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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Acontecimientos de la Semana

Monday, March 18, 2024

6:45 PM "WHY THE CROSS?"
Adult Faith Formation Session II
in Saint Catharine Hall

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
8:00 AM Mass at OLPH
8:45 AM Adult Bible Study
Mark's Passion Narrative

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

9:30 - 11:00 AM
St. Francis Food Pantry
139 Sherman Avenue

6:15 PM Faith Formation
for Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 Confirmation
Saint Catharine Campus

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:40 AM Stations of the Cross in
Saint Catharine of Siena Church

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Sunday, March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



PARISH LITURGY

Liturgia de la Parroquia

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
100 Grant Avenue
Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 9:30 AM &
7:00 PM (*Misa en Español*)

Daily Masses

Tuesday, Thursday &
First Saturday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Individual Confession

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

St. Catharine of Siena Church
50 E Street
Seaside Park, NJ 08752

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 AM

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday
& Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Individual Confession

Saturday: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Parish Mass Intentions
March 18, 2024 - March 22, 2024

MON	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Mitchell Gawron by Family
TUES	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Domenic A. Buzzerio by Buzzerio Family
WED	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Dustin J. & Daniel Friedland by Loving Mother
THUR	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Grace D'Erchia & Terry Guarino by Dolly McCabe
FRI	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Henry Walpelhorst by Loving Wife & Family

March 23 - 24, 2024

SAT	4:00 pm At OLPH	+ Betty & Bob Shafer by Eileen Shafer
	4:30 pm At St. Catharine	+ Edward Kube by Debra Martinez & Family
SUN	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Edna Weigand by Carl Jablonski
	9:30am At OLPH	+ Anita McGowan by Ursula Marcianti
	11:00 am At St. Catharine	+ People of God
	7:00pm At OLPH	+ Spanish Mass



SAINT FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY

Saint Francis Food Pantry is OPEN on Wednesdays,
 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
 There is a special need at the pantry for the following:

Pop Tarts & Children's Cereal
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Juice
Canned Chicken
Canned Fruit
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Corn, Spinach, Beets, & Yams
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Pudding
Mayo, Mustard & Ketchup
Coffee, regular and instant

WEEKLY OFFERING

March 9 - 10, 2024

Parish \$4,580 - Building Repair \$1,298

Catholic Relief Services - \$753

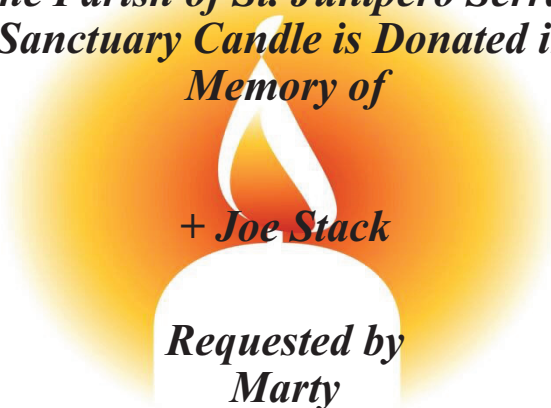
Online Giving

Parish \$1,855 - Building Repair \$225

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 am –12:00 pm Office is OPEN

12:00 pm—1:00 pm CLOSED for LUNCH

1:00 pm—4:00 pm Office is OPEN

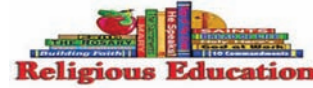
Tuesday *Parish office is CLOSED in the morning for a parish staff meeting and will open at 1:00 pm.*

Friday No office hours.

PARISH TEAM

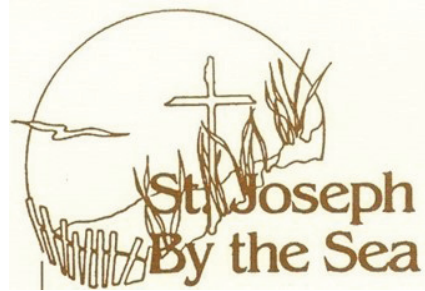
Fr. Michael G. Lorentsen, OFM Conv.	Pastor
Fr. Mitchell Sawicki OFM Conv.	Parochial Vicar
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Mr. Martin Wilk, Jr.	Property Manager and Facilities Maintenance
Ms. Laura Dalton	Pastoral Musician
Mr. Andrew VanBuskirk	Pastoral Musician
Mr. Kevin Dzugan	Custodian At OLP Church

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN



- [March 20th - 6:15pm - 7:30pm](#)
Grades 5, 6, 7, & Confirmation Class
- [March 27th - 5:00pm - 6:15pm](#)
Grades 1- 4
- [April 3rd - No Classes - Easter Break](#)
- [April 10th - 6:15pm - 7:30pm](#)
Grades 5, 6, 7, & Confirmation Class

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March 19, 2024 – HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER -
In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Eucharistic Liturgy as we celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Please call to register by March 15. SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE. Refreshments and Blessed Bread after the program.
Arrival: 10:30 a.m.
Mass: 11:00 a.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m.
(Presenters: Staff) Donation

May 3-5, 2024 - THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES OF THE TWELVE STEPS - Women working a Twelve-Step recovery program are invited to seek the spiritual freedom needed to go about making decisions in our daily lives. This week-end will include spiritual practices and prayer exercises to aid in making life's choices with clarity and confidence. St. Ignatius of Loyola's approach to decision making and discernment will be interwoven with the spiritual principles of the Twelve Steps. Eucharistic Liturgy included. No Supper on Friday.
Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./ Departure: 1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Maryallyn Black, MPH, M.Ed.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

WHY THE CROSS? Faith Formation on the Significance of the Cross in the Christian Tradition

With presentations by Fr. Michael Lorentsen, OFM Conv.

Monday, March 18
6:45 pm
Francis of Assisi and the Cross
St. Catharine Hall

We will conclude our series on the cross by looking at the significance of Christ crucified in the spiritual tradition of Saint Francis of Assisi. Please join us.

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“CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!” Faith Formation on the Significance of the Resurrection in Christian Faith, Hope, and Love

With presentations by Fr. Michael Lorentsen, OFM Conv.

Having reflected on the cross of Christ during our Lenten journey, we will study the Resurrection Narratives in each of the Four Gospels and in the writings of St. Paul during the Easter season. Please join us.

Monday, April 22
6:45 pm
St. Catharine Hall

Monday, April 29
6:45 pm
St. Catharine Hall

Monday, May 6
6:45 pm
St. Catharine Hall



“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (Colossians 3:14).

In less than one month, we have reached 20% of our goal. GREAT JOB! Let's keep at it.

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal to Date

Goal: \$60,000.00
Pledged: \$11,899.00 **(20% of goal)**
Paid: \$11,139.00 (19% to goal)
Total Donors: 38
Total Gifts: 45
Average Gift: \$264.42

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Final

Goal: \$60,000.00
Pledged: \$68,080.26 (113% of Goal) **Paid:** \$62,225.26
(104% of Goal) **Total Donors:** 228
Total Gifts: 288
Average Gift: \$236.39

In 2023, we surpassed our goal, which gave us a rebate of **\$10,123** that we have deposited into our Building Repair Fund.

Once we reach our goal, 15% of that money (\$9,000) comes back to the parish.

We can add to that \$9,000 if we surpass our goal. Any money collected over the \$60,000 goal will come back to us at 50% instead of 15%.

Check out the Bishop's Message for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

English [ACA 2024 English \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACA2024English)

Spanish [ACA2024 SPANISH \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACA2024SPANISH)

More information is available for your review at [Annual Catholic Appeal - Diocese of Trenton - Lawrenceville, NJ](https://www.annualcatholicappeal.org/)

A Message from our Pastor

Michael G. Lorentsen, OFM Conv.

May the Lord give you peace!

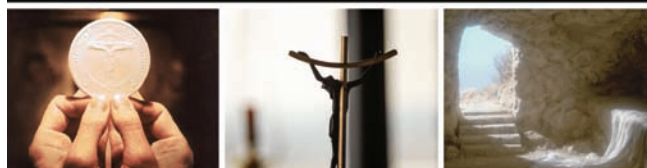
With family roots in County Kerry, Ireland, I wish you all a Happy Saint Patrick's Day and blessings on all of you as we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on this Tuesday, March 19.

This year and in recent years during Lent, we have used Option B of the Act of Penitence in the Introductory Rites of the Mass. Commonly we use Option A ("I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters . . .") and Option C (i.e. an invocation with "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy"). All three options are available for use at any Mass during the course of the year. Using Option B throughout the season of Lent helps remind us of the significance of our Lenten journey together as we acknowledge our sins and celebrate the gift of divine mercy. During the Easter season, instead of these three options of the Act of Penitence, we pivot to the rite of blessing and sprinkling of water. This rite recalls our baptism and thus highlights the "common priesthood of the faithful."

When we use any option of the Act of Penitence during the Introductory Rites of the Mass, we are not examining our conscience or listing particular sinful acts. The purpose of the Act of Penitence at Mass in its particular forms is not to replace the sacrament of reconciliation or to turn us inward into a review of our sins. The Act of Penitence moves to an acknowledgement that the community at worship stands before a merciful God. The proclamation of the word of God makes penitence possible for all of us. A penitential person is open and receptive to the word and life of Christ. We acknowledge our own sins and praise God for the wondrous gift of God's mercy revealed in Jesus Christ and renewed in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Old Testament book *Sirach* (a.k.a. *Ecclesiasticus*) was first written in Hebrew in the years 200 B.C. and 175 B.C. Chapter Two of that book gives explicit instructions to someone who wants to serve the LORD. Verse 18 of Chapter Two makes reference to God and says, "For equal to his majesty is the mercy that he shows." How could we not praise God for God's mercy when we gather for Sunday Mass?

Peace and all good!
Fr. Michael

**Sunday, March 24****PASSION SUNDAY**

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 26**Liturgy of Reconciliation with Individual Confessions**

7:00 pm

Saint Catharine of Siena

Thursday, March 28**HOLY THURSDAY****Morning Prayer**

8:00 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

7:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

At Our Lady of Perpetual Help

After Mass, Procession to Saint Catharine of Siena

8:30—10:30 pm

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saint Catharine of Siena Church

Friday, March 29**GOOD FRIDAY****Morning Prayer**

8:00 am

Saint Catharine of Siena Church

3:00 pm

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday, March 30**HOLY SATURDAY****Morning Prayer**

8:00 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

11:00 am

Blessing of Easter Food

St. Catharine of Siena in church or curbside on E Street


NO Saturday Confessions. NO 4:00 pm or 4:30 pm Mass.

8:00 pm

Solemn Vigil of Easter

Saint Catharine of Siena Church

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