

## ***Men of Saint Joseph's Ministry***

The Good Shepherd Men's Fellowship Ministry has been active in Good Shepherd parish for years. This year is a special year to the men of the ministry: ***The Year of Saint Joseph***. When Pope Francis announced this year as the ***Year of Saint Joseph*** there was an awakening to the greatness of our Most Blessed Saint Joseph by the men of this ministry. After receiving counsel from Reverend Father Thomas Doyle and Robert Ruggiero we have decided to honor this great saint in his year by renaming our Men's Ministry to ***The Men of Saint Joseph's Ministry***.

***The Men of Saint Joseph's Ministry*** is a fraternity of Catholic men in Brooklyn that are dedicated to being the spiritual leaders of our community, church, and family while striving to exemplify the character and qualities of Most Blessed Saint Joseph our Spiritual Father. This ministry is a gathering of men to discuss their lives in the light of their Catholic faith and to share their faith and experiences through friendship, prayer, and fraternity.

The group's overall goal is to support, affirm, and share insights about the difficulties men encounter in both their homes and work lives while seeking God's help in dealing with the issues they confront every day in a non-judgmental and supportive environment. Members strive to reinforce Christian values, as exemplified by Most Blessed Saint Joseph our Spiritual Father reach out to share those values with others in the group, and support other men who are struggling to do the same.

We meet weekly on Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. for about two hours to pray, socialize; discuss our faith and the issues that we are grappling with in our lives. Meetings, while centered on Catholic faith, provide activities of interest to the members both during the meetings and outside activities as well. We welcome all men throughout Brooklyn to join us in our regular meetings and becomes the sons of Most Blessed Saint Joseph our Spiritual Father.

Due to the pandemic and restricted access to church and catholic school spaces all our meetings are currently online using ZOOM.

For more information or if you would like to join this ministry please contact the Secretary of the Ministry, Dennis Waszak at [MenofStJosephBklyn@gmail.com](mailto:MenofStJosephBklyn@gmail.com). Please provide contact information: Name, Email address, cell phone #, home address.



***"St. Joseph, help us to be like you. Help us to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help us to patiently endure our cross each day. Let us be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. We solemnly promise to embrace God's will and we accept the challenge to work tirelessly for our family's salvation. Be our guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, Terror of demons, pray for us."***