OPCIONALES DE LA TARJETA DE LA ACADEMIA
Noviembre 2026

St. Joseph's Religious Education Academy

NOTA: Cada estudiante debe estar acompañado por un adulto en todos los eventos de la Academia.

Miércoles 18 de Noviembre, de 4:30 a 6:00 pm.: ¿Qué es el Adviento? Descúbrelo y crea proyectos para llevar el Adviento a nuestros hogares y prepararnos para la venida de nuestro Salvador. Iglesia de San José.

Jueves 26 de Noviembre, 9:00 a m.: ¡Misa de Acción de Gracias! Esta es la única misa que cuenta como evento de la «Tarjeta de la Academia». Da gracias a Dios por todas nuestras bendiciones junto a los feligreses de la Iglesia de San José.

Opción VIRTUAL de Noviembre 2026 (disponible en el boletín electrónico de Noviembre): Día de Todos los Santos, 1 de Noviembre, celebra a aquellos que han muerto y ahora están en el Cielo. También es un momento excelente para recordar nuestro llamado universal a la santidad. ¡Todos fuimos creados para ser santos! Aprende más sobre un santo (¡quizás incluso sobre tu santo patrón!) y completa una hoja de trabajo biográfica sobre un santo . Fecha límite: 30 de Noviembre 2026 a las 4:00 pm.



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