

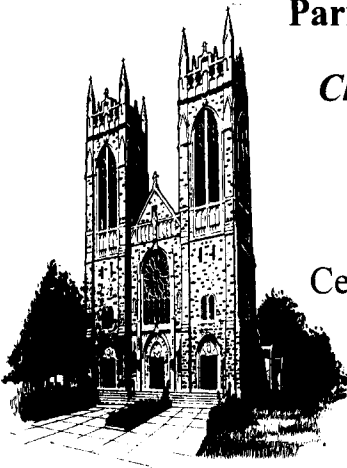
# St. Joseph Parish

Bristol, Connecticut 06010

Parish Office: 149 Goodwin Street, Bristol, CT 06010

Tel: (860) 583-1369 Fax (860) 589-5374

Church Home Page: <http://www.stjosephbristol.org>



Religious Education Office: 582-2888

St. Joseph School: 582-8696

St. Joseph Cemetery/Mausoleum: 589-2105

Cemetery Home Page: <http://www.sjcemetery.cjb.net>

**Pastor - Rev. James F. Leary**

**Parochial Vicar - Rev. Robert Villa**

**Deacon - Pastoral Minister - Robert M. Pallotti**

**School Principal - Mark J. Monnerat**

**Religious Education Director - Kimberlee A. Donahue**

**Music Ministry Director - Jean Degan**

**Parish Office Manager - Katherine Young**

**Pastoral Council President - Richard Swenton**

**Director of Youth Ministry - Kimberlee A. Donahue**

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!

### *Parish Membership*

Through baptism we become God's sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of each other in Christ. Every family in the parish should be properly registered and each family receives a set of envelopes. New parishioners should register at the Parish Office. Single adults over 18 years of age should register separate from parents. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family.

#### **Mass Schedule**

##### **Saturday**

4:00 PM - Vigil

##### **Sunday**

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon (Spanish)

##### **Daily Mass - Parish Center Chapel**

Monday - Friday - 9:00 AM

Saturday - 8:00 AM

**Holy Days - Consult schedule inside**

##### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday at 2:45 PM or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

##### **Baptism**

Last Sunday of the month; preceded by Monday Baptismal Workshop. Call Parish Office to make arrangements.

#### **Marriage**

A 6-month preparation is required by the Archdiocese. Please call a priest to reserve a date for your wedding.

#### **Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls**

*Please call the Parish Office.*

#### **Priesthood & Deaconate**

Office of Vocations (860) 286-7670

[www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org)

*Please notify us if a family member is hospitalized.*



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Joseph Church is a Catholic Christian community, called by God, baptized in Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit to proclaim God's steadfast love.

As a parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford, we share in the mission of the universal church. Sustained by God's grace, we strive to reflect on the continuing presence of Jesus in the world. Therefore, under the guidance of the Spirit and relying on God's grace, we propose to:

**become** a people sanctified and enlivened by the power of Christ in the liturgy and worship of the Church, especially at the weekly Eucharistic meal, the Mass;

**commit** ourselves to Christian stewardship in all aspects of life;

**recognize** and affirm the gifts of each member while fostering a shared ministry acknowledging that the leadership of the parish is the responsibility of the entire community of faith;

**create** a community of charity based on the gospel imperative to love and care for one another;

**nurture** the gift of faith in the young people of our community;

**seek** and promote justice and peace in all areas of life;

**work** with other Christian churches to promote a spirit of unity in prayer and service.

Mary  
and  
Joseph  
found  
Jesus  
in the temple.



**HOLY FAMILY**

**DECEMBER 28, 2003**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2003**

4:00 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PIROG FAMILY REQ. BY FAMILY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2003**

7:30 AM MICHAEL DOYON REQ. BY FAMILY

9:00 AM TOMMASO DISABATO REQ. BY FAMILY

10:30 AM ESTHER GODREAU - 1<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY - REQ. BY CHILDREN

12:00 N ESTHER RUBIO REQ. BY FAMILY & FRIENDS

1:15 PM PARISH CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2003**

9:00 AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROBBINS/LEVINS FAMILY

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2003**

9:00 AM ISADORE AUBIN REQ. BY WIFE & FAMILY

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2003**

9:00 AM

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2004 - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD ALL MASSES IN CHURCH**

9:00 AM CARL & PEG RIEMER REQ. BY FAMILY

11:00 AM JOSEPH OBADOWSKI REQ. BY HELEN DIGIOVANNA

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2004**

9:00 AM DAVID R. DEWARD REQ. BY MR. & MRS. ALBERT PARENTI & FAMILY

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2004**

8:00 AM

2:45 PM CONFESSIONS

4:00 PM STEPHEN MCCORMICK REQ. BY MARCELLE & CHARLES MCCORMICK

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2004 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30 AM BRUCE L. OUELLETTE REQ. BY MOM & FAMILY

9:00 AM RUDOLPH METHE, SR. REQ. BY DAVID & MARILYN METHE

10:30 AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DENARIS/MOZONSKI FAMILY REQ. BY MRS. JOHN MOZONSKI

12:00 N ANTONIO ULLOA REQ. BY GRECIA ULLOA & TELMO TACURI

7:00 PM VINCE AMBROSETTI CONCERT

Please Pray For.....

### ST. JOSEPH PRAYER LINE

Anyone needing to activate the prayer line or who wishes to join the prayer line, please call the numbers below:

KATHY - 589-3420 8:00AM - 8:00PM

SANDY - 585-1028 - DAYS



PLEASE NOTIFY US...IF A FAMILY MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED, HOMEBOUND OR IN AN AREA NURSING HOME... WE WOULD LOVE TO MINISTER TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS WHO CANNOT COME TO US. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (583-1369) AND LET US KNOW...



### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

THE FIRST READING TODAY PROVIDES A CHALLENGING GUIDELINE FOR THE GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF OUR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS. HOW DO I MEASURE UP?



### FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

TODAY'S GOSPEL CONTAINS A TRUTH ABOUT PARENTING: "BUT HIS PARENTS DID NOT KNOW." ONE OF THE REASONS WHY PARENTING IS SO DIFFICULT IS BECAUSE OUR TEENS DELIBERATELY DON'T TELL US EVERYTHING. IF THE HOLY FAMILY HAD TROUBLE WITH THEIR TEENAGER, WHY DO WE THINK IT WILL BE EASIER FOR US?



### PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP – 2003

Based on our parish budget for 2003, the budget has been set at \$8,200 for the weekend collection. The following figures reflect the first 50 weeks of 2003.

OFFERTORY AS OF:	BUDGET	ACTUAL
12/7/03	\$401,800.	\$393,517.
12/14/03	<u>8,200.</u>	<u>10,334.</u>
YTD	\$410,000.	\$403,851.

BEHIND BUDGETED GOAL: \$ -6,149.00

#### YEAR TO DATE FIGURES:

OFFERTORY INCOME	\$403,851.
GIFTS & BEQUESTS	+ 61,299.

TOTAL INCOME 465,150.

EXPENSES - 520,997.

INCOME VS. EXPENSES \$ - 55,847.

COLLECTION FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> & DECEMBER 28, 2003 ARE NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES.

THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE IN PREPARATION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. A COMPLETE DETAILED REPORT WILL BE MAILED WITH YOUR YEARLY STATEMENTS. THE NEW BUDGET AMOUNT WILL BE PROJECTED AND NEW FIGURES WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

#### Parish Outreach

##### PRISON MINISTRY

FR. ROBERT VILLA WOULD LIKE TO START A "PRISON MINISTRY" AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH. ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS AREA PLEASE CALL THE PARISH CENTER AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. OR YOU CAN FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE, DROP IT OFF, OR PLACE IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET ON SUNDAY.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DAY TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EVENINGS \_\_\_\_\_



THE JANUARY MEALS FOR THE NEEDY DRIVE WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 3-4, 2004.



### OUR LADY'S VIGIL

WE TURN TO YOU FOR PROTECTION, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. LISTEN TO OUR PRAYERS AND HELP US IN OUR NEEDS. SAVE US FROM EVERY DANGER, GLORIOUS AND BLESSED VIRGIN.

DECEMBER 1-31 – SAFE TRAVEL FOR ALL TRAVELERS  
DECEMBER 30 – SAFE TRAVEL REQ. BY ELEANOR WILSON

LIST INTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE/S REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # OF NIGHTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DONATION, \$2.00 PER NIGHT, PER INTENTION  
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PERMISSION TO PUBLISH IN THE BULLETIN: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_



#### WE NEED YOU!

"Meals for the Needy" needs someone to head up a team on the first Tuesday of every other month at Zion Lutheran. If you can help, please call Kathie – 583-4899.

#### A VERY SPECIAL Need

THE GREATER BRISTOL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING DONATIONS OF FOUR-DRAWER FILE CABINETS TO STORE PATIENT RECORDS IN THEIR MALTBY STREET HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE CONTACT ANNE DOLSON AT 583-1644 IF YOU HAVE ANY CABINETS THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO DISCARD. THANK YOU!



### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

#### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Your investment in our Catholic High Schools will help ensure faith-filled leadership for our Church and our Country as our Youth prepare for the challenges of this 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The second collection, which will be taken on Sunday, January 18, 2004, will benefit St. Paul Catholic High School. Please be generous. Your support is important. Your gift does make a difference.

#### GET MOVING WITH ARTHRITIS WORKSHOP ST. ANN'S CHURCH, JANUARY 9, 2004 -11-1 PM

FIND OUT HOW TO GET AND KEEP MOVING WITH ARTHRITIS AT A FREE, INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP. ST. ANN'S CHURCH WILL JOIN WITH HEALTH MINISTRIES FROM OTHER AREA CHURCHES TO HOST A FREE INTERACTIVE SEMINAR ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2004, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE AN OVERVIEW OF ARTHRITIS, TYPES AND TREATMENTS, AND FUN DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE EXERCISE CLASSES. PLEASE BRING A BAG LUNCH. BEVERAGE AND DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION, 1-800-541-8350.



**COME SHARE OUR TRADITION...**

BY TRADITION HISPANICS CELEBRATE 3 KINGS DAY. PART OF THE CELEBRATION WILL BE TO DISPLAY AS MANY NATIVITY SETS AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL TO SEE. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GUILD HALL ON JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> AFTER ALL THE MASSES. WE WELCOME YOU TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE NATIVITY OR CRECHE TO PUT ON DISPLAY. IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION ON BRINGING YOUR NATIVITY SET PLEASE CONTACT KIM IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (582-2888). THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW AND APPRECIATE DIFFERENT CULTURES. COME SHARE THIS SPECIAL DAY AS OUR YOUTH HOST A SPECIAL HOSPITALITY.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2003**  
1:15 PM – PARISH CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM, CH  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2003**  
NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS VACATION  
NO CHILDREN'S BEGINNER BELLS  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2003**  
NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS VACATION  
NO YOUTH BELLS  
NO CHILDRENS VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL  
NO YOUTH VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL  
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES  
NO ADULT VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL  
NO ADULT BEGINNER BELLS REHEARSAL  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2003**  
NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS VACATION  
NO BINGO  
8:00 PM – HISPANIC NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION, GH  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2004**  
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED  
NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS VACATION  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2004**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2004**  
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES  
NO ATRIUM CLASSES  
8:00 PM – AA MTG., PC  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2004**  
HOSPITALITY- 3 KINGS DAY NATIVITY DISPLAY, GH  
4:00-6:00 PM – MINISTRY APPRECIATION, GH  
7:00 PM – VINCE AMBROSETTI CONCERT, CH

THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> IN CELEBRATION OF THE HOLIDAY. REGULAR HOURS WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY.



**Reflections**  
**OUR VIRTUES**

**HOLY FAMILY**

**DECEMBER 28, 2003**

"Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love ... which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Christ's peace must reign in your hearts ... for you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness..."

We all belong to families. Some by blood, some by marriage, some by faith. Our lives are marked by faith, family and friends. St. Paul offers us a broad menu of virtues which help solidify life in our family. From this extensive list, we are able to select one or two which perhaps are our strongest gifts. Perhaps one or another is lacking and we can make some effort to grow in our Christian lives. Sometimes we admire the presence of these gifts in the lives of others, as the commitment of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, the prophetic voice of an Oscar Romero, or the gentle word of a kindly nurse or doctor. As Jesus progressed in wisdom, age and grace before God and others, so we too can and must grow.

On this last weekend of the calendar year, it might be well to ask if I have grown closer to the Lord during 2003. Which virtue of gift best describes my person? Who in our family best exemplify these virtues? What steps do we plan to take in the new year to continue our growth in the Christian life?

Paul offers a wonderful foundation for us to enter a new year of grace.

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## MINISTRY APPRECIATION RESCHEDULED

Ministry Appreciation has been re-scheduled for Sunday, January 4, 2004 – Epiphany – from 4-6pm. If you received an invitation already, please call the Parish Office and RSVP for this new date. For those of you who could not attend the first gathering, perhaps this date will work out better.

Since we will **NEED** a count for the caterer an **RSVP** is absolutely necessary. Please call 583-1369 days till 4PM or after 4PM call 583-0733 **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 30, 2003.**

♪♪♪ Concert ♪♪♪

### Vince Ambrosetti Concert

Following our gathering for those in Stewardship, we are pleased to announce that Vince Ambrosetti has arranged to come and hold a concert in the church at 7pm that same evening. The concert will be open to everyone! So pass the word.

This will be a very enjoyable way to celebrate the Epiphany, each other, the New Year, and the gift of sacred music.

**Be sure to bring a friend!**

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

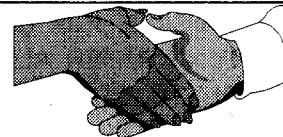
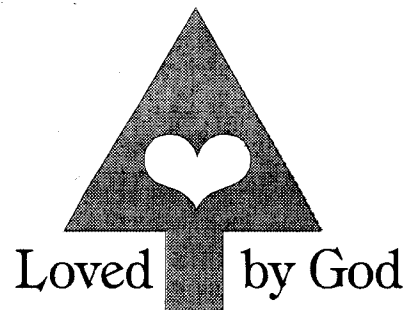
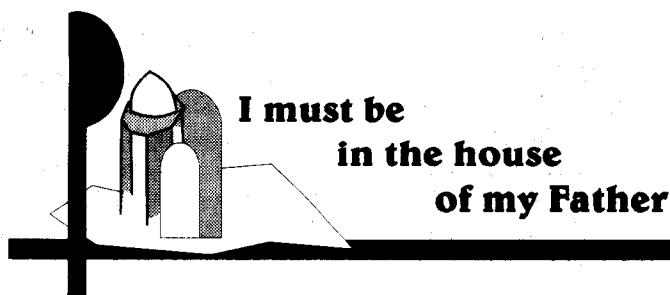
WHAT IF, THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH WAS CLOSED BECAUSE WE DID NOT OPEN THE DOOR OF OUR HEARTS?

### STRESS OF BEING A CAREGIVER

[www.caregiver.com](http://www.caregiver.com) WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR CAREGIVERS AS WELL AS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

### **Bingo** ♦♦♦♦ **Bingo**

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!! THE 'BEST' BINGO BENEFITTING ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, IS HELD IN THE GUILD HALL ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, WITH DOORS OPENING AT 5:00 PM AND GAMES STARTING AT 6:45 PM. COME AND JOIN THE FUN AND REMEMBER TO BRING A FRIEND!



### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL THANKS YOU!

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE 2003 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. THIS YEAR WE "GATHERED IN FAITH" NOT AS BYSTANDERS BUT AS COLLABORATORS SOME 50,000 STRONG. TOGETHER OUR GIFTS MADE A DIFFERENCE TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVED BY THE AGENCIES, OFFICES AND MINISTRIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD. TWENTY-FIVE ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES AND 185 LOCAL CHARITIES WERE AMONG THIS YEAR'S BENEFICIARIES OF YOUR CHARITY.

YOU CAN HELP INCREASE AWARENESS BY SHARING NEWS OF THE TREMENDOUS GOOD THAT THE APPEAL ACCOMPLISHES YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO SUPPORT THE 2004 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL, WHICH BEGINS IN MARCH.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING EVEN MORE PEOPLE THROUGH A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT IN THE NEW YEAR.

## REACHING OUT

PLEASE JOIN US THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 10-11, 2004 TO HEAR REV. DAVID L. DELICH, O.P. SPEAK AT ALL THE LITURGIES ABOUT A MINISTRY PROVIDING DIRECT RELIEF TO THE POOR THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

FATHER DELICH WILL SHARE WHAT HE HAS WITNESSED ABOUT FOOD FOR THE POOR'S MISSION TO CARE FOR THE DESTITUTE AS A MEANS OF LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL MANDATE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

FATHER DELICH WAS ORDAINED FOR THE ORDER OF PREACHERS, THE DOMINICANS, IN 1963. HE HAS SPENT MANY YEARS AS CHAPLAIN IN HOSPITALS AND PRISONS.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING FATHER DELICH.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS SHARING THE LITURGY WITH US. MAY YOU FEEL CHRIST'S PEACE AND LOVE.