

# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

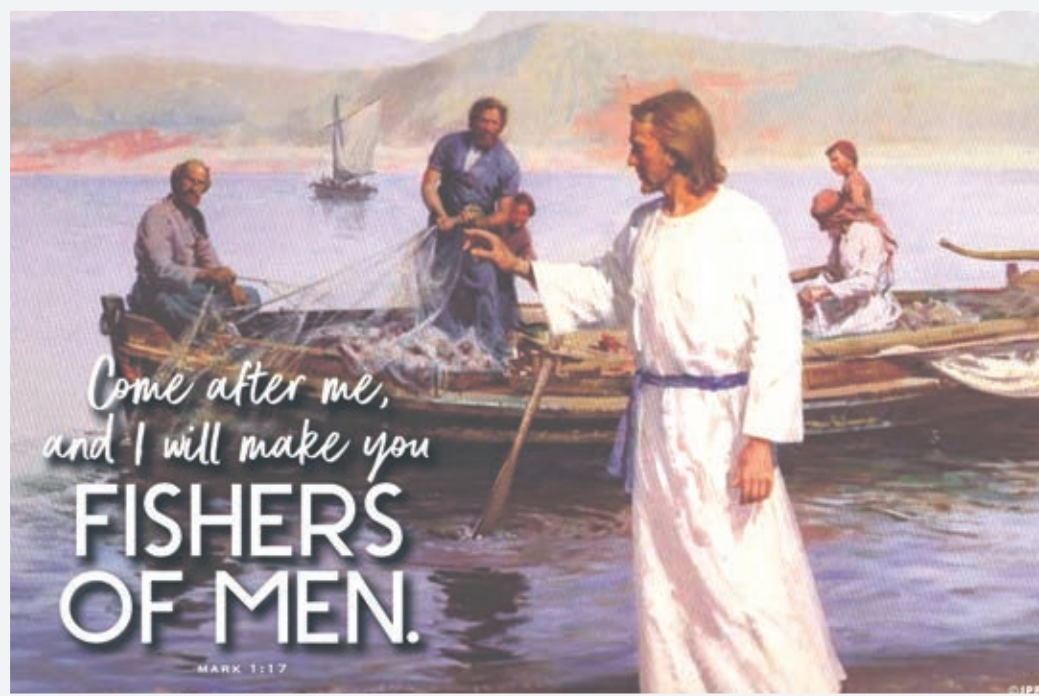


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January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*St. Vincent Pallotti*  
901 Hopkins Road  
Haddon Township, NJ

#### *Mass Schedule*

*Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00pm*

*Sun. 9:00am, 11:00am*

*Confessions: Sat. 4:00pm*

*Weekday Mass: Mon.-Fri.*

*8:30 am (Chapel)*

*Sat. 8:30 am (Church)*

*Holy Day Mass:*

*Vigil Mass: 7:00pm*

*Holy Day: 8:30am & Noon  
(Church)*

*St. Aloysius*  
37 West Haddon Avenue  
Oaklyn, NJ

#### *Mass Schedule*

*Weekend Masses:*

*Sat. 4:00pm; Sun. 10:00am*

*Confessions: Sat. 3:00pm*

*Weekday Mass:*

*Monday 7:00pm Mass*

*(September thru May)*

*Holy Day: 7:00 pm*

*It does not matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church, what your current family or marital situation, what your past or present religious affiliation; or your personal history, age, background, race, etc. You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Joseph the Worker.*

## The Cast

Our Pastor..... Fr. Walter Norris, V.F.

Our Priests..... Fr. Frederick Link (In Residence)

Our Deacon .....Deacon Peter Powell

Coordinator Religious Education.....Anita D'Imperio

Religious Education Secretary.....Donna Gadren

**856-240-7813** SJWReligEd@comcast.net

Business Administrator..... Barbara D. Urian

Administrative Assistant .....Barbara Camarota

You can reach the Parish Office by:

Phone - 856-858-1313

Email - sjtwoffice@comcast.net or

sjwadmin@comcast.net

Website - stjosephtheworker.net

Monday - Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

### *Our Mission*

The parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish strive to know Christ as the center of our lives. With St. Joseph the Worker as a model for faith, patience, and commitment, we humbly accept God's call to serve others by living a life of prayer, sharing the sacraments, and participating in the community through our lay ministries and active parish life.

**Religious Education:** For now, Religious education classes will be held virtually for Grades 1 through 8. Classes will begin in October 2020.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are scheduled by calling the Parish office. Baptismal preparation class is required prior to the Baptism and is held the second Sunday of each month.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance of the wedding date.

**Sacrament and Visitation of the Sick:** Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass, are asked to contact the Parish Office if they wish to receive Holy Communion and/or would like a Eucharistic Minister to visit them. At this time home visitations are limited to dire cases.

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** On Saturday, immediately following the 8:30 Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti and on Monday, after 7:00pm Mass at St. Aloysius.

### Welcome!

Is there something we can do for you? Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner       New Address/Phone

Returning to Parish       Moving out of Parish

Send Envelopes       Question re: Catholicism

Speak with a Priest       Electronic Giving

Fr. Walter and Fr. Link will continue to live stream Sunday Mass at 9:00 and 11:00 am each week and

Mass at 8:30am every Wednesday & Friday from St. Vincent Pallotti church.

To see the Mass, go to our website: stjosephtheworker.net, scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on LIVE STREAMING. Also, Masses will be archived for viewing at a later time.

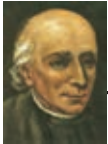
If you have any problems when you live-stream any Mass, please let the parish office know at

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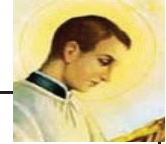
or email [sjwadmin@comcast.net](mailto:sjwadmin@comcast.net).

### End of year statements.....

We will automatically send statements to anyone who contributed \$250 or more in 2020. Emailed statements will be sent first. If you would like your statement emailed, send a message to [sjw.admin@comcast.net](mailto:sjw.admin@comcast.net) with your name included. Other statements will be mailed by the end of the month.



**January 24, 2021 Mass Intentions for the Week**



**St. Vincent Pallotti**

**January 23, 2021 -**

**Vigil - 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Link**

Elizabeth Ackroyd by Robyn, Sue, Nicky & Dawn  
Anna Evangelista by Chirico Family  
Francesco & Anna Gaudiuso by Joe & Rosa Tanzi  
Ron Howley by Sally Howley  
Stanley & Ann Marks by Bill & Gerry Bloemaker

**January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 a.m. - Fr. Link**

Improved Health of Barbara Camarota by Roni & Bernice  
Rae Ross by Ellen Weiglein

**11:00 a.m. - Fr. Link**

Elizabeth Ackroyd by Susan DiAntonio  
Betty Jean Keyek-Smith by Greg & Pat Rogalski

**Mon., 1/25/21, 8:30 a.m., Conversion of St. Paul**

William Shaw, Jr. by John & Alicia Belli

**Tues., 1/26/21, 8:30 a.m., Sts. Timothy & Titus**

Francis E. Conway, Sr. by John & Alicia Belli

**Wed., 1/27/21, 8:30 a.m., St. Angela Merici**

Salvatore DeSanto by Katherine Butler

**Thu., 1/28/21, 8:30 a.m., St. Thomas Aquinas**

Peggy Beck by Mellet Family

**Fri., 1/29/21, 8:30 a.m., Weekday**

Emma Maria Straub-Lopiccolo by Bob & Mary Brady

**Sat., 1/30/21, 8:30 a.m., Weekday**

Elizabeth Ackroyd & Sarah Murphy by the Hunter Family

**St. Aloysius**

**January 23, 2021 -**

**Vigil - 4:00 p.m. - Fr. Walter**

Jake Perrone by Carmela DiMaria

**January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00 a.m. - Fr. Walter**

Art & Marge Poponi by Daughter & Family  
Angela Williams by Al & Annette Fatale

**Mon., 1/25/2021 - 7:00 p.m.**

Improved Health of Gloria Carolfi by  
New Life Prayer Group

**January 30, 2021 -**

**Vigil - 4:00 p.m. - Fr. Link**

Alan DelVecchio by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Riveiro  
Angela Williams by Jim & Marie Zeck

**January 31, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00 a.m. - Fr. Link**

Salvatore DeSanto by Lois Cummins  
Angela Williams by Mr. & Mrs. William Corbett

**St. Vincent Pallotti**

Sanctuary Candle burns *in Memory of*  
*Joseph Iacovino*

***St. Aloysius***

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*Angela Williams*

**January 30, 2021 -**

**Vigil - 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Walter**

Kristine Henle-Blank by Family  
Henry & Carrie Grassi by Joe & Mary Grassi  
Bill Rickenbach by Tony & Bernie Brennan  
Helen Sikora by Dennis & Linda McNally

**January 31, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 a.m. - Fr. Walter**

Margaret Alberta by Daughter  
Santhini Astiti Santawirya by Dennis, Annette &  
Christopher Daly

**11:00 a.m. - Fr. Walter**

Dr. Thomas E. Murray by Marianne Crawford & Family  
Edward Simek by Marianne Crawford & Family

Next Weekend, we will celebrate the  
feast of **St. Blaise**.

Because of Covid restrictions, there will be no  
individual blessing of throats. There will be a general  
blessing given to the whole congregation at the end of  
every Mass.

Be Safe!

*Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. We pray that the  
coronavirus that has affected so many in our world  
can be contained, controlled, and cured. We lift up  
to your mercy all those affected, all those working  
hard to study and cure this illness, and all health  
care professionals and emergency management  
teams that are working day and night to keep us  
safe. Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful  
care. Our Blessed Mother, pray for us,  
Saint Joseph, pray for us, Lord Jesus, hear our  
prayer. Amen.*

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\* PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN \*  
\* ATTENDING MASS, YOU MUST \*  
\* ALWAYS WEAR A MASK \*  
\* AND SOCIAL DISTANCE. \*  
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**DIOCESE OF CAMDEN ADDICTION HOTLINE:**

**1-855-5HOPE4U**

*To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven*

**“A TIME TO BE BORN.....”**

**“ A TIME TO BE HEALED...”**

Sally Adams, Sharon Alexander, Anthony Amato, Sarah Angilletta, Heith-Jude-Maude-Susan Armstrong, The Armstrong Family, Mark Ashman, Josephine Bak, Grace Bangle, Nancy Barone, Alex- Annette - Patricia - Bob and Rachel Bellwoar, Patricia Benedetti, Baby Nathaniel Boldurian, Denise Bond, Patty Bond, Dominick Borrelli, David Borton, Bowman Family, Jeannie Brattini, Joseph Broderick, Gracie Brodzik, Barbie Brown, Linda-Sophie- Landon-Ethan & Emelia Burgett, Bernadette Burke, Maria Burkett, Gregory Busa, Angel Butterworth, Annmarie Buongiovanni, Mary Burdziejko, Sarah Ann Caffery-Barnes, Barbara Camarota, Jim Campbell, Stacey Campbell, Beatrice Cargen, Gloria Carolfi, Thomas L. Castellano, Dave Cerone, Jr., Anthony Chirico, Ed & Anna Ciechon, Darlene Colletti, Carole & Jim Conner, Caroleanne Connor, Shirley Conroy, Terri Cook, Dr. Josh Cooper, Mary Diana Corbett, Freddy Curley, Patricia D’Amendola, Abigail D’Amico, Baby Matthew D’Imperio, Logan DeBus, Nick De Meis, Steve Dennison, Eleanor DiBar-tolomeo, Fred DiLoreto, MaryAnne Donahue, Brendan Dugan, Ilde Ettore, Carmen Fanelli, Janet Fernandez, Peggy Flanagan, Dorothy Flemming, Michael Ford, Connie Forte, Chris Foyle, Pat Fyfe, George Gadren, Lorraine Gancher, Michael & Joanne Geden, Lauren Gentry, Mary Grassi, David Grayce, Carol Grear, Megan Greener, Bernadette Gregor, Hechler Family, Helena Hirschlein (3 yrs. old), Wayne Hocking, Joyce Howe, Graziella Iacovino, Dominic & Schelly Ingemi, Cindy Italiano, Mary Izzo, Monique, Zully & Jay Jasso, Phyllis Johnson, Vince Jordan, Gary Kelly, Alexandra King, Juliana Kline, Lisa Knoll, Kuehnle Family, Florence Lange, Ray Larro, Frank Lombardi, Christopher Lupinacci, Suzanne M, Evan Macey, Jeannie Makowski, Mark Makowski, Carol Malko, Joanne Marris, Cathy Matthews, John McAllister, Pamela McCain, Ellen McCarty, Roy McClaine, Christine McKenna, Julie McHugh, The McNamara Family, Rita McShane, Harvey Meade, Michael Metchick, Mike Micklus, Michael Morrissey, Thomas Mscisz, Germaine Mullen, Cathy Murtha, Martha Neger, Diane Nipper, Don Nipper, Claire and Rose Nitsche (premature twins), John Nolan, Jim Nowak, Bernadette M. Osman, Analiese Pachero, Tom Panek, Denise Paone, Nora Parker, Susan Paul, Robert & Barbara Pawlishyn, James Peditto, Sandy Pencoock, Kenneth Piduch, Lillian Prostko, Pustizzi Family, Frank Puzziello, Michael L. Ramondi, Joseph Redrow, Josephine Reid, Roni Rementer, The Reynik Family, Joanne Rickenbach, Jonathan Robb, James Rosanio, Kathleen Rowzie, Dean & Mary Russell, Jerry Schuler, Mark Serock, Rosemary Serock, Eileen Sheldon-Lord, Nataina Shular, Jean Smith, Kathleen Snyder, J Stacey, Maria Stadlman, Scott Stadlman, Jacob Stefano, Gloria Swiecicki, Susan Talvacchio, Michael Taulane, Yin Li Thomas, Torres Family, Cathy Tumminia, William VanSciver, Christina VanZandt, Jim Victor, Ray Vitale, Tom Walsh, Melissa Ways, Holly Williams, Connie Wozniak, Vicki Yolc, Annette Zimmerman

**“AND A TIME TO DIE .....”**

***Joseph Iacovino***

**“AND A TIME OF PEACE.... Ecclesiastes 3:1”**

**PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE...** Almighty God, Creator of all things, we place our request for world peace into your hands. Continue to be our refuge and our strength as we undertake this challenge. Bless with Your divine protection our servicemen and women. Let their faith and trust in You never weaken. Bring them safely home to their loved ones. Let Your heavenly wisdom direct our world leaders to seek peace. Through their actions, may harmony and justice be secured. Please remember ***Phillip Alvalle, Bryan Baldwin, William P. Fallon, Joseph A. Fiore, Michael Fletcher, Tony Giancola, Lt. Col. Matthew Grimes, Jason Groff, Col. John G. Hodson II, Scott Howley, Anthony Koehl, Michael Koehl, Ashley Koehl, Sara Kucharski, Spc. William Lacey, Brendon J. Morton, Brad Osborn, Capt. James Rafferty, Capt. Kate Vandenberg, Natalie Walsh, and Kenny Young*** in your prayers. **Please inform our office of updates on our parish servicemen and women. Thank you !**

### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

If you are or know of a homebound person who is ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please complete the form below and return it by mail or by placing it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Day / Time: \_\_\_\_\_

# What's Happening in Our Parish

## Upcoming 2nd Collection

**2/7/2021    Snow Removal**  
**2/17/2021    Church in Europe**



Parish Giving, our online giving service now has an app for mobile transactions. You can download this app onto your phone and make one time donations to special collections, pay Religious Education tuition and sacrament fees, and even make memorial donations. Please complete the registration to assure accurate credit for our donations and payments. All methods of payment are accepted.



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Jesus, I know and believe in your real presence in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is you I desire to love and receive above all things. As I am unable to receive your sacramental presence now, come and be with me in heart and soul. Let my entire self be united with you as I welcome you again and know your loving embrace. AMEN.*

**The Parish Office is open for regular business 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday**  
**When visiting, please remember to wear a mask at all times.**



## VITALity Catholic Care Services A Healthcare Ministry of the Camden Diocese.

Services are provided at no cost and are funded through the House of Charity and the Healthcare Foundation of the Camden Diocese. It is the single Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe and secure in their homes. Contact the Diocese of Camden, Home & Parish Healthcare Services, Resource and Referral Help Line 1-888-26-VITALity (1-888-268-4825)

Visit us at: [vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://vitality.camdendiocese.org)

## *Lent will look different this year...*

*Ash Wednesday is February 17. There will be distribution of ashes but they will be "sprinkled over the forehead" of the recipient rather than making contact. For this reason, we have **eliminated our normal 4:00pm service on Ash Wednesday but we will still be having Masses at 8:30am and Noon at SVP and at 7:00pm at St. Aloysius.***

*There will be no Communal Penance Service but there will be Confessions on Wednesdays during Lent from 7:00pm until all attendees are served.*

*We will still be having Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at SVP at noon but there will be no luncheon following.*



## HOUSE OF CHARITY BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

### 2021 House of Charity - "Faces of Hope"

The House of Charity - Bishop's Annual Appeal seeks to raise funds to provide care, respect, justice, peace and dignity for every soul in the Diocese of Camden. We ask that you prayerfully consider how this annual program provides solace, support and grace to thousands of your brothers and sisters, and ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching and redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ through the Diocese of Camden.

**Emotions Anonymous (EA)**  
**The next meeting is re-scheduled to**  
**January 21, 2021 at 7:30 pm in**  
**St. Joseph the Worker Chapel**  
 St. Joseph the Worker Parish,  
 901 Hopkins Road, Haddon Township, NJ.  
 For more information, call Dave at 856-701-7805.



## PRAYER LIST

When names are put on the list, they will remain on the list for one month unless otherwise requested. If you would like to have a name on the list, please fill-out this form and return to the parish office, or drop in the collection basket. Thanks!

I would like to have the following name(s) entered on the Prayer List:

\_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Religious Education



*"Those who are called must first repent and believe."*

The people of Nineveh respond immediately to Jonah's call to conversion and change their lives. Paul challenges us to take nothing for granted, and to realize that change can happen quickly, for the world as we know it is passing.

Right after John's arrest, Jesus shows up preaching. He walks by the Sea of Galilee, calls out to some of the fishermen, and they immediately follow him. Their lives would never be the same again.

Things can happen very quickly. Nineveh changes overnight because of Jonah's preaching. Simon, Andrew, James, and John immediately abandon their fishing nets to become fishers of men and women. Paul tells us to be prepared because these things can happen. He exaggerates the point so we know how urgent it is to be ready to alter our life completely for God.

When Jesus comes by, the fishermen who choose to follow him are immediately changed. Their daily lives are no longer spent watching the weather, fixing their boats, and hauling fish. Yet it takes them several years to understand their faith in Jesus and what it means to be a true follower and disciple. Some changes can happen quickly, and things are immediately different. Some changes happen more slowly, and you can only see the difference over time, while looking back with a thoughtful eye. What are some changes you would like to make in your own life – changes that would make you a better person, changes that Jesus would approve of?

If you truly live that way every day – making changes that Jesus would approve of, being a better person – how will that make you like the Apostles?

### ***St. Thomas Aquinas – Priest and Doctor***

Thomas Aquinas was a large man & a brilliant student. He was quiet and seldom spoke. His classmates called him "the dumb ox." He came from a wealthy family who, at the age of 5, sent him to be taught by the Benedictines in the hope that he would join their community and become an abbot. Thomas was more attracted to the Dominicans' life style of prayer and study; so, he joined them instead. His family was shocked that Thomas, a nobleman, would join a group of poor friars, so they captured Thomas and kept him imprisoned for more than a year in a family castle. But nothing could change his mind and they finally released him to rejoin the Dominicans.

Thomas first studied science under Albert the Great, but he preferred theology. Thomas Aquinas was one of the greatest Christian thinkers and writers and is well known for his writings in philosophy and theology. His most famous work, the *Summa Theologica*, contains five volumes of his thought on all the Christian mysteries. Even though he was considered great in his own time, Thomas remained humble and quiet. He prayed often and acknowledged that his gifts came from God.

While serving Mass on December 6, 1273, he had a spiritual experience. After that he stopped writing completely. He said that after what he had seen, all he had written was just straw. A few months later, the pope invited him to the Council of Lyons in France, but Thomas died on the way.

Thomas had been an advisor to kings, a writer of masterpieces, a counselor to popes, and a teacher of classics. Most of all, Thomas was a servant of God. He is a Doctor of the Church and called "the angelic doctor" for his purity and knowledge.

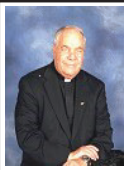
Thomas was canonized in 1323. He is the patron of Catholic schools, students, colleges, philosophers, and theologians.

Feast Day – January 28

### ***Closing Thought –***

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us.

*(Action 2000; C Cycle)*



**THE DESK OF THE PASTOR  
WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN  
WHEN WE PRAY?  
PART 2**

To pick up from last week, the question is as follows: "What blessings should we acknowledge?"

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy, and if you get this message on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are envied by and more blessed than three billion people in the world."

"If your parents are still alive and still married.... you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm; you are unique to all those in doubt and despair....."

**"Ok," I said. "What now? How can I start?"**

The Angel said, "If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all."

Have a good day, count your blessings, and remind everyone else how blessed we all are.....

**ATTN: Acknowledge Dept.**

"Thank you, Lord, for giving me so many wonderful people with whom to share it."

I thank God for everything, especially all my family and friends.

*Fr. Walter, V.F.  
sjwpastor@comcast.net*

**Santa Maria Council #1443's  
2021 Pasta Dinner with a Twist**

The annual Pasta Dinner will take place on **February 13, 2021, 3-7:00 pm BUT ONLY FOR TAKE OUT** from our Council home at 350 Crystal Lake Avenue in Haddon Township.

Each order will include our traditional red sauce, meat balls and sausage on the side. There will be bread, salad, and dessert. The cost will be \$8.00 per order.

Call ahead to place your order 856-854-9845 or email it to [aekofc1442@comcast.net](mailto:aekofc1442@comcast.net) starting **February 1, 2021.**

Let us to the cooking in advance of St. Valentine's Day.

**Celebrate National Catholic Schools Week  
January 31 - February 6**

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Camden have been open full-time for in-person and remote learning since September 2020. With the health and safety of students, faculty, administrators and staff as a top priority, South Jersey Catholic Schools continue to:

- Educate and inspire young minds spiritually, academically and in service to others
- Develop leaders who are ready to shape the world with knowledge, integrity and compassion
- Foster a safe environment grounded in the love of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic church
- Create a sense of belonging and community for students and families
- Achieve a college attendance rate of higher than 95%

A Catholic school education is the Gift of a Lifetime. Learn more at [www.southjerseycatholicschools.org](http://www.southjerseycatholicschools.org).

**Camden Catholic High School Upcoming Admissions Events**

**8th Graders:** CCHS is still accepting applications for the Class of 2025. Apply online [www.camdenatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissions).

Tours are available upon request, contact [admissions@camdenatholic.org](mailto:admissions@camdenatholic.org).

**Summer Camps & Programs**

CCHS is hosting an array of safe and socially distant summer activities.

Visit [www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps](http://www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps) to find out more. Options include STEM, High School Transition (for 8th graders), High School Placement Test Prep (for 7th graders), and Theater Camp (Wizard of Oz, Jr.).

**Young Adult Retreat**

**February 5 - 7, 2021** Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

**Cost:** \$140 per person, *single occupancy*

**Register at:** [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829

**Talking Catholic Presents** - Local YouTube shows and audio podcasts with information for all Catholics to help grow their faith and vocation - *A Perspective for Young Adults* is an example.

*Talking.CatholicStarHerald.org*

### Living in Faith

#### Time After Time

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.

~~ Jonah 3:1

Clearly, Jonah remembered what had happened the first time the Word of God came to him. Rather than go to the city of Nineveh to preach what would surely be a most unpopular message, Jonah had hopped aboard a boat to Tarshish, trying to escape an unwelcome task. But Jonah could not outrun God - a storm and a three-night stay in the belly of a whale proved that to him. So, when the Word of God came to Jonah a second time, he stopped, listened and set about following God's invitation.

There's some consolation here for any of us who have ever tried to ignore, escape or run away from the nudges that God sometimes sends into our lives. The Holy One is persistent, returning a second, a third and as many times as necessary, until we give a full hearing to God's Word and embrace God's message.

~~ Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

### Stewardship...

#### Stewards Follow

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

~~ Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good **Stewardship** of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

A parishioner at SJW, and also a Lay Associate with the Sisters of St. Joseph is helping out at the SSJ Neighborhood Center in Cramer Hill. They are in need of old or unwanted pillow cases and men's and women's Tshirts (no undershirts). They are making these items into grocery bags to distribute food to the people who come monthly to the food pantry. There will be a box in the foyer of both churches for your donations. Thank you in advance for your help!

### Pre-Registration for COVID-19 Vaccine

Below is the link for residents of New Jersey to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine. Once you complete and submit the form, you will receive confirmation and be placed on a list to receive the vaccine when available for your category of recipients. Currently vaccine is being distributed to Class 1-A which comprises healthcare workers and residents of care facilities.

[https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine?fbclid=IwAR1X5Byy6HF1rezbArvIXoftFktsjpiWULkVZ\\_AFvQ9INN1Kqw1fykxPSk](https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine?fbclid=IwAR1X5Byy6HF1rezbArvIXoftFktsjpiWULkVZ_AFvQ9INN1Kqw1fykxPSk)



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Spend time with your spouse strengthening your relationship from the comfort of your home with a WWME Virtual Experience. Upcoming 2021

WWME Virtual Experiences include:

Virtual Weekend Experience - Feb. 12-14, 2021 - Starting Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Virtual Restore, Rekindle, Renew Experience (3RE) - March 1, 2021 thru March 25, 2021 - Sessions on Monday and Thursday Evenings starting at 7:00 PM EST.

For additional information or to register, visit [wwwme.org](http://wwwme.org).



### RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

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### Sr. Josephine's Humor Box~~



### St. Vincent DePaul Society...

Our mission is to assist people in our community in times of emergency. We respond to all calls to 856-858-1444. Sometimes, people in need are reluctant to ask for help.

If you know of someone in our community (Haddon Twp., Audubon, Collingswood, Woodlynne, Oaklyn) in need of assistance, please refer them to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. We are there to help.



## Readings for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

### First Reading – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying: “Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.” So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord’s bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day’s walk announcing, “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,” when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

### Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

### Gospel – Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

### Fr. Walter’s Homily for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

I want to begin and end this homily with the two promises Jesus made to us: **Your life will have meaning, and you will live forever.** But you have to earn both promises.

The theme for today’s Mass is a simple one – **REPENTANCE. It means a turning away from selfishness and sin and a turning to God.** What stands in the way of Repentance is a simple roadblock – **RELUCTANCE** or the “WHEN” of Repentance.

**Reluctance is a quality of life that causes us to say “repent yes, but not yet”.**

A person is ill; goes to the doctor; is given a prescription. Once the person leaves the doctor’s office, they look at the prescription and tear it up. I don’t need it now.

**Reluctance is a vice that creeps into the spiritual lives of many Catholics as illustrated in the following 4 examples:**

1. **I will start going to Mass again, some day.**
2. **When my career or social life allows me more time, I’ll get back to my religious obligations.**
3. **When I get older, I’ll go back to the Sacraments.**
4. **When I start to feel in poor health, then I’ll turn back to prayer.**

In the first reading, God commands Jonah to preach the message of repentance to the city of Nineveh, but Jonah is reluctant for this assignment and runs away. Finally, Jonah accepts the duty but grudgingly.

Jesus follows up on John the Baptist’s eternal prescription: “Repent your lives and believe in the Gospel.”

To truly be committed to repentance requires 3 conditions:

1. We must admit our shortcomings
2. We must respond generously to what God expects of us
3. We must stick to it for a lifetime

In the last chapter of the story of Jonah, Jonah grows angry with God because of what God expected him to do. We don’t know if Jonah ever had a change of heart.

Only you can answer the question: “How will the story of my life end?” The best ending requires each of us to be more successful at repentance.

You may ask: “How long does it take to be successful at repentance?”

Eddie Canton said: “It takes 20 years to make an overnight success.”

So remember the two promises that Jesus makes to us: **Your life will have meaning, and you will live forever.**

If you can find a better offer, take it!!

### Church Traffic Flow:

There will be lawn signs directing you to the one Entrance however, you can exit the building by any door. We have strict guidelines regarding the number of people we can have in the building, so we will be counting heads as you arrive.

#### SVP:

- The **ENTRANCE** Door will be on the **left side** as you approach the church from PVI High School and either door can be used for exit. **PLEASE MAINTAIN A SOCIAL DISTANCE WHEN EXITING!**

#### St. Al:

- You will **ENTER** the building by the center front doors on Haddon Ave. Handicapped people and those who have issues with stairs may enter from the parking lot door.

Families can sit together but each family unit/couple/single person should maintain **6 feet** social distancing from others. **EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK IN THE CHURCH.** Hand sanitizer is available at the doors of the church. **PLEASE MOVE TO THE CENTER OF THE PEW SO MORE PEOPLE CAN SIT.**

**Communion will now be at the normal time during the Mass**

#### SVP:

- There will be three Communion Stations. The side pews will use the far wall aisle and receive Communion at the front of the aisle. You will return to your seat via the next aisle (side-center). The center pews will proceed, one pew at a time, into the center aisle, maintaining a social distance and receive Communion at the **ONE** Communion station at the front of the church and return to their seats via the side aisle (not the wall aisle).
- After the final blessing, you will proceed to any door to exit the church. It is very important not to bunch up at the doors. Say an extra prayer before leaving!

#### St. Al:

- Communion will be distributed in front of the church. One pew at a time will proceed to the Priest/Eucharistic Minister and return down the side aisles to your seat. After the final blessing, you may exit out any door. Please maintain a social distance from others.
- Remove your mask as you approach the priest/Eucharistic Minister. **Communion will only be given in your hand, not by mouth.**

**Please do not congregate outside of the church.**



### ALERT

The Oaklyn Food Pantry is requesting your help because of the increased need for food during this pandemic. They are requesting the following food be donated: baked beans, canned fruit, soups, jelly, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, tuna fish, cereal and snacks. We are starting to collect for the holidays: canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, stuffing mix, mashed potatoes, and corn bread mix.

The Oaklyn Community Food Pantry is housed at the Oaklyn Baptist Church on E. Battlewood Ave. From the White Horse Pike, there is a Mr. Tire and a Dollar General on the corners of Battlewood. The church is the 3rd building, right next to the Oaklyn Post Office. They actually share a driveway. When you get to the church parking lot, there will be a path through a small garden to a door that sits back from the lot. There is a covered bin by the door where non-perishable food can be placed anytime.

If you are in need of food, please call the Oaklyn Community Food Pantry at 856-895-8801 for an appointment.

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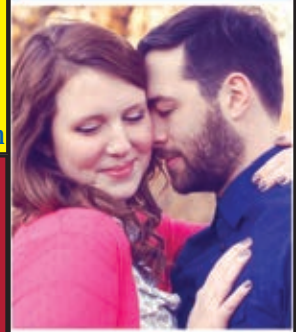
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