

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

17 March, 2024

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings on this Fifth Sunday of Lent and St. Patrick's Day!

We ask for continued readiness as Holy Week approaches. Please see below the schedule of parish services to be held beginning March 23/24.

This Friday, our youth will sponsor the Way of Cross in English and Spanish beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church. On Monday, March 25, our school children will present Mary's Way of the Cross, live Stations of the Cross seen through the eyes of our Blessed Mother. The presentation will start at 10:00 a.m. in the back parking lot of the school processing around the school building and ending on the stage of the school gym. All are invited.

As we anticipate Holy Week 2024, please remember the annual Good Friday collection. This is the only worldwide offering on behalf of the holy sites in and around Jerusalem including Bethlehem and Nazareth. Without this support, many of the holiest shrines where Our Lord was born, grew, lived, died and rose would be inaccessible because of disrepair. God Bless you for your thoughtfulness this Good Friday.

Please pray for Dany Navas and Osman Navas who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30. They are truly excited and strengthened by our prayers as Holy Week approaches. Thank you to Ivis Rosa, our RCIA directress, and to the godparents of our catechumens.

Please remember that our Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service and Easter Vigil Mass will be bi-lingual since only one service or Mass is celebrated on each of these special days.

God Bless you all!

Msgr. John