



Church of Saint Joseph

5 Monroe Street, New York, NY 10002



THE MISSIONARIES OF ST. CHARLES
(SCALABRINIANS)

Rev. Lydio F. Tomasi, c.s., PASTOR

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00am to 7:00pm

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Daily Eucharist

Monday - Friday - 7:10 am (school days), 8 am.

Saturday - 8:00 am

Lord's Day Eucharist

Saturday - 5:15 pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 9:00 am, 10:30 am (Chinese), 12 pm, 3 pm (Chinese)

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.

Parents must meet with the priest prior to Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: It is celebrated in English and Italian on Saturday from 4:30 to 5:00 pm. It is also celebrated in Chinese on Sunday from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. We encourage your frequent reception of this sacrament of God's love. Make an appointment at any time.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

The couple must speak with the parish priest at least six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of emergency, notify the rectory any hour - day or night. If Holy Communion is requested at home, call the office during office hours. Please notify the rectory when parishioners are in the hospital.

St. Joseph Catholic School

1 Monroe Street, New York, N.Y. 10002



APOSTLES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Sr. Deborah Lopez, A.S.C.J., PRINCIPAL

School Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

School Office: (212) 233-5152

School Fax: (212) 267-4357

Convent: 83 Madison Street, (212) 233-5670

Religious Education: The Sacramental Preparation for children's reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation consists of a two-year program. Please call the school or rectory for further information.

Parish Registration: We welcome new parishioners and ask that they register at the Parish Office.



Mon., December 5th – Monday of the Second Week of Advent

7:10 a.m. For All Non Practicing Parishioners
 8:00 a.m. Louis Guglielmetti by Dennis and Virginia Parisi

Tues., December 6th – Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent

7:10 a.m. For All Catholic Missionaries
 8:00 a.m. Eddie Suarez by Wife, Daughter & Family

Wed., December 7th – Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

7:10 a.m. For all deceased Benefactors
 8:00 a.m. Christopher and Maria Cavanna by Teresa Poggioli

Thurs., December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Evelyn Pasini by Daughter Joan
 12:00 noon For All Parishioners
 7:00 p.m. John Pelle by Rose Piscopo Maniscalco

Fri., December 9th - Friday of the Second Week of Advent

8:00 a.m. Charles Pelle by Rose Piscopo Maniscalco

Sat., December 10th – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 a.m. Cordia & John Medica by Mother Cordia

Saturday, December 10th – Vigil of The Lord's Day

5:15 p.m. Margurite Abrams by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Matassa

Sunday, December 11th – Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Anthony Lombardi by wife Gilda
 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 12:00 Noon Helen & Danny Poggioli by daughter Barbara, John, and Sara Teevan
 3:00 p.m. Special Intentions

ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE WEEKEND
December 10/11

5:15 p.m. Mass: Eleanor Abraham & Tommi Ann Gangi
9:00 a.m. Mass: Daquana Adams & Nicole Molinelli
12:00 noon Mass: Gina Patti, Sara Teevan & Anna Wong



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's readings, John the Baptist echoes the prophet Isaiah, who speaks to people living in exile. When we find ourselves on a rough road away from God, he proclaims good news. Mountains will be made low. Rugged land shall be made a plain. Now there is a new season and a way home with God. In fact, it is God himself who makes the way home to us. God comes to us despite the mountains and barriers we are trapped by. God wants to make a home among us and will clear a way through the wilderness of our lives.

Now that God makes a home among us, how shall we live? In Advent, the call is to watch and wait for the coming of Jesus Christ for he is now already here among us. In Christ we discover that home with God is a safe place *right here* in the middle of an anxious world. The road can be rugged. But when we are lost in the wilderness of life, Jesus gets on the road to come to us. This is the beginning of the good news. The way of the Lord, the way home is open.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Dec 6th: Bingo in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Dec 7th: Senior Citizens at 1:30 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation.

Fri., Dec. 9th: Cub/ Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 10th: Bingo in the parish hall at 700 p.m.

BREAD AND WINE

In Memory of Joseph Morano by Carmine and Victoria Zummo

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Rose Betro by Phyllis, Angela, and Roseann

ALTAR CANDLE

In Memory of Yvette Lemieux by Grandmother Marie

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 09/01/2004 to 08/31/2005

Revenue	Parish Sources	
	Regular Collections	76,892.23
	Holyday Collections	8,289.00
	Votive Shrines and Candles	6,953.00
	Perquisites	14,595.30
	Rental Income	3,604.85
	Fund-raising	
	Cardinal's Appeal	21,557.00
	Net Fund Raising Events	41,200.00
	Charitable Collections	
	Archdiocesan Collections	2,175.00
	Other Special Collections (Non Parish)	1,928.00
	Extraordinary	
	Donations and Bequests	14,018.26
	Total	191,212.34
Expenditures	Clergy Personnel Costs	
	Clergy- Salary and Stipends	36,406.04
	Clergy- Medical Insurance	3,582.00
	Clergy- Priests Retirement	1,500.00
	Lay Personnel Costs	
	Lay- Salaries	43,636.04
	Office and Clerical Support Services	
	Office expenses	13,843.37
	Chapel Expenses	6,640.83
	Other Ministeries and Outreach Services	362.70
	Utilities	
	Fuel	11,408.70
	Gas and Electricity	10,556.16
	Water and Sewer	1,894.84
	Repairs and Maintenance	
	Plumbing	1,910.25
	Electrical	827.90
	Ground maintenance	1,585.06
	Contracted Services	4,572.65
	Other Plant Costs	
	Property and General Insurance	10,378.40
	Consumables	
	Food and beverages	16,930.95
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	Supplies - Household	3,997.78
	Assessments	
	Cathedraticum + Cardinal Appeal	24,269.93
	Support Expenditures	
	Parish Support to Elementary School	4,780.00
	Interfund transfers	
	Archdiocesan Collections	450.00
	Other Special Collections (Non Parish)	2,583.14
	Total	181,146.81
Grand Total		
	Total Revenue	191,212.93
	Total Expenditures	181,146.81
	Net Revenue over Expense	10,065.53

NOTES:

- 1. Our sincere thanks to all our parishioners, who faithfully contribute their weekly offering to our Church. Thanks to their generous support we are able to meet the many financial obligations of our parish.**
- 2. For the fiscal year 2005-2006 we, as a parish family, must take a close look at the Sunday attendance, the Sunday collections, and the parish fundraising events.**

This past year, the average Sunday attendance amounted to 324 people (average attendance at Sunday English Masses was 186, while for the Chinese Masses was 138). The goal for the current fiscal year is to double our Sunday church attendance by each churchgoer bringing back at least one friend or acquaintance.

The overall average a person contributed to Sunday collections this past year was \$6.00 (\$5.00 at the Sunday English Masses, and \$2.00 for Sunday Chinese Masses). Our goal for this fiscal year is to have each person attending Mass contribute an average of \$10 per Sunday.

- 3. All our parish organizations should sponsor at least one fundraising event a year to supplement the income from the Sunday collections.**
- 4. Our Church welcomes gifts under will. Gifts and bequests to St. Joseph Church are tax deductible for income tax and estate tax purposes. Acknowledgement of your gift will be provided.**
- 5. The above parish financial report does not include extraordinary expenses of the Parish (such as, for example, the new sidewalk of our Convent on Madison St.), nor special gifts received by our Parish. Special reports are issued for each special project..**

Also, St. Joseph Catholic School prepares a separate financial report.

HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AS A CATHOLIC

As Catholics, we prepare for Christmas by celebrating the season of Advent in the four weeks preceding Christmas. We hear John the Baptist, echoing the words of the prophets of Israel, call us to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord in our own lives now, and to look for the fulfillment of his kingdom in the future.

In particular our parish community should make a communal serious effort to double our Sunday Mass attendance by each one of us bringing in each Sunday a friend or an acquaintance, who is not a practicing Catholic.

We should also eliminate ugly divisions in our community by avoiding slanderous gossip and making a decisive effort to build each other up into the kingdom of God.

“MY CHRISTMAS WISH”

This year at St. Joseph’s we aim at celebrating the birth of Christ and re-discovering His presence in our lives as a Parish family. One way to help us to “stay awake” to the real meaning of Advent of finding the Lord in every task we do and discovering the Lord in every person we meet, is to write down YOUR CHRISTMAS WISH on the ornament inserted in today’s Bulletin: cut it out, and deposit it in the box in front of the Christmas tree located in the sanctuary of our Church.

Your Christmas wish will remind you to pray constantly for its fulfillment and make real the presence of God in your life and in the lives of others.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Thursday, December 8th, we celebrate the truth that Mary was conceived without sin. This feast does not celebrate the conception of Jesus, as many mistakenly believe.

When we think of Mary as sinless and all holy, we also need to remember that Mary’s free and willing response to God led to consequences. Those consequences opened her to a true and authentic freedom. In this freedom she became like Eve but as the true mother of the living, the mother of all nations and our mother too. May she teach us how to give ourselves to God as authentically free persons.

MEMORIAL SHRINE’S DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 18th

The deadline for renewing or adding names on our Parish Memorial Shrine is December 18th, 2005. If you have not already done so or have not received a renewal/application form, please stop by the rectory or call the Parish Office before December 18th.

Thank You!