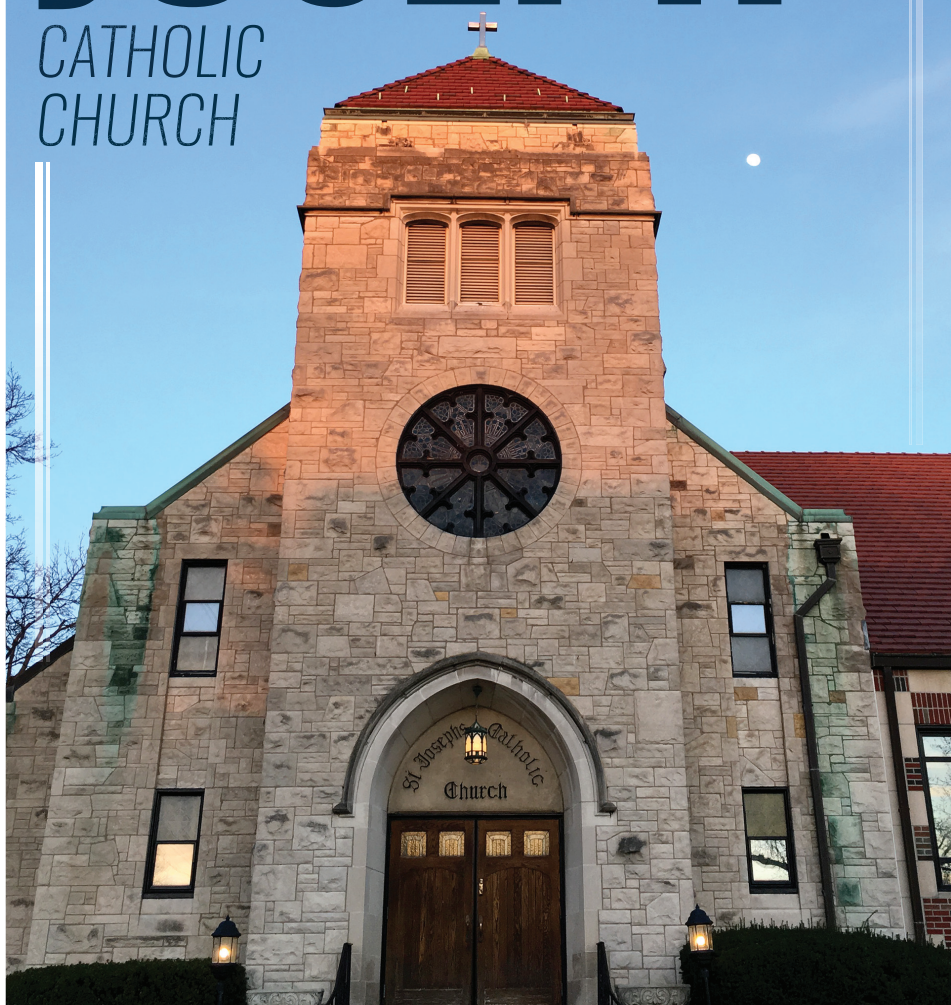


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This parish guide book and directory is a marvelous way to fulfill the parish mission statement of St. Joseph Parish:

“to live and share the teachings and ministry of Jesus Christ.

*Through worship, education, and service,
we strive to build a stronger sense of community
among ourselves and others.”*

As we come together in worship, let us come to know each other a little better. In doing so we share in the ministry of Jesus Christ by building a stronger sense of community among ourselves and ultimately with others. We hope this directory will help us all in achieving that end.

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St. Teresa of Calcutta

Schedule of Services

Weekend Masses:

Saturday evening	4:30 P.M.
Sunday	8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon
Daily Mass	8:30 A.M. Tuesday and Friday 8:30 A.M. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday - St. Timothy Parish

Holy Day Masses: To Be Determined - Watch for information in
"The Vigil," on the Website, and our Parish App.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 P.M.

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesdays after the 8:30 A.M. Mass

Divine Mercy: Mondays 3:00 P.M., Rosary immediately following

New Parishioners: To register in the Parish, please stop by the Parish
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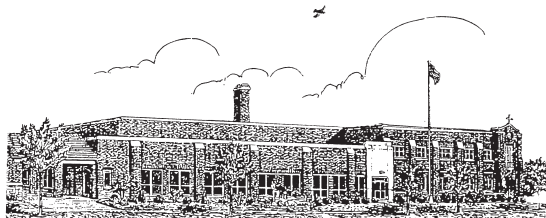
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St. Joseph Parish School Philosophy

The primary purpose of the existence of St. Joseph Parish School is to help facilitate the parents in providing a Christian faith-community for their children. The school strives to maintain academic excellence in all areas while it upholds an atmosphere centered in the person of Christ and His teachings.

The administrator and faculty of St. Joseph Parish School believe that each child is a unique individual who learns most effectively through the whole person: intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, socially and physically.

Through the combined efforts of the Church, the school, and the home, each child will have the opportunity to be prepared for future challenges. This preparation will lead to personal success and fulfillment as a mature Christian, aware of basic principles and prepared to accept adult responsibility.

It is our conviction that true education focuses on the formation of the human person in pursuit of his/her ultimate purpose.

School Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish School Community is dedicated to Faith, Academics, Service, and Catholic traditions. (We are F.A.S.T.!)

Student Creed

As a St. Joseph Student I will:

- have a positive Christian attitude; always work to my full potential; participate in my Church
- have a positive self-image, be a peace maker and help others.

Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation Programs provide ongoing formation and sacramental preparation for Adults, Teens, and Children. Using Archdiocesan-approved materials and well-prepared Catechists, we strive to offer the best in contemporary catechesis and sacrament preparation. Parents and Sponsors are assisted in their task of preparing their children to celebrate sacraments through meetings and retreats for each sacrament.

Dennae Petrlich Cataldo - Director; Mary Lazuka - Administrative Assistant

Current sessions for children are held on Monday and Tuesday evenings as space allows.

Catechists and Assistants:

Mondays grades K-8 from 6:30-7:45 P.M.

K Jennifer Pope, Terri Rozewicz

1st Misty Karn, Laurie Mosley, Carolyn Gray

2nd Lori McMillan, Jennifer Johnson, Jenny Valdez

3rd Jen Kwasniak, Jacob Wasztyl, Nicole Raftery

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7th Renee Kuzava, Chris Toth, Cary Bialy

8th Dennae Petrlich Cataldo, Kellie Sinclair

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Catechists and Assistants

Tuesdays grades K-8 from 5:30-6:45 P.M.

K Catherine Kowalczyk

1st Anne Lazuka, Amie Kellogg, Jeanette Trossell

2nd Mary Cahalan, Laurie Weber, Gerri Ferraivolo

3rd Chris Rutkey, Patty Deacon

4th Mary Parrino, Sharon McFarland

5th Elisabeth O'Neill, Laura Machlik, Loriann Smolarz

6th Pat Deak, Sean Laney, Catherine Hyde

7th Juanita de la Fuente, Katie Raspbury

8th Dennae Petrlich Cataldo, Judy Herman, Monica Tomov

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Mondays

Summer Karn

Darek Laginess

Kelly Peitrowski

Tuesdays

Jason Davis

Breanna McFarland

Hailey McFarland

Ian McFarland

Jordan Orr

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Activities, Happenings, Opportunities

All Saints Soup Kitchen: Six times per year lunch is served at All Saints Parish in Southwest Detroit. Volunteers do one or two of the following: provide a dessert, milk, or bread; cook, serve or make monetary donations to pay for the meat and vegetables.

Catechists & Assistants: Adults and high school students, male & female, to teach and assist with weekly religious instruction.

Christs' Cleaners: Clean church on Monday mornings - once a month rotation of five teams.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

***Eucharistic Ministers:** Confirmed youth thru adult who distribute Eucharist at Mass. Training is provided.

***Lectors:** Confirmed youth thru adults who proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Training is provided.

***Altar Servers:** Young people, grade four thru High School who prepare the altar and serve at Mass. Training is provided.

***Coordinators:** Coordinate ministers and prepare vessels for Mass. Training is available.

***Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:** Adults who take the Eucharist to private homes and Nursing Care facilities.

CHOIR

***Adult Choir:** The Adult Choir sings weekly at the 10:00 A.M. Mass and at other special occasions. Weekly rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The choir sings from September to Mother's Day. All members must be at least college age.

***School Choir:** is open to all St. Joseph School Students between grades three thru eight. Practices are held on Wednesdays at Noon. School choir sings at all School Masses throughout the year.

***Cantors:** Singers who lead the congregation in song. Cantor practices are held on Wednesdays from 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Experienced singers of any age may join.

***Instrumentalists:** People with experience in playing musical instruments of any kind are welcome to help accompany the music at Liturgies.

Scouting: Scouting opportunities available for boys and girls.

Ushers: Junior High thru adults, male or female, who provide hospitality to parishioners at Mass. Training available.

Walk His Way: A program designed to bring participants together in prayer, exercise and friendship. This seasonal activity is held every Wednesday, weather permitting, from June thru September at Elizabeth Park. Participants meet at the shelter building (river side) at 7:00 P.M. for opening prayer. Then all are encouraged to walk, jog, skate, etc. at their own pace. At 8:00 P.M. all meet back at the shelter building for closing prayer.

Wedding Coordinators: Coordinate wedding rehearsals and service. Training available.

COMMITTEES: Art & Environment, School Carnival Committee, School Fish Fry Committee.

Organizations

Athletic Club: CYO...a part of your life...all your life. The Athletic Club provides the financial means necessary to support the interscholastic CYO Athletic Programs of St. Joseph Parish, grades 5 through 8, and provides support that is feasible for intramural programs. Sports provided for both boys and girls are Volleyball, Cross-Country, Basketball, Softball, and Baseball. New members to the Athletic Club are always welcome. The Club meets the first Monday of each month in the Church Basement.

Senior Moments: This group meets whenever we feel like it! The various social activities, including breakfast or lunch, surprise events, and just getting together because “we enjoy one another’s company,” makes this fun and exciting senior citizens group extraordinary. All seniors are welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul: “Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things” is the motto of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Through donations received from parishioners, our St. Joseph Conference helps people in need with rent, utilities, transportation, food and clothing assistance. Activities include: home visits, two St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drives each year, distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets and promotion of the St. Vincent de Paul Summer Camp Programs. Meetings are usually held monthly.

Women's Guild: The Women's Guild is a Parish organization formed to promote faith, spiritual strength, service and support among St. Joseph Parishioners. The Women's Guild cooperates with St. Joseph's five Commissions (Faith Formation, School, Christian Service, Stewardship, & Worship) by supporting their efforts and affirming the spirit of unity among all parish leadership organizations. The Guild serves on the Christian Service Commission by attending their meetings and updating them on activities being planned by the Guild to promote hospitality, community and outreach within our Church. This past December 2018, the Women's Guild celebrated their 100th anniversary. We as a parish have much to be thankful for because of their service.

Parish Pastoral Council

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to foster the formation and growth of a Christian Community and enable God's people to define and express their temporal and spiritual needs. The Parish Pastoral Council oversees the vision and direction of the entire Parish and encourages wide and diverse participation from the members of the Parish community.

The Parish Pastoral Council affirms the importance of Faith Formation, School, Christian Service, Stewardship, and Worship. Its primary task is consultative and its focus broad based. It is understood that the Parish Pastoral Council is not intended to act as an administrative body involved with the day-to-day decisions required for the efficient operation of the Parish.

The Parish Council's focus is to promote evangelization, especially through the directives in the Archbishop's letter, "Unleash the Gospel".

Faith Formation Commission

Faith Formation Commission exists to promote lifelong faith formation for all parishioners. While addressing the needs of all parishioners, each year a different group is targeted for special focus and service. The commission meets monthly to plan, coordinate, and evaluate programs and events fostering faith formation.

School Advisory Commission

Our Mission is to implement our philosophy by: promoting positive Christian attitudes and values that will enable the students to make ethical choices; providing the student with a diversified curriculum that strives to enhance each child's innate potential; preparing students for active participation in the life of the Church; developing a positive self-image in each student; and instructing and motivating students to pursue peace and social justice in their community.

Christian Service Commission

The Commission exists to enable St. Joseph Parish to put the Social Teaching of the Church into action. The Commission promotes Peace & Justice, Pro-Life Issues, and Service to the Poor, political advocacy and stewardship of God's Creation. The Commission empowers parishioners to respond to individual needs and to address local community issues.

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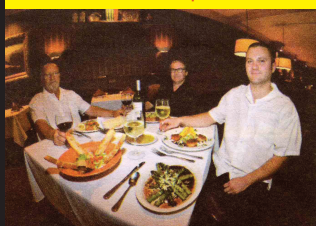
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Worship Commission

The primary purpose of the Worship Commission is to provide leadership in the areas of liturgy and ecumenism. This includes responsibility for administration, worship, and education.

Finance Council

The Finance Council is a service group to the Parish Pastoral Council, and to other Commissions of the Council. The Council plans, recommends, and, with Council approval, implements actions on Parish financial support, and the effective management and use of Parish resources. These resources include parishioners' time, talent, and treasure.

The Finance Council is concerned with three broad areas:

1) the effective utilization of Parish resources; 2) the budget; 3) total Christian Stewardship Program: Time, Talent, Treasure, and C.S.A.

Art & Environment

The Altar is the table of the Lord. The altar is the place where we gather together as a community to remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and His paschal meal with His disciples on the night before He died.

The Altar is the very center of the worship experience. It may be made of stone or any other skillfully constructed material. The reverence we normally show to the Altar is a bow from the waist. The priest kisses the altar as a further act of reverence for Christ who is the center of our lives. Our Altar has a cruciform shaped insert in the top of the table in which are placed the relics of St. Augustine, Bishop and doctor of the church and founder of community life, St. Catherine of Siena, a Dominican sister Tertiary (3rd Order) and doctor of the Church, St. Benedict, abbot and founder of Western monasticism, and St. Joseph Cottolengo, a worker of the poor and needy. Relics are placed in the altar to further emphasize our spiritual connection with all the saints who worship the Lord in union with us.

The four sides of the Altar are also decorated with the Eucharistic symbols of wheat and grapes.

Ambo

The central focus of the area in which the word of God is proclaimed during the liturgy is the *ambo*. The design of the ambo and its prominent placement reflects the dignity and nobility of that saving word and draws the attention of those present to the proclamation of the word. Here the Christian community encounters the living Lord in the word of God and prepares itself for the "breaking of the bread" and the mission to live the word that will be proclaimed. An ample area around the ambo is needed to allow a Gospel procession with a full complement of ministers bearing candles and incense.

The *Introduction to the Lectionary* recommends that the design of altar and ambo bear a “harmonious and close relationship” to one another in order to emphasize the close relationship between word and Eucharist. Since many people share in the ministry of the word, the ambo should be accessible to everyone, including those with physical disabilities.

Our reverence for the word of God is expressed not only in an attentive listening to and reflection upon the Scripture, but also by the way we handle and treat the Book of the Gospels. The ambo can be designed not only for reading and preaching, but also for displaying the open Book of the Gospels or a copy of the Scriptures before and after the liturgical celebration.

Presiders’ Chair

The Presiders’ chair should be so placed to express the priest’s office of presiding over the assembly and leading all gathered in prayer.

The Presiders’ chair faces the people and is usually at the rear of the Sanctuary area. The Presiders’ chair is to be substantial but is not to resemble a throne.

Our Presiders’ chair is crafted of oak and is in harmony with the other beautiful Sanctuary furnishings.

Sanctuary Area

The Sanctuary Area has a large artistic rendering by sculptor Anthony Bellomo of the Resurrected Christ supported by God the Father and the Holy Spirit, which are symbolized by wind (the creative power of God) and fire (a fire to warm and nurture our hearts).

This impressive sculpture, made in three layers, has as its first layer many wooden crosses, symbolizing the crosses of difficulty, pain and illusion which we carry in life and bring to every worship experience. A new processional cross is also incorporated in this design. The inclusion of faceted glass, formed from the fire of earth, is also part of this artistic rendering, creating an impression of a jeweled cross which serves to glorify our Savior, the Lord of the Resurrection.

Carved of fine woods, this dramatically beautiful sculpture helps to unify the focus of the church’s artwork and furnishings by drawing our attention to the Sanctuary area. The artist conveys for us a tempest of glory - the power of the Father and the Spirit in union with Christ and our humble crosses are joined together in the hope of our glorious resurrection.

The painted Crucifix scene in our chapel of reservation and the Resurrected Christ in the Sanctuary artistically display the wonder of the Paschal Mystery for all to see.

Stations of the Cross

All through the Church and Gathering Space, efforts have been made to preserve the beauty and the quality of the traditional art forms of St. Joseph Church. The original Czechoslovakian-made Stations of the Cross are placed on the walls to aid in our devotional prayer.

The Grotto

The Grotto recalls the Grotto of Lourdes where our blessed Mother revealed herself to St. Bernadette. It contains a special stained glass window symbolizing the Incarnation. The area provides a setting for individual meditation and prayer to our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Reconciliation Chapel

This is a prime example of the revision of the manner in which sacraments are celebrated following the recommendations of the Vatican II Council. The Reconciliation Chapel brings the concept of seeing Christ face-to-face into focus by providing an area for a peaceful and loving encounter with the Lord who continually offers us forgiveness.

A beautiful screen depicting the “*The Pardon of the Sinful Woman*” (Luke 7:36-50) becomes the theme of the chapel, emphasizing the boundless mercy of our loving Lord who welcomes all to him. Penitents may opt to kneel outside the screen in order to receive the sacrament anonymously, or sit with Father on the reverse side for a more personal encounter.

Ambry

Since the earliest days of the Church, oil has been used as a symbol of healing, commissioning and strengthening. The three oils are used to assist those on the long journey of preparation for Baptism, those facing surgery or serious illness, and those who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. We receive these oils each year from the bishop, and their presence in the Church reminds us of our connection to the larger archdiocese.

The ambry is the vessel that holds the three Holy Oils used in the life of the Church. Our Ambry is especially designed to hold three hand-blown glass containers. It is mounted on the outside wall of the Reconciliation Chapel.

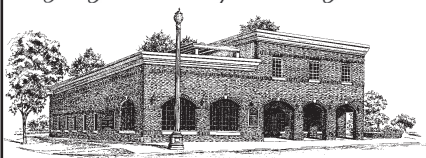
Unity Cross

Our Unity Cross, next to the Reconciliation Chapel, was introduced in September of 2014. It is a constant reminder of the strength, hopes, and belief in the power of prayer demonstrated by the spiritual community at St. Joseph. Each personally decorated tile (by parishioners, family, and friends) on the cross represents a special prayer intention.



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St. Peregrine Window

In the southwest entry, is a stained glass window dedicated to St. Peregrine, the patron of cancer patients.

Baptismal Font

Another Sacrament to experience a change of focus and direction since Vatican II is the Sacrament of Baptism. Going back to its earliest beginnings, the Church sees the importance of using the symbol of the flowing waters of new life. Baptismal Fonts are to be made to allow for total immersion of infants and the pouring of water over an adult catechumen.

Our Baptismal Font is designed so as to allow for these options. The upper part of the font is constructed for immersion of infants. This water will also flow down from the upper to the lower font, which is designated as a pool for adult baptism. The choice of muted tile and marble harmonizes well with the overall coloration of the Church and its environment.

Gathering Area

The Holy Family sculpture causes us to reflect upon the great lives of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. In the sculpture, Mary rests her hand on Joseph's shoulder as Joseph teaches his son the family trade. This sculpture also connects our own hardworking parishioners with St. Joseph's skilled workmanship. It's location near the main entrance into the church reminds us that we are all to strive to live our lives in the model of the Holy Family.

Brick Garden and Holy Family

Our Brick Garden and Holy Family are located outside in front of the Activity Center hallway. The idea of the garden began in 1999, our parish's sesquicentennial anniversary. The actual installation was in 2000. Whether in death, for the living, thanksgiving, or an accomplishment, the brick garden is a very spiritual way to honor and memorialize a loved one.

History of Our Parish

The people of St. Joseph Parish trudged to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Ecorse in order to fulfill their obligation of attending Mass on Sunday. Recognizing their need to worship in their own community, Reverend Charles DePrieter established a station in 1849 and began celebrating Mass in Trenton on a monthly basis. In the beginning, Masses, baptisms, funerals and weddings were celebrated in private homes. His responsibilities also included attending to the spiritual needs of the residents of Grosse Ile.

When John & Fannie Keith deeded property to the Diocese in 1873, Father De Bever built a church, allowing the status of the community to be elevated to that of a Mission. As a succession of priests ministered to the people of St. Joseph Mission, a small home was built, providing a refuge for the weekend visits.

Finally in 1895, Rev. James Cahalan was appointed as the first resident pastor and the Trenton Mission became St. Joseph Parish.

Early 1900 saw men of the parish and newly appointed pastor, Father Command donning overalls and scouring the countryside, gathering, cutting and sizing fieldstone and arranging it into a new parsonage.

By 1930, the church was badly in need of repairs. During Father Timothy Bourke's tenure, a new edifice of Indiana Limestone replaced the board and batten church.

Father Brennan expended his energies towards eliminating the church mortgage. IHM sisters began teaching catechism classes and Dominican nuns from Adrian conducted summer school.

Father Heenan worked towards raising funds to build a new school. Father Eppenbrock was responsible for bringing this dream of a parish school to fruition in 1949. He later built a convent to house the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who came to teach the children.

In 1965, a much-loved former assistant, Father Walter Bracken returned to St. Joseph's Parish. This time, he had been appointed to serve as Pastor. The seeds for the 1998-building program were planted. He involved parishioners, children as well as adults, in several Ecumenical programs.

Rev. Leonard Wallace served as pastor from 1979-1996 and promoted a deep devotion to our Blessed Mother, Mary, which continues to the present time. In 1996, Father Jim Vedro, OSC a newly appointed pastor, recognized the substantial maintenance needs, the constraints of the seating capacity of the church, and parishioner frustration stemming from the lack of a Parish Activity Center, gymnasium and cafeteria. Following the organization of a Building Maintenance Committee and their assessment of the physical plant and parish needs, an ambitious building program was undertaken. A short one and a half years later, the parish boasted a beautifully renovated church, artfully blending the old and the new, a kindergarten and computer lab addition to the school and a Parish Activity Center including a dining room and gym. All facilities are now handicap accessible.

On July 1, 2002, Rev. Steven Wertanen arrived at St. Joseph Parish. Fr. Steve grew up in Trenton and attended St. Joseph School, where Fr. Bracken was his mentor. To the delight of our parishioners, he returned to be our 12th pastor. He initiated "Community Building" events for our Parish Family, inspiring the involvement of our parishioners. Fr. Steve completed his assignment as a first time pastor and proceeded to other challenges at a clustered parish situation.

Fr. Bradley Forintos served as pastor from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2018. Having both lived and grown-up Downriver, as well as having taught for Catholic schools in the community, he returned to familiar surroundings.

On July 1, 2018, Rev. Stephen Rooney became the 14th pastor of St. Joseph Church. He is a man with a history of strong leadership skills. With his no nonsense attitude he has made quick work of cleaning out the clutter around the parish and school. His devotion to the Blessed Mother is evident and he encourages all families to ask her to intercede on their behalf. He brings a wee bit of Irish faith to our Trenton church and has been warmly welcomed by the parish.