

# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

973-383-1985



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### Weekdays

Monday-Friday at 12:05pm

### Weekends

Saturday (*Sunday Vigil*) at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:30am

## CONFESSION

Saturday at 4:00-4:30pm  
(*or by appointment*)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 9/26</b>	5:00pm	Potenza Casella Carmela & Salvator Giacino
<b>Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00am	<i>Intentions of Father Michael Davitti (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</i>
<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:30am	Robert Morsell Barbara Farren
	11:30am	Giovannina Fiore <i>Intentions of the Police</i>
<b>Monday 9/28</b>	12:05pm	Francis Alonso
<b>Tuesday 9/29</b>	12:05pm	Deceased Members of the Hayek Family
<b>Wednesday 9/30</b>	12:05pm	Andrew George Major, Jr.
<b>Thursday 10/1</b>	12:05pm	Joan Dooney
<b>Friday 10/2</b>	12:05pm	Joshua Thomas & Tammi Torres
<b>Saturday 10/3</b>	5:00pm	Frank & Jean Zoch Barbara Hamilton
<b>Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00am	Phillip Thomas Graham Father Benedict Groeschel
<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:30am	Marsha Glowatski Trina Weltner
	11:30am	Francis & Stella Covell Ann & Joseph Plevyak

## WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle as a reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, burns this week in loving memory of:

*Victor Pallante*

And the hosts and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, were given in loving memory of:



*Rosemary Woodring*

*May they now be resting in the peace of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!*

## "OREMUS PRO INVICEM"



**We pray for all those who are in need of the Lord's healing presence:**

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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Daily Mass:** Monday-Friday at 12:05pm

**Confession:** Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm

**Parish Offices:** M-TH (9:00am-5:00pm)

*Friday (9:00am-12Noon)*

**Adoration:** Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(12:35-3:00pm)

**Faith Formation:** Monday at 4:05pm.

## WEEKEND DONATIONS

**September 20, 2020**

Collection \$5,541  
Online Giving \$1,496

**Total: \$7,037**

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## FOOD PANTRY

*Saint Mother Teresa  
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*"I know God won't give me anything I can't handle.  
I just wish He didn't trust me so much."*

**We are in need of your help!** As you may know, Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry continues to serve many clients even during the epidemic. Due to the smaller number in Mass attendance, our donations have taken a huge decrease. Therefore, if you are not attending Mass but would like us to continue supporting our food pantry, we can do the shopping for you, by mailing a monetary donation to the food pantry so we can continue with this most important ministry in our church.

### The following items we run out of every week:

Mayonnaise	Toilet paper
Hamburger Helper (all kinds)	Paper towels
White rice	Baby Wipes
Tea	Tissues
Coffee (regular/instant)	Diapers (sizes 1, 2 & 6)
Pancake syrup	Shampoo/Conditioner
Fruit and Pudding snacks	Laundry detergent
Canned white potatoes	
Canned peaches, fruit cocktail and pineapple	
Chef Boyardee (cheese ravioli, beef ravioli, Spaghetti O's)	
Stove Top Stuffing (chicken and cornbread)	
Salad dressing (Italian, Ranch, Thousand Island, French, Honey Mustard)	

## NEXT WEEKEND READINGS

**October 4, 2020**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Saint Matthew 21:33-43



## R.C.I.A.

# RCIA

**Are you a Christian and would like to be a part of the Roman Catholic faith?**

**Have you never been baptized or feel drawn to the Catholic Church?**

*Is it time for you to complete your Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation?*

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**For more information, please call Deacon Tom and Joanne Zayac at 201-317-6306 or email them at: [deacontaz@gmail.com](mailto:deacontaz@gmail.com).**

## ADORATION



There will be Benediction and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 12:35 until 3:00pm.

**"All Are Welcome"** to spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord!

**Classes will begin soon!**

# THANK YOU FAITHFUL BISHOP STRICKLAND!

On September 15, 2020, the Cardinal Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey, stated during a webinar on "The Church and Catholic Voters in the 2020 Election" that "A person in good conscience could vote for Biden." He also said he was personally more "vexed" by the prospect of voting for the opposing candidate.

His Eminence went on to call voting a "sacred act" and rejected the idea that Catholics must cast their votes based on a candidate's position on a single issue. "I don't think that we can reduce [it], at least in the current panorama of issues, to how a candidate stands on a single issue. No political party represents fully the Catholic tradition. I think of the two options we have on the national scene of the two political parties, there's serious reason not to consider either party as being representative of the Catholic tradition."

The cardinal went on to challenge key planks of both the Republican and Democratic platforms, noting that neither party seeks to "remove the unborn child from the moral equation" and the other party fails to treat migrants with human dignity by taking "away their faces, their significance." He warned: "If we hide those who are most affected by our moral choices then we can do heinous things."

On the same subject, Cardinal Blasé Cupich recently stated in a homily from his cathedral: "There should never be a time in which we judge others in their faith journey. Say that a person is not Christian enough or Catholic enough."

Yet, Bishop Joseph Strickland, from the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, in an interview with Raymond Arroyo of the World Over network, clarified this convoluted issue by stating: "As a pastor, I believe that before God, we are sons or daughters before God. Whether you are an elected official, a candidate, or someone voting, we are all children of God... members of the Body of Christ.... As a pastor, we need to tell everyone who claims to be Catholic what those tenets are. We have the deposit of faith that basically tells us... we need to go to Catechism and measure, is what I am saying resonating what the Catholic Church teaches?"

In mid-August, when the Biden campaign made the announcement that Kamala Harris was being named his running mate, The Federalist ran a piece critical of both candidates with regard to their public attacks on Catholics, including the Knights of Columbus.

Bishop Strickland is not the only Catholic Bishop that has been vocal about these two candidates. My own home Diocese of Providence's bishop, Bishop Thomas Tobin, tweeted "Biden-Harris. The first time in a while that the Democratic ticket hasn't had a Catholic on it. Sad" (August 11, 2020). Bishop Rick Stika of Memphis tweeted: "Don't understand how Mr. Biden can claim to be a good and faithful Catholic as he denies so much of Church teaching especially on the absolute child abuse and human rights violations of the most innocent, the not yet born" (August 21, 2020).

Bishop Strickland agrees with Cardinal Cupich that we "shouldn't judge," but he continued and clarified his agreement by saying: "We should call people back to the truth and the Church teaches that abortion is intrinsically evil. There is never a time when we can intervene and take the life of an unborn child for whatever... that is the teaching of the faith."

This backlash is not something that these faithful and "orthodox" bishops sought to bring attention to Mr. Biden in particular. Rather, it was a reaction to Mr. Biden toting publicly that he is a "faithful Catholic and you should vote for me."

Bishop Strickland further agrees with Cardinal Tobin that "No candidate and no party really lines up to take care of all the issues that we need to face as Catholics." He said that he does not want to endorse any candidate because there are "problems on every side, but we still have to hold the candidates back to the truth."

He continued and tweeted because of Kamala Harris' comment that "If you are a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are not fit to serve in the government." By inserting herself into this argument, she crossed the line of judging religious practice and therefore, he felt comfortable clearly stating that she is not with

the Catholic Church.

"If you want to be faithful to your Catholic faith, to vote for a candidate that is obviously contradicting the doctrine of our faith, the deposit of faith, that every bishop promised to guard, then we need to pay close attention to that. If a candidate supports abortion, that becomes a marker for eliminating a faithful Catholic to vote for that person. The faithful bishop continued that many people get annoyed with him for continuously focusing on this one subject, to which he replied: "The child in the womb has no voice to speak up and as a shepherd and pastor in the church, I feel obligated, as a shepherd of the Church to speak for them."

So when the Cardinal of Newark says that it is ok to vote for Biden and that we cannot reduce our voting decision to a single issue, it seems to fly in the face of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which states that being "pro-life" is a preeminent issue, which means it is the most important of all issues that we as Catholics must face (from the Faithful Citizen Document).

In their official document on voting responsibility, the USCCB published: "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," the bishops declared: "In this statement, we bishops do not intend to tell Catholics for whom or against whom to vote. Our purpose is to help Catholics **form their consciences** in accordance with God's truth. We recognize that the responsibility to make choices in the political life rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience, and that participation goes well beyond casting a vote in a particular election" (paragraph 7). But isn't what Cardinal Tobin said just the opposite?

In response to what a "properly informed conscience" really means, the former head of the CDF (Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith) in Rome, Cardinal Gerhard Müller, in an interview with Raymond Arroyo stated: "As a Christian Catholic, you need some criteria for the election. The bishops must present the official teaching of the Church, the Magisterium, the doctrine of the Church, the moral doctrine, the social doctrine and we must look for candidates that are in favor of life, this is the basis. You cannot say that social justice is more important than the life. The life of everyone, especially the unborn, is the basis, it is a gift of God. Social justice is a duty we have to fulfill and therefore, we must begin with the primacy of this criteria and this is the right to live from the moment of conception to natural death. This is the basis based on human rights.

Mr. Arroyo went on to ask the Cardinal if other life issues such as the death penalty and racism are all on the same level of importance. His Eminence emphatically replied: "**It is implausible!** There is an order within the rights of human beings. From the beginning of the United States to the United Nations (1948) and other declaration of human rights in the modern Constitution, all are beginning with life, which is the basis of all. Theologians, as well as all Catholics, must remember the most important Commandment is the respect for the life of everyone. This is a priority in the Catholic Church and all Christian churches."

The Cardinal concluded that we do not judge the person (as his brother Cardinal Cupich decried) "For only God can judge the soul. However, we can judge the attitudes and thinking of individuals. **If you are Catholic, you can ONLY be pro-life**, for life is given by God. To be a Catholic or a Christian is believing in God, the creator of everybody. **You cannot say you are a Catholic and believe in God and accept the legislation** which includes the possible killing of people in the mother's womb or outside the mother's womb. It is very clear! I don't see where the problems are."

Father Thomas Reese, SJ, formerly of American Magazine, wrote on August 30, 2020, in the Religion News Service: "So, a Catholic Republican can vote for Trump, even if his policies promote racism or subject immigrants to subhuman living conditions, as long as the voter's intent is not to support those positions... A Catholic Democrat can vote for Biden, even if

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Sister Valeria Jimenez is a First Year Novice who was born in Mexico City, where she lived for three years. Her father worked in San Diego, California and for that reason her mom and her two older sisters decided to move to Tijuana, Baja California. This decision was made in order for their father to visit on the weekend. After the death of her grandfather, at the age of seven, her family moved to California. It was a great challenge to live in a new country, but an immense blessing.

Valeria and her sisters were not raised in the faith, but after her parents' conversion they began practicing the faith as a family. As a teenager, she lost her interest in her faith and wanted to experience what the world offered. When her family encountered many challenges, they fell away from all church activities. At the age of eighteen, she attended community college, worked as a teacher assistant, and later obtained her teaching permit for Early Childhood Education.

At the age of twenty, she was invited to a retreat that her Mom encouraged her to attend. It was there where God touched her heart so deeply that she began practicing her faith once again, but now it was because she so desired. Her prayer life began to increase and so did her involvement at Church: as a catechist, youth group member, Eucharistic Minister, and Sacristan. Later on, she even began teaching preschool at her home parish, Saint Francis of Assisi in Vista, California. She knew there was something missing in her life and so she decided to go back to the university and attend school online.

At the age of twenty-four, she attended a youth conference and it was there where God called her to be His. It was such a profound encounter that she knew exactly what He was calling her to, but even then she couldn't believe that a person like her could live such a life. With the help of her spiritual director she began discerning religious life. She had finally found what her heart desired! Life began to make sense as God began to unfold His plan for her. With great joy she said: "YES!" Desiring so deeply to give her entire life to serve the young, within ten months, she entered as an aspirant with the Salesian Sisters in San Antonio, Texas and just recently arrived to begin her first year of novitiate at Sacred Heart Center.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNeil at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Website: [www.patersondiocese.org](http://www.patersondiocese.org)."

his policies promote abortions and gay marriage, as long as voter's intent is not to support those positions... In Catholic theology, intention – why are you doing something – is essential to an understanding of the morality of an action." Again, His Eminence clearly responded: **"He is confused, and it is a lie.** You cannot compare these things. I do not think that Trump is in favor of racism. But the basis of all human rights is life, the most important thing. The other things are consequences that not all politicians are always consequent. But, the first principle must be absolutely clear." The Cardinal continues that it is "A sophistic argumentation" (like that of the Sophists who were paid teachers in philosophy and rhetoric in ancient Greece, associated with popular thought with moral skepticism and specious reasoning). Vatican II stated that: "Abortion is an abhorrent crime and nobody can accept it." Cardinal Ratzinger and Pope John Paul II made declarations that all politicians are obliged by their consciences to fight against abortion and other crimes against human life. Therefore, he concluded: **"It is better to vote for a good Protestant than a bad Catholic.** We must judge according to what they are doing and not their words, which is a biblical principle."

Therefore, when all is said and done, His Eminence Cardinal Tobin is incorrect and his advice should not be followed. He has given into what Pope Benedict XVI warned the world about many times, **moral relativism.** You cannot put abortion on the equal playing field with racism, invented global warming, poverty, or even the death penalty. They are NOT equals! The Democratic party has thrown away the pro-life banner. They do not support the common core values of the family and certainly continue to do everything they can to dismantle our religious freedom (just ask the Little Sisters of the Poor).

In the end, you might personally hate Donald Trump, you may detest his style, arrogance and sometimes brutish manners, but at least he is pro-life and that is the most important and the "preeminent priority" for all Catholics. President Donald Trump is not Catholic and neither is Joseph Biden. So maybe he should stop asking us for our votes because he is NOT what he says he is. He may have been baptized in the Catholic Church, maybe even Confirmed and received Holy Communion (sacrilegiously), but he is not part of the Catholic Church, which is enumerated in the Catechism, the deposit of faith or Magisterium of the Church, which all Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Priests promised to uphold.

**In conclusion, I am not going to tell you who you should vote for, I am just trying to inform your conscience and intellect.**

## DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

New for 2020! In addition to its new name, the Diocesan Ministries Appeal (formerly the Bishop's Annual Appeal) also is offering a new giving option for the 2020 Appeal. In addition to considering a one-time gift or a pledge payable over five months, parishioners now have the option of making a continuous monthly gift where your gift would repeat each month and continue from year-to-year. This is a wonderful way to continue your support year-round. You are also able to easily adjust or discontinue your continuous monthly gift at any time you choose. For more information, please call the diocesan Development Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 218. However you chose to make your gift to the 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, know that your generosity is a blessing to the people we serve. May God bless you for your support!

For your convenience, you can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to [www.2020appeal.org](http://www.2020appeal.org) and follow the user-friendly instructions.

## HYMNS FOR HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

### PROCESSIONAL: *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”*

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays, stars and angels sing around You, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain sound their praise eternally!

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! God our Father, Christ our Brother, Let Your light upon us shine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

### PSALM RESPONSE:

**“Remember your mercies, O Lord.”**

### OFFERTORY: *“Jesus, the Lord”*

**R. Jesus. Jesus. Let all creation bend the knee to the Lord.**

In Him we live, we move and have our being; in Him the Christ, in Him the King! Jesus, the Lord. **R.**

Though Son, He did not cling to Godliness; but emptied Himself, became a slave! Jesus, the Lord. **R.**

He lived obediently his Father's Will, accepting His death, death on a tree! Jesus, the Lord. **R.**

### COMMUNION: *“All Who Hunger”*

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, All around us is our food. **R.**

**R. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and

roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered In communion's love have stood. **R.**

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table Live their days in gratitude. **R.**

### RECESSIONAL: *“O God, Almighty Father”*

O God, almighty Father, Creator of all things, the Heavens stand in wonder, while earth Your glory sings. **R.**

**R. O Most Holy Trinity, Undivided unity, Holy God, mighty God, God immortal be adored!**

O Jesus, Word incarnate, Redeemer most adored, all glory, praise and honor, be yours, O Sov'reign Lord. **R.**

O God, the Holy Spirit, Who lives within our soul, Send forth Your light and lead us To our eternal goal. **R.**

## PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

*Saint Joseph our patron  
we call upon you today  
to look upon our parish family in Newton.  
We ask for your fatherly protection  
and paternal guidance through  
these difficult times in our country,  
in our world and in our Church.  
Continue to watch over our elderly  
and those most vulnerable at this time;  
May they know of your fatherly care  
and be comforted by the Lord's presence.  
This we pray through Him whom you  
watched over as your own child,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!

*This week we remember Deputy Sheriffs Maurice Ford and Angela Chaver, Detective Peter Gianfrancesco, Sergeants Mayra Burgado, Alvin Lebron, Charles Norton, Corrections Officers Susan Roberts and Lieutenant Brian McNair who either died in the line of duty or after contracting the Wuhan virus as the result of exposure while on duty.*



*May they now be resting in the peace of God's heavenly kingdom!  
May all their good deeds have gone with them.*

*Father Brian Tomlinson, C.F. 16 Cap.*

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*"Be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go."*  
-Joshua 1:9



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**50th Jubilee of Priesthood**

**Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Father Michael Davitti on his 50<sup>th</sup> Priestly Ordination Anniversary, serving the Xaverian and Saint Joseph Church's Communities. "Ad multos annos!"**

*In Loving Memory of Rosie Woodring*

**Please pray for all unborn children and those who have been abused. May the Lord always be with them and their families!**

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