



ST. JOSEPH PARISH
7 Locust Street, Carteret, NJ 07008

21 January, 2024

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings on the Respect Life Weekend and congratulations to Carolina Gonzalez, wife of Deacon Vidal Gonzalez who has received, on behalf of the parish, the Pro-Life Witness Medal for 2024. Carolina is a dedicated voice on behalf of the unborn and supports the moments of prayer and advocacy with our 'Life Chain' activity, the 'March for Life' in Washington, DC and the coordination of outreach for expectant mothers in need.

Many thanks to all who were able to join our bishop this past week as he prayed the rosary outside an abortion clinic in the Woodbridge area. May our prayers and efforts continue to change hearts and unjust laws as we speak and commit to care for the most defenseless.

Catholic Schools' Week will be celebrated at our 10:30 a.m. parish Mass on Sunday, January 28 with our students participating in the different ministries. We celebrate our wonderful School Mission. Please see the listing of the week's activities from January 28 - February 2.

Please find a summary of our financial report from the 2022/2023 fiscal year which was submitted to our diocese. May the Lord bless each and every one of you for your sacrificial giving and continued generosity. At this time of year, please give yourself enough time to contact our parish office if you need a copy of your past year's donations for tax filing.

Finally, we will be blessing throats with the prayer of St. Blasé and the candles from Candlemas Day at all Masses on the weekend of February 3 and 4.

In the Lord,

Msgr. John