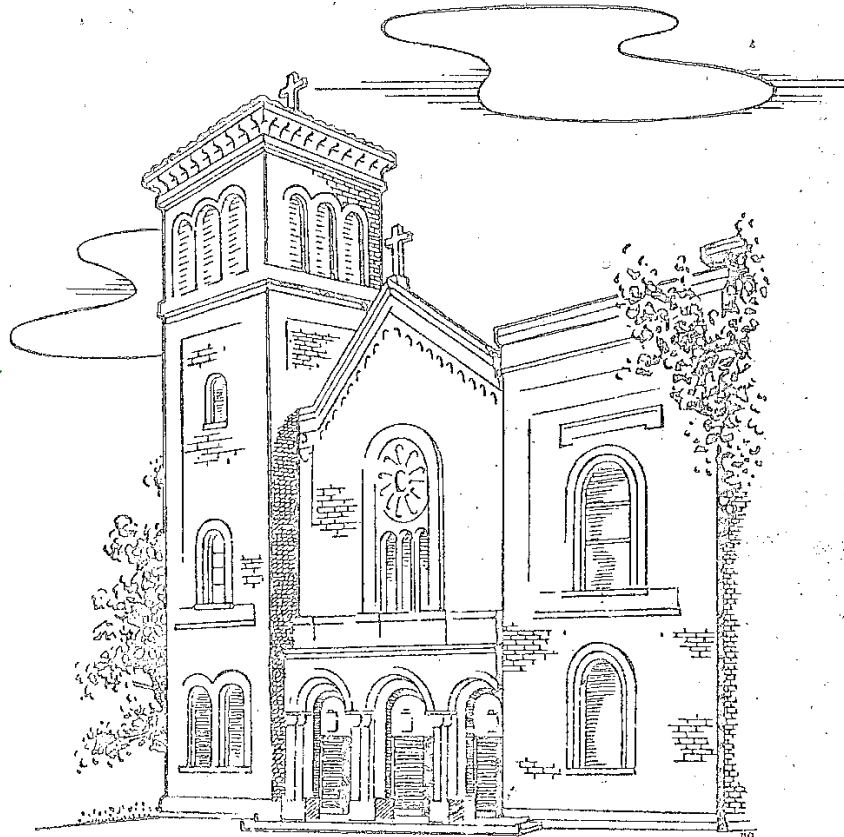


The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

**FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY
TIME**



**FEBRUARY 5,
2012**

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Parish Address

120 Hoboken Road
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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 6:00pm
(The office is closed 12:00-12:30pm for lunch.)
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00am 10:00am 12:00noon

Monday - Friday

7:30am and 12:05pm

Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Auditorium.

Confession

Saturday — 11:00am - 12:00 Noon

Baptisms

Fourth Sunday of the month — 1:30pm

For information regarding baptisms and weddings, please contact the parish office.
(It is important to contact the parish office one year prior to the wedding date.)



SATURDAY, February 4
 5:00pm John Kucan

SUNDAY, February 5
5th week of Ordinary Time
 8:00am Paul Scherer
 10:00am Michelina Berardi
 12:00pm Dominick Daniele

MONDAY, February 6
St. Paul Mikki & Companions
 7:30am People of the Parish
 12:05pm Danny O'Sullivan

TUESDAY, February 7
 7:30am People of the Parish
 12:05pm Peter Kimak

WEDNESDAY, February 8
Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita
 7:30am Croce Family
 12:05pm Eugene Thomas McCann

THURSDAY, February 9
 7:30am People of the Parish
 12:05pm Walter Urbanowycz. Sr.

FRIDAY, February 10
St. Scholastica
 7:30am Deceased members of the Courtney Family
 12:05pm Rose Rakocyk

The Mass Hosts & Wine to be consecrated
 at all Masses are in Loving Memory of

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The Acolyte Candle is now burning
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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 781 people attended mass.

Collection \$5,473.00

Our Second Collection for

Music Ministry — \$2,690.00

Weekly Need: \$10, 650

We thank you for your continued support.

From the Pastor Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As was announced recently, this weekend is the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and we invite everyone to help.

There are many ways that the Archdiocese helps us and provides for the needs of the poor. Of course, there are recent events which may prejudice our opinion of the Archdiocese and we ask that you let go of these things and do what you can. In our giving we should only be concerned with what God sees, not men.

Also I hear that there is some concern among a few of us about the repairs that we are doing in our church. In general, God has somehow provided for them and they have cost us relatively little, a few thousand dollars for the new lights. It is important for us to understand that our church ought to be as beautiful as possible so that it can lift our hearts to the Lord when we worship and pray here. What we are doing for the church is for all of us; it is our church. More yours in a way since priests come and go; hopefully, not as fast as they have in the last ten years. What we do in the church you can say we are doing, first of all, for God, and then for his people. And it should be the best that we can!

Thanks to many people who have a great love for the Church, we have been able to do much of the work here almost for nothing. Many of the things like the candle stands and the tabernacle doors have been here and we just cleaned and polished them. Also we are cleaning and repainting some of the hanging lights at a fraction of the cost an outside company would charge for doing this work. We should give thanks to God for all of this, and to the people who are making this possible.

Many of you say 'thank you,' and that the church looks wonderful, and clean. Also that the preaching is really helping you and you are learning many things about yourself and the faith. We have visited nearly 250 homes since July (only an estimate), and this has brought many people back to church. Also the Faith Formation classes have been visited regularly and some of the children will again receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a gap of several years and this is helping them to deal with difficult issues. Probably we did eighty funerals last year which shows the situation of our parish and many parishes in our area. Imagine a company that had these statistics and their absolute need to do something different to survive. I am aware that attendance has dropped and the collections less so, and yet God is somehow helping us. I can only say that as we continue to put God first and to restore the original beauty of our church, many will return and God will send new ones. It is good to reflect on these facts and to see how God's love is being shown to us in a concrete way.

Church Cleaning

Let us know if you can help with cleaning and vacuuming of the church on Saturdays or any day of the week. There currently is a cleaning crew and more hands would help us to keep it clean and in order and also to prepare the flowers and other decorations.

House Blessing

During Christmas and Easter is a normal time for families to have their houses blessed and since we are in between both feasts this tradition can continue and it is a good way to get to know one another. If you are interested, please speak to one of the priests or call the parish office to arrange a time.

Homebound Family Members or Others

If someone in your family is homebound and cannot attend Sunday or Saturday evening Mass regularly, please let us know and one of the priests can visit them and also arrange for a minister to go regularly for Communion.

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Those who are preparing for Marriage or planning to get married and all those who want to convalidate a civil marriage to the Sacrament, are urged to attend the Pre Cana Marriage Course, which will be held in St. Joseph Parish Rectory Basement at 8pm every Friday, beginning January 20, 2012. For more information please call the Parish office.

RCIA PROGRAM

RCIA classes are held every Wednesday at 7pm in St. Joseph Parish Rectory Basement. Are you *Considering becoming Catholic?* Or are you an adult Catholic who would like to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation? If you or anyone you know would like to find out more about the RCIA process, please call the Parish Office.

St. Joseph's Rosary Altar Society

Is sponsoring a trip to

SHOWBOAT

Saturday, February 11, 2012

Price \$25

Return \$25

For tickets call Dolores 201-939-5163

ST. FRANCIS INN

During **February** we are collecting

TOILET TISSUE

Your donations may be left at the Giving Tree.

HERE AND NOW

It is that special season when Football Fever sweeps the land. Almost every Sunday is a feast for the fans as the battle is joined between the contestants. Who will survive and move on to the Super Bowl? That is the question! For those who have bets on "their" team, there is added anxiety.

Competitive games have an honored place in world history. For all we know, Neanderthals may have had their own version e.g. who can lift the heaviest rock? Early Greek civilization prized fitness and competition in their games.

In our times, the games come to us in colorful detail in the comfort of our homes. Of course, for the true fan, nothing can compare to the joy of season tickets on the 50 yard line. And what a bonanza the games are for food vendors. Your local deli can whip up "by the foot" sandwiches and other goodies to cater your at-home spread and keep up the energy of the cheering watchers. If you are hosting such an event, you might be wise to put away your treasured knick-knacks. Excited revelers have been known to create havoc as they perform victory dances! Come to think of it, the jousting favored by King Arthur and his Knights was held in out door arenas and on horse back. Not a bad idea!

Finally, I hope your Team wins. If not, there is the Old Brooklyn Dodgers consolation: Wait Until Next Year. **C.O'S**

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

This Sunday we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.



News from St. Joseph Cemetery

St. Joseph Cemetery in Lyndhurst, which is owned by our parish, has developed a new section for burials. If you are interested in purchasing a plot in our parish cemetery, kindly contact the rectory.

**St. Joseph Parish
East Rutherford, NJ**

Extreme MAKEOVER

CATHOLIC EDITION
February 19-22, 2012

**You are invited to come and RE-DISCOVER YOUR
CATHOLIC FAITH**

Sunday, February 19 TOGETHER we are
CHURCH 7pm

Monday, February 20 THE CHURCH in MISSION
with MARY (come experience a candlelight procession
and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick 7pm)

Tuesday, February 21 A VISIT with ST. FRANCIS
of ASSISI 7pm (The night includes the Sacrament of
Reconciliation)

Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 7pm Mass
followed by BE EUCHARIST ALIVE (Eucharistic
Adoration with Praise and Worship)

Conductor:

Sr. Marilyn Minter, CSSF
Felician Franciscan Sisters

Associate Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for
Archdiocese of Newark

St. Joseph's "Town Hall Meeting" February 11 & 12

Please give some consideration to what you would hope to see at St. Joseph's Parish as we enthusiastically look forward to the future. During the weekend of February 11 & 12, St. Joseph's will be holding a "Town Hall Meeting" after each mass in the Children's Church area (behind the sacristy). We hope that this event will afford parishioners a comfortable forum where they can offer suggestions to be used for the future planning of the parish in regard to faith-based programs, building renovations, parish website, etc.. A suggestion box will also be available at the back of the church for those who cannot attend the meeting but would like to participate. (We ask that any issues of a personal nature be handled privately by calling the rectory and scheduling an appointment.)

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Monthly meeting will be held February 6th at 7:30pm in cafeteria. Plans will be finalizing for annual Fish and Chips dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd from 5 to 7pm in cafeteria. Tickets are available after all weekend masses or call Marge at 201-933-2796. No tickets sold at door.

Rosarians are reminded to bring their donations of soda only to the meeting. Hostesses for evening are Loretta Siriday, Jean Ryan and Rose Truscellv.



Prayer List...

As a community of faith, we offer the support of our prayers for one another.

Anyone who asks to be on this prayer list will be listed for six weeks. After that time, his/her name will be placed in our Intention Book, which is in the church on the altar rail in front of the tabernacle.

The following list of people are in acute need of our prayers:

**Rob Buckley, Charles Cloutier, Mike Salvemini,
Dorothy Pell, Barbara Scherer, Stanley Sudol,
Lenore Papale, Daniel Leach, Claire Palmieri**

(Please call the Parish Office @ 201-939-0457 if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.)



Please Pray for our Troops

Michael Brockway (Afghanistan)
Lt. Patrick Stevens (Iraq 2nd tour)
Lance Corp. Kevin Murphy (Afghanistan)
SPC Richard H Foy III- Afghanistan--2nd tour
CPL Sean Clarkson (Afghanistan)



St. Joseph Food Pantry

Many thanks to the Inserra Corporation (ShopRite) for their recent sponsorship of our parish food pantry. Their financial donation will enable us to stock the pantry with many of the foods and supplies that are needed during the winter months when our inventory runs low. **We are especially in need chili, stew, pasta and potatoes, rice, tooth paste and toilet tissue.**

If you would like to support the parish food pantry, please consider volunteering at the pantry during the week or, purchasing a gift card in the name of "Food Pantry". We thank you for your generosity and continued support of this ministry.

For Your Information

The school auditorium and/or cafeteria are now available for rental for parties, weddings, repasts and gatherings. If interested, please contact the office for details. There is a lower rate for parishioners.



If you would like to bring the gifts of Bread and Wine to the altar during the Offertory Procession or if you cannot come forward to receive Communion, please see an usher before mass.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job spoke, saying: I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

Scripture Class Beginning March 1st at 7 PM

The parish would like to offer a Scripture class to those who are interested in deepening their faith and knowledge of the Word of God and what it means for our life. The readings will be focused on the following people from the Old and New Testaments: Adam & Eve, Abraham, Jacob or Israel, Moses, Joshua, John the Baptist, and Mary. The classes will be on Thursdays at 7 PM for one hour. A New Jerusalem Bible is highly recommended so we can all read from the same text. To register please call the parish office.

World Marriage Day, February 12th

In 1993 Pope John Paul II gave his blessing to World Marriage Day as a means to encourage and bless the couples who are living out this sacrament in their daily lives. The Church has always taught that marriage is a sacrament by which a man and a woman live a covenant relationship which reflects the love of God for his people, as Christ gave his life for the Church. Therefore there will be a Blessing for those who are married at the end of all the Masses the weekend of February 12th. And after the 12 Noon Mass there will be a cake and coffee for those who would like to stop by the vestibule of the church. Please join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank You!

The Knight's of Columbus would like to thank all the members of the Parish, and especially the Ladies Auxiliary, who donated sandwiches for the ARC Canteen. They helped make a wonderful evening for over 150 disadvantaged people. It was another outstanding example of the love and caring of the St. Joseph's community.

Once again Grand Knight Joseph Egan will participate in the Polar Plunge on Feb. 25 for the benefit of N.J. Special Olympics. Anyone wishing to make a donation supporting this cause may do so on line by following the links at www.njpolarplunge.org and follow the links for sponsor plunger (Joseph Egan) or by making a check to N.J. Special Olympics and leaving it at the rectory. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Faith Formation-Sunday Connection

First Holy Communion

Hearing these words usually sets in motion a myriad of memories. Young girls in white dresses and young boys in suits process down a church aisle. As they get to the front of church boys go the right and the girls to the left. Parents and family members are already seated in Church, eagerly waiting for this special occasion. The scene is set.

Soon in the spring, many parishes will celebrate First Holy Communion. Formal preparation for this "Most Blessed" sacrament begins with the gathering of parents. Our parish families of 2nd graders will meet this week. Discussions revolve around not just how to receive communion but more important why we receive communion.

Getting ready to celebrate this sacrament is not an individual event. The children need the involvement of their family and the church family. The Mass is the central experience of the Catholic family. We come together to be fed at the table of the Lord, praying as the **Body of Christ We gather, listen, receive and are sent to follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Pass it on...

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scout Sunday
- Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
- Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
- Friday: St. Scholastica
- Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

A BOOK TO READ : There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read. —G. K. Chesterton

Wish List:

Brothers and Sisters: Please be generous since the Lord has been good to us! He has made it possible to make some of the much needed renovations in the rectory building including the kitchen (still waiting on the cabinets) at a very low price. And even to make a few important improvements in the church (renovated doors, credence tables, including the one with the pieta in the front vestibule, candle stands, and tabernacle doors.)

God always repays us a hundred to one. Let us pray for this and see if we can stretch a bit to do some or all of the items below:

Fix and repaint interior church	\$24,000
Replace church rug and renovate floors	\$20,000
Upgrade our bell strikers and controller	\$11,000
Outside church landscaping	\$ 6,000
Improve and update electric	\$ 6,000
Restore lighting fixtures (smaller ones)	\$ 1,500 each
Credence table	\$ 1,200
Candle holders (6)	\$ 375 each
Tabernacle doors (2)	\$ 250 each
Replace convent windows	\$20,000
Replace school roof	\$10,000
Re-sand convent floors	\$ 6,000

Also let us know your suggestions that you would like to see on the Wish List.

Parish Fundraising

Scrip Gift Cards



\$25 ShopRite and \$25 Stop & Shop gift cards are available at the back of the church after each mass as well as order forms for gift cards for many popular retailers. Order forms are also available on the parish website under “Parish Life”–“Fundraising”. Please make payment at the time of order using either cash (preferable) or check.

(Please be aware that orders paid for by check will take an additional week to process.) For more information please contact Eugenia Roman at 201-893-4897 or eroman05@yahoo.com

Affinity Membership Program from TD Bank Coming Soon



The Affinity Membership Program from TD Bank offers another very easy way for St. Joseph’s Church to earn extra income entirely through the participation of its members. TD Bank will make an annual donation to St. Joseph’s Church based upon the average balance of the members’ designated accounts. *There is no minimum account balance, no fee to the participant, no funds withdrawn from the participants’ account(s) and all participants’ and organization’s account information is kept strictly confidential.* More information about this program will follow in the near future.