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## **PARISH MINISTRY BOOKLET**



### **Parish Mission Statement**

**As a family of faith, Saint Joseph parish welcomes everyone to encounter Jesus Christ through Word, Worship, Community and Service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are changed for the better and sent forth as Disciples of Christ to continue His work in the world.**

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## Daily Prayer

### Prayer for God's Blessing of One's Daily Work

*O Lord, my God,*

*Creator and Ruler of the universe,*

*it is Your Will that human beings accept the duty of work,*

*May the work I do bring growth in this life to me*

*and those I love and help to extend the Kingdom of Christ.*

*Give all persons work that draws them to You*

*and to each other in cheerful service.*

*I unite all my work with the Sacrifice of Jesus*

*in the Mass that it may be pleasing to You and give You glory.*

*I beg Your Blessing upon all my efforts.*

*With Saint Joseph as my example and guide,*

*help me to do the work You have asked*

*and come to the reward You have prepared.*

## ***PRAYER MINISTRIES***

### **Centering Prayer**

Centering prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, in which we receive God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God, a silent prayer, and is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.

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### **Prison Ministry**

Houses of Healing is a program facilitated by a parishioner. The program guides prisoners in taking stock of the life experiences that have propelled them into criminal activity while empowering them to take responsibility for their behavior. These broad tasks are approached in a variety of ways that include helping participants create meaningful narratives of their lives, working towards healing experiences of trauma and learning emotional regulation and meditation. This is a rewarding ministry.

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### **Prayer Warriors**

"Prayer Warriors" is a military family prayer group. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Retreat House chapel at 7:00 PM. Let us gather together and lift up our active duty for military personnel in prayer and strength. Together let's bring our needs before the Lord and support each other in this challenging walk of faith.

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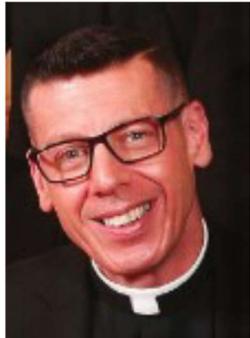
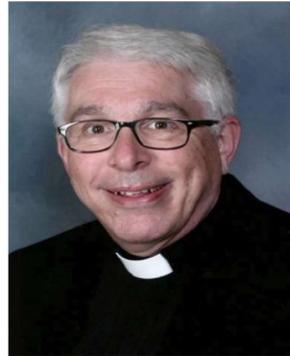
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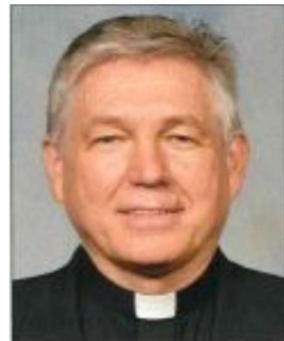


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## ***PRAYER MINISTRIES***

### **Legion of Mary**

Our parish is fortunate to participate in the Legion of Mary which is the largest lay Catholic group in the world. It was founded in Ireland in 1921 by Frank Duff. A local group is called praesidium and is named after titles of Our Lady. Our parish group is called the Immaculate Conception Praesidium. It meets weekly from 9:00 through 10:30 AM in the Jackson room of Mary's Chapel in the lower Church. Members grow in their faith through prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work. They participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, consolation of the sick and activities that promote conversation and the preservation of the faith.

All parishioners are invited to join the Legion in their Monthly Prayer with Mary after the 8:30 AM. Mass on the second Saturday of the month. Most months this includes praying the rosary and a short reflection on a Marian theme. Details of the exact dates and themes are published in the Sunday bulletin. Everyone is invited to pray the rosary with the Legion after the 8:30 AM daily Mass on Monday through Saturday and on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Mary's Chapel. Members encourage parishioners to welcome a Pilgrim statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in their homes for a one week period.

We also welcome our parish youth in grades 5-8 to participate in the Junior Legion of Mary. Our local group is called the Holy Mary Queen of Angels Praesidium. Meetings are held weekly for one hour. Activities may include visiting nursing homes, altar serving, assisting at CCD and guiding our young school children in their Rosary Club.

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## ***SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES***

### **Saint Joseph Care Corner** **'Helping Hands for Health and Home'**

Saint Joseph Care Corner (SJCC), located in the basement of the Retreat House, provides "Helping Hands for Health and Home" to organizations who require essential household and personal care items not covered by food stamps. Items include: laundry detergent, paper towels, lunch bags, storage bags, paper napkins, shampoo, conditioner, diapers, etc. During the year we collect, stock the SJCC, and distribute. We are always in need of volunteers to work with the surrounding communities to get the word out!

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## ***LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES***

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Saint Joseph Parish Pastoral Council helps the parish fulfill its mission of continually embracing, celebrating and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ by:

1. Evaluating parish programs, organizations and activities always keeping in mind the parish mission statement.
2. Suggesting new programs and activities.
3. Sharing responsibility for evaluating and enhancing the parish's financial health and development.
4. Offering wisdom and guidance to assist the Pastor in his leadership role.

The Pastoral Council is comprised of the Pastor, a member of the parish Finance Committee and eight members of the parish who are elected and serve for three-year terms.

For additional information, please see the website [sjcpastoralcouncil@blogspot.com](mailto:sjcpastoralcouncil@blogspot.com) or call the Parish Office at **(201) 261-0148**. You can also email [pastoralcouncil@sjcnj.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@sjcnj.org).

### **Parish Finance Council**

The role of the Parish Finance Council is also to help the parish fulfill its mission. The Finance Council advises the Pastor concerning all financial matters, works to maintain the financial well-being of the parish, reviews major parish expenditures and suggests cost savings procedures, assists the parish accountant and pastor in preparing the budget and financial reports required by the Archdiocese and engages in long term financial planning. The Finance Council is comprised of the Pastor, Parish Business Manager, Parish Facilities Director, Parish Accountant and eight members of the parish who are appointed by the Pastor for a three year term. For additional information, please see the website [sjcnj.org](http://sjcnj.org) under leadership ministries or call the Parish Office at **(201) 261-0148**. You can also email the Parish Office at [office@sjcnj.org](mailto:office@sjcnj.org).

## ***SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES***

### **New Hope for Children**

New Hope for Children is a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing care, education and basic needs to underprivileged and disadvantaged children in our world with or without disabilities, regardless of their race, religion or national identity. In response to the special needs of refugee children in the war torn countries of East Ukraine, we are concentrating efforts mainly on the orphaned and abandoned children living homeless on the streets, facing each day the horror of human trafficking and forced enslavement. Our current project is the expansion and restoration of the residential boarding school where children can receive education and job skills training and a future of self-support under the care of The Holy Eucharist Sisters. The help, support and generosity of many dedicated volunteers and donors makes it possible to provide basic necessities and direct aid for hundreds of homeless children, as well as those in orphanages and other child-care facilities.

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## ***SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES***

### **Catholic War Veterans**

The Catholic War veterans is a non-profit Veterans organization dedicated to nourishing returning veterans in their love of country and their Catholic faith. We are dedicated to a program of united action to promote the wellbeing of all veterans, joining forces with other veteran service organizations whenever and wherever possible, to influence public opinion, promote good laws, and to improve the lot of the veteran, especially those in most need. The CWV offers camaraderie with other veterans and other Catholics to help sustain active duty and veteran members.

An applicant for membership in the CWV must be a citizen of the United States of America, a practicing Catholic, and a former, retired, or active duty member of any of the branches of the United States Armed Forces, including their respective Reserve and National Guard components. If someone is not eligible for membership, he or she may qualify for the Auxiliary.

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### **Knights of Columbus**

Saint Joseph Council #3814 of the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1954. Our council hosts many activities throughout the year for the church, youth, family and our community. For more information check out the website **[kofc3814.org](http://kofc3814.org)**.

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## ***LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES***

### ***Saint Joseph School***

#### **School Mission**

To provide Catholic education within the context of a parish sponsored school. We foster strong academic outcomes, a commitment to Catholic values, personal responsibility and the development of each student's potential.

#### **School Advisory Board**

The School Advisory Board provides assistance to the principal in achieving the mission of the school. Members serve the school by offering time and talent and to enable the school to fulfill its mission of education in the Catholic Church. Parish and School community can expect the Board to:

1. Suggest areas where policy would be helpful.
2. Recommend means to finance a viable quality educational program.
3. Recommend policy through the Principal and the Pastor.
4. Develop marketing strategies.
5. Provide for ongoing education of Board Members.

The Board provides vision, diversity of talent, information, service, support and enthusiasm. Any person who is 18 years or older and who has shown a deep interest and commitment to Catholic education and who is willing to give time and energy for the advancement of Catholic education is eligible to become a member of the Board. Ordinarily, employees and their spouses are not eligible for School Advisory Board membership. If you require any additional information, please see the website [sjcnj.org](http://sjcnj.org) under leadership ministries or call the Parish Office at **(201) 261-0148**. You can also email the Parish Office at **[office@sjcnj.org](mailto:office@sjcnj.org)**.

## ***LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES***

### **Fundraising Committee**

The Fundraising Committee is a group of parishioners who gather together to plan and execute fundraising projects for the parish. The committee coordinates events and needs with the Parish Council and the Parish Finance Council. The money raised is used to maintain the buildings and programs of the parish. Examples of events have included a Beefsteak Dinner, Concert, and fundraising through local dining venues. Anyone willing to assist in this important ministry can contact the people below:

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## ***SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES***

### **Ministry of Motherhood**

This ministry started as a small group of mothers to meet monthly and pray together. It has grown into a bigger group where moms support and encourage one another while deepening their personal relationship with God. It is aimed to all mothers (expectant, new, experienced and grandmothers) with opportunities to grow in faith and friendship and to be consistently renewed in the love of Christ. We use our Catholic feasts, seasons, prayers and devotions as gifts to draw us closer to God throughout the year. This is a flexible group, understanding the many demands on mothers today.

**Contacts:**  
**Maureen Hunt (201) 770-2969**  
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### **Advent Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree brings our parish together to help bring the joyous Spirit of Christmas to families in need. In the recent years we have worked with our sister parish, Saint Joseph's in Jersey City, NJ, families supported by Catholic Charities in East Orange, NJ, adolescent residents of the Covenant House in Newark, NJ, disabled senior residents of the Towers of Linden, and the Several Sources Shelter in Ramsey, NJ. Our generous parish helps our Catholic brothers and sisters ranging in age from infants to senior citizens. Our donations include wrapped gifts ranging from clothing, boots, books, toys and crafts as well as grocery store gift cards.

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## ***SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES***

### **Family Promise of New Jersey**

Family Promise is a nonprofit corporation which helps homeless families become self-sufficient. With the help of our Parishioners, we support Family Promise throughout the year. We participate in the Walk-in-Dinner Program where we prepare and serve dinner for approximately 130 people three times each year at the Bergen County Housing Health and Human Services Center in Hackensack, NJ. We also participate in the Family Promise Shelter Ministry. Saint Joseph's is a Support Parish for Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in River Edge, NJ where homeless families with children are hosted three separate weeks each year. We work with people from Saint Peter's and their two other support Congregations: Temple Avodat Shalom and The First Congregational Church of River Edge to provide a safe, warm, welcoming environment for the families. Lay ministers are needed to help set up the Parish Center kitchen and rooms where the families will sleep, prepare and serve meals and entertain the children (including playing games, arts and crafts, movies, etc.). Two volunteers are needed each night to sleep over for one night to ensure the safety and well-being of the families.

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## ***LITURGICAL MINISTRIES***

### **Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion**

Eucharistic Ministers serve the parish by assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. They are called upon to distribute the consecrated host, the Body of Christ or the consecrated blood, the Blood of Christ to their fellow parishioners. Those who wish to serve in this ministry are required to attend a workshop and training session in the parish after which the candidates will be mandated for this ministry by the Archbishop of Newark. Those who serve in this ministry must have a love, reverence and devotion for the Eucharist, as well as, a love and reverence for their fellow parishioners who make up the Church, the living Body of Christ. Anyone interested in this wonderful and fulfilling ministry should contact the people below:

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**E-mail: [Lilibeth\\_andrada@yahoo.com](mailto:Lilibeth_andrada@yahoo.com)**  
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### **Lectors**

Lay Ministers proclaim the scripture readings at Mass. They also announce the petitions of the Prayer of the Faithful or general intercessions. Training is provided.

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## **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

### **Greeters/Ushers**

Ministers greet people as they come together for Mass and other liturgical services. They recognize those gathering as their brothers and sisters in Christ. They also assist in the collection of the gifts, guide communion processions, and distribute bulletins and other periodicals.

**Contact: Michael Smith**  
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### **Art & Environment**

Art & Environment Ministers assist in enhancing the appearance of the church including the worship space. They decorate for the different liturgical seasons, such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. Members also care for the plants during the week and throughout the year to keep our worship space looking beautiful.

**Contact: Teresa Glenn**  
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### **Choir**

The Music Ministry is made up of lay ministers to enhance the worship experience by leading the parish in sung prayer and giving glory to God. In addition to Sunday Mass, music is also an integral part of Weddings, Baptisms, Confirmations, First Communions, Funerals and the newly formed Youth Ministry. There is an Adult Choir, Children's Choir, as well as several talented instrumentalists, and Leaders of Song. The choir is open to adults (ages 18 & up) or Children (grades 3-8). The children's Choir is open to all children including Public School children. Choir practice for children attending Saint Joseph's is from 3:00-3:45P.M. Choir practice for public school children who attend CCD is from 4:00-4:45 PM. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:00 AM Mass on the First Sunday of every month.

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## **SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES**

### **Respect for Life**

Recognizing that all human persons are our brothers and sisters, we promote respect and reverence for human life from conception to natural death. We pray the rosary for the voiceless unborn, for their parents and for those who work in the industry as part of the "40 days for Life" campaign, maintaining a prayerful presence outside a local abortuary. Our message is not judgment but the love of Christ and His love for each and every person. We work with the Archdiocese to promote pro-life laws by educating voters and contacting legislators. We provide local pregnancy resource centers with diapers, clothing and other needed items for moms and their babies. In addition, we disseminate information about healing retreats for those who are recovering from an abortion.

**Contacts: Melinda Rabbia & Sophia Mustard**  
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### **Harrison House**

Harrison House is a non-profit group home located on the property of the New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus, NJ (formerly Bergen Medical Center) for people who have HIV/Aids. Harrison House is run by the Buddies of New Jersey. We are one of the many churches in the area that provide dinners for the people living there. Each church usually provides the evening meal one day each month. Our assigned date is the third Tuesday of each month.

**Contact: Joan F. Murray**  
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## ***SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES***

### **Separated/Divorced Healing Ministry**

The Separated and Divorced Healing ministry is a Catholic-based program that offers emotional and spiritual support to the Catholic family. The program is led by a trained facilitator. All sharing is confidential. Topics include: Finding Perfect Peace, Getting Your Bearings, Finding Strength and Help, Getting Through Anger, Dealing with Depression and other relevant material all the way to Moving On. Whether you are a practicing Catholic or a non-practicing Catholic, this group is open to those who feel they need support.

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### **Food Drives**

Saint Joseph's has three Food Drives each year providing food for the pantries at:

Ascension Church, New Milford, NJ  
Saint John's, Bergenfield, NJ  
Father English Food Pantry, Paterson, NJ  
Saint Joseph Parish, Jersey City, NJ

**Contact: Joan F. Murray**  
**E-mail: sjsocialconcerns@gmail.com**

### **Bereavement**

This program is designed to provide healing to those who have lost a loved one through death. It is a safe place where people can share their grief with others. The program lasts 8 weeks with sessions held in the Spring and Fall.

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## ***LITURGICAL MINISTRIES***

### **Altar Servers**

Altar Servers perform a very important and much needed role of assisting in liturgical services of the church so that the priest can focus on leading everyone present through the Word, prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist of the Mass. **Adult Servers** are of college age and above, **Teen Servers** are of high school age and **Youth Servers** are any student of St. Joseph School or any CCD student, in grades 4 through 8, who have already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

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### **Sacristan**

The sacristan is the lay minister responsible for making sure that all the sacred vessels needed during the Mass are appropriately set out before the start of our liturgical services.

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### **Veronica's Veil**

This is a group of faithful parishioners who launder the altar linens used in the Mass.

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## ***FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY***

### **Saint Joseph Fellowship Café**

Come and share your faith and fellowship over a cup of coffee or tea along with some delicious treats. Here you can come and meet people who sit next to you weekly in the pews, sharing at the Eucharistic Table. The Café is generally on the second Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM or 10:30 AM Sunday Masses. Notices will be in the Sunday bulletins, so check for the time. Each month one of our ministries will host the café. If you are interested, you can contact the people below:

**Contacts:**

**Teresa Glenn (551) 486-2523**

**Donna Bascomb (201) 280-6802**

## ***ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES***

### **Faith Sharing Group**

Together in our Faith Sharing Group, we recognize that God is the center of our lives and He is the One who provides the grace for our change. Together we study the teachings of the Church, explore the lives of the Saints and we share how we live as Catholics on our spiritual journeys. We come to each meeting with an open heart and a questioning mind which deepens our own belief and understanding of God's love for each one of us. The Faith Sharing Group gives us a chance to slow down in our busy lives, and nourishes the sense of belonging to our parish, and we realize that we need one another to live courageous, faith-filled lives. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

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## ***SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES***

### **Visitation of the Sick**

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion meet the needs of those who cannot attend the Mass because of age, illness or infirmity in pastoral care visits and bringing the Blessed Sacrament. In bringing Holy Communion those serving in this ministry represent Christ and manifest faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. Our ministers bring Holy Communion not only to our homebound parishioners but also to Catholic patients and residents of Care One at Oradell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center each Sunday following the 9 AM Mass. In addition to bringing Holy Communion, as a representative of our parish community, our ministers also bring the prayers, support, care, and concerns of the parishioners to those they visit.

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**(201) 261-0148 X13**

**Sunday Care One Communion Scheduler: Connie Vincente**

**(201) 960-0178**

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was formed as part of Saint Joseph Parish social interaction. We are a dedicated group of Lay Ministers who knit and crochet prayer shawls and lap robes which are subsequently blessed. The ministry then provides these items to those who are sick, suffering, or losing hope. Many shawls are distributed in the spring when the parish celebrates the Anointing of the Sick Mass. The prayers of the entire ministry go forward with these gifts so that the recipients are comforted and made aware that they are part of a larger community.

**Contacts:**

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**Co-Director: Agnes O'Gara**

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## ***YOUTH MINISTRIES***

### **Cub Scout Pack 142**

Cub scouts is the beginning of the Scouting experience for boys in grades 1 through 5. Dens meet after school. The Saint Joseph Cub Scout program is a fun and educational experience concerned with values. Besides providing a positive place where boys can enjoy safe, wholesome activities, Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical skills, and developing a spirit of community service.

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### **Saint Joseph Athletic Association**

Parish youth in grades 3 through 8 who are enrolled in our School or Religious Education are eligible to participate in basketball and cheerleading. The Track Team is open to students in grades K through 8. Our parish teams participate in the leagues run by The Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Through the Athletic Association, students learn about fair play, integrity, sportsmanship, education and overall health and fitness. For more information check out the website [sjssathletics.blogspot.com](http://sjssathletics.blogspot.com).

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## ***ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES***

### **Cornerstone**

Cornerstone is a parish sponsored 26 hour retreat that takes place in the Parish Retreat House located in back of the church. There are talks, small group discussions, time for prayers and a chance to meet and congregate with wonderful people who are interested in growing in their relationship with the Lord and the Church. The retreat begins on Friday evening at 7:00 PM and ends on Saturday evening at 9:00 PM with the celebration of Mass at 8:00 PM. There is one for women and one for men taking place in the month of March.

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### **Bible Study**

The parish sponsors a program of Bible Study based on the Great Adventure Bible Series. Small groups of parishioners meet to view and discuss videos on our Catholic faith. Participants grow in their appreciation of the scriptures and in their relationship with God, who speaks to us through his Word.

**Contact: Patricia Fakharzadeh**  
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## ***ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES***

### **Vocation Ministry**

While God inspires all vocations, the programs and activities of a parish can invite, and encourage individuals to be open to God's call. Our parish

**Vocation Ministry** seeks to facilitate and assist ministries in every stage of parish life to support and promote vocations through prayer and activities that establish a vocations minded presence among both youths and adults within the parish. Through the prayers and efforts of our parishioners, our parish can encourage more young people to consider the **priesthood or religious life** or spend more time thinking about the meaning of marriage and thereby help individuals move toward holiness and discern God's will in their lives.

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### **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

**Is God calling you to something more?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity to learn more about Catholicism. RCIA is open to adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or intend to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church by completing their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Sessions begin in September on selected Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM and continue through the end of the Easter Season. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about RCIA, we welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

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## ***YOUTH MINISTRIES***

### **Boy Scout Troop 142**

Troop 142 is a parish based troop for boys in grades 6 through high school. Through the Boy Scouts, members experience a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster to achieve the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship and personal fitness. It is an adventure of a lifetime. "The time you invest in your son today will make a difference in the person he becomes tomorrow."

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### **Girl Scouts**

The Girl Scouts at Saint Joseph are both parish and community based. Girls from grades K through 12 are welcome to join one of the many troops that meet after school to explore new adventures while learning how to serve their communities. This is a parent-volunteer based program. They learn to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others. For further information regarding Girl Scouts, please look at the website [gsnnj.org](http://gsnnj.org).

#### **TROOP #5541**

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## ***YOUTH MINISTRIES***

### **Saint Joseph Young Adult Youth Ministry**

St. Joseph's Young Adult Ministry, FUEL (Faithfully United in Eucharistic Life), embraces all members of the community ages 21-35 by FUELing and nurturing their relationship with God. Through Christian fellowship and understanding God's Word and teachings, young adults will have the opportunity to recognize each other's strengths, talents, and abilities to use them for God's purpose and good work for the future of our Church.

Young Adult Minister: Ellen Solinas

Spiritual Director: Fr. Anthony Di Stefano

Core Team:

Charles & Natalie Beltran, Danielle Gherardi, and Stephen Solinas.

**If you are an Adult between the ages of 21-35 and are interested in being updated with F.U.E.L.'s upcoming events, or know someone that would like to be included, please contact either Natalie Beltran or Danielle Gherardi at [Solinase@sjcnj.org](mailto:Solinase@sjcnj.org)**

## ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN***

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special program celebrated for the children of the parish during the 9:00 AM. Sunday Mass from September through June. Just before the First Reading at Mass, the celebrant calls for the children to gather together and dismisses them to Mary's Chapel to hear God's Word in a simpler and more child-friendly and focused way. The main reason for dismissing the children is to give them an opportunity to listen and respond to the readings in a smaller setting where they can explore God's true meaning in their heart. It gives the children an opportunity to be active and moving without disturbing those around them. The Gospel is read to them from a Children's Lectionary and the leader of the day will discuss the important parts of the reading and explain how it relates to the children. It gives the children an opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas about the world in which we live and how God fits into their world. The children are then dismissed and rejoin the congregation for the celebration of the Eucharist. We are always looking for lay ministers to assist with this very important program.

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## ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN***

### **Children Attending Saint Joseph School**

Saint Joseph School is firmly committed to the Catholic Education of children. Besides providing a fine academic education to its students, Saint Joseph School provides its students a superior program of religious education. We are concerned not only with the mind and body but also the soul and spirit of its students. By bringing the Catholic faith into the classroom, we help the students grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition to religion classes, the students participate in daily prayer, monthly school Masses, special liturgies in harmony with the liturgical year, service projects which demonstrate the love of God, and love of neighbor. Students are prepared for the reception of the Sacraments including First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation by the Sacramental Director, Arlene Kennedy. For more information, visit the website [ajsusa@sjcnj.org](mailto:ajsusa@sjcnj.org).

### **Children Attending Public School**

In conjunction with the above paragraph, the parish offers a fine program of religious education for public school children from Pre-School to Eighth Grade which takes place at various times during the course of the week. These weekly religious education classes are designed to assist parents in passing on their Catholic faith to their children. They also prepare the students for the reception of Sacraments including First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation by our Sacramental Director, Arlene Kennedy. For more information, you can visit the website [sjcnjre.org](http://sjcnjre.org).

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## ***YOUTH MINISTRIES***

### **Saint Joseph Youth Group**

Our ministry is committed to providing a loving and faith-filled environment for all middle school kids and teenagers. We provide a place for our youth to grow in Christ. We empower them to ignite their faith, build upon our Christian values and establish themselves as valued members of our parish.

Saint Joseph Youth Ministry invites all teens in grades 9-12 to the relaunched youth group **IGNITE**. This teen group hosts weekly meetings and monthly events, such as trips and volunteer opportunities within and outside our community. Meetings take place on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7:30 PM. We meet at the Youth Center (Curry House -1st Floor). Come by and hang out, play games, grow in faith and become a leader within our church community.

**BE THE LIGHT** is our new pre-teens youth group. We invite all 7th and 8th graders to join us on the first Tuesday of every month. We meet at 7:30 PM in the Youth Center. Come gather in fun and friendship, as you grow in our church community.

Our **TEEN MASS** is typically on the first Sunday of every month at 6 PM. All are welcome to celebrate the Mass ministered by our teens and presided over by Fr. Anthony. Come share your talents- It's a great opportunity to strengthen your faith and become an active member of our parish.

If you would like more information, please contact:

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