



## Feast of St Joseph

It was a great weekend, thanks for everyone's help!

The decorating started on Saturday morning and was completed before the 5 pm Mass. Father Pat blessed the upstairs altar and Father Keith blessed the downstairs altar. The petition cards were filled out by mass goers and by the Trinity East and West kids that came

for 9:30 Mass on Monday St Josephs feast day. We had a basket for donations to the Amen Food pantry as well.

There was plenty of treats and food, from smoked salmon to shrimp, crab salad, eggs, kuchen and every kind of cookie and sweets you can imagine. Delia took donations to Angel 37 and the group home (leftovers from the parish's donations) we also made 15 homebound plates that the Eucharistic Ministers took with them Sunday morning to distribute.

I will have a bulletin insert coming up with names and numbers of who donated food items.

It was a great site to see all the children participate and be in the church.

In the picture that is at the end of the church (of the statue and tools and angel on the table) the reader read the following as the kids brought up the pieces.

*"Welcome to St. Joseph's for our parish feast day. As we begin our celebration, students will carry forward some things which remind us of the life of St. Joseph. First: the walking staff and a lily. These remind us of the story of St. Joseph's engagement to Mary. When he left the staff in the*

temple it grew a lily to show that God had chosen St. Joseph to be the Blessed Virgin Mary's husband. The lily also shows purity which Mary and Joseph kept their whole life.

Next we bring a statue of an angel. The angel spoke to Joseph 2 times, first to tell that Jesus was God's son and then to tell him to flee to Egypt with Mary and baby Jesus when King Herod killed the children in Bethlehem. Angels are God's messengers and Joseph always obeyed God.

Then we bring the tools for working with wood. St. Joseph was a carpenter and Jesus was known as a carpenter's son, which means that he learned from his father how to be a carpenter. These tools also remind us that Jesus has saved us by his death on the wood of the cross.

Finally we bring us the statue of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, the foster father of our Lord, the patron saint of workers and the church, and the patron of this parish.

Father in his homily, explained the stories behind the front two stained glass windows and told the children how much God loves them. He explained how St. Joseph listened to God and the Angels and did what was he was told whether he stayed where he was or went out to protect the child Jesus.

Father said that God speaks to all of us through our parents and teachers and that we should always listen. Father told the children to go and help others that they see need help, even in the little ways. He told them they need prayer and silence in their lives, so they can hear what God is saying to them and Joseph teaches us that. He is a good example."

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