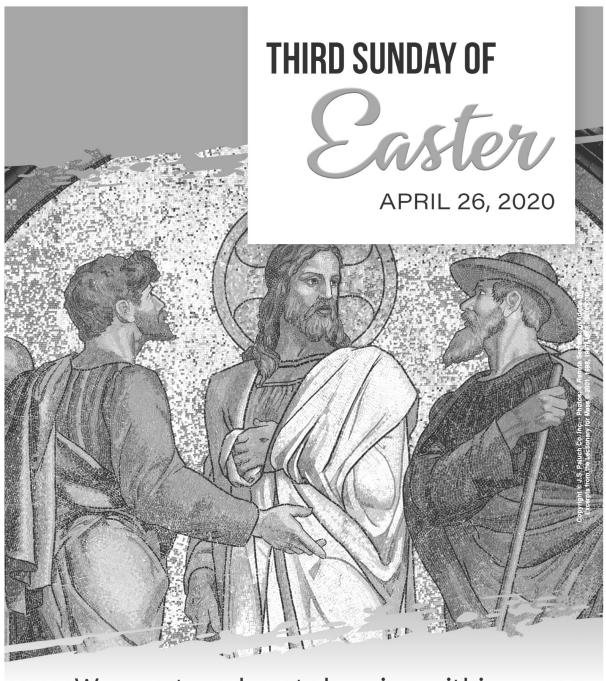
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OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?

Luke 24:32

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 26, 2020

We are now <u>LIVESTREAMING SUNDAY</u> MASS each week, at 10:30 a.m., on youtube.

The link can be found on our Parish website: www.stjosephparishfamily.com

Mass Intentions



SUNDAY April 25

5:00 PM Students, Faculty, and Staff of St. Joseph

School and PREP

SUNDAY April 26 8:00 AM Charles Panko

10:30 AM Andrew Brost III and Zoe Brost

12:00 PM Angelina Gadaleta

1:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

MONDAY April 27

8:00 AM Innocent unborn

TUESDAY April 28

8:00 AM Souls in purgatory

WEDNESDAY April 29

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

THURSDAY April 30 Rhoda Hanley

FRIDAY May 1

8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Onofrio Alongi

SATURDAY May 2

8:30 AM Ignacia Malabuyoc 5:00 PM Mike Gervino

SUNDAY May 3

8:00 AM Maria and Giovanni DiMartino

10:30 AM Michael Gilligan 12:00 PM Edward Milhalko

1:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Though these Masses will not be said publicly, our Priests will say them privately for the individual intentions.

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven..."

a time to heal... for the sick of our Parish and especially for Anthony LaMotta, Joseph Sabol, William Lenahan, Charles Alongi, Angelina Virola

a time to die... Robert Amatucci, George Strangos, Jorge Juan Diaz, Mary Wagner, Jeanne Lausmohr

Easter is a shout of victory! No one can extinguish that life that Christ resurrected. Not even death and hatred against Him and against His Church will be able to overcome it. He is the Victor! -Saint Oscar Romero

PRAYER TO MARY OUR MOTHER

Mary, dearest Mother in Heaven, pray for us, and especially for Your little ones in danger of abortion! Amen.

With the birth of every child, the world becomes new again. With each new infant lies enormous potential...but this potential must be nurtured.

...Just as seeds need fertile soil, warm sunshine, and gentle rain to grow, so do our children need a caring environment.

This is a life-affirming statement which

applies to each child from the moment of conception. But none are so blind as those who will not see.

-Proclamation made at National Children's Day, 1997

During morning Mass on March 20, 2020, Pope Francis gave the following directive for people who cannot get to <u>Confession</u> because of the coronavirus lockdown:

"But many people today would tell me, 'Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because I can't leave the house? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want Him to embrace me, I want the Father's embrace." The Pope said his response would be, "Do what the Catechism (of the Catholic Church) says. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your Father, and tell Him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart." Make an act of contrition, the Pope said, and promise God, "I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God." The Catechism of the Catholic Church, N. 1452, says: "When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' - contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to Sacramental Confession as soon as possible." "As the Catechism teaches," Pope Francis said, "you can draw near to God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think about it. This is the moment."

-Pope Francis, Morning Mass, March 20, 2020

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Eternal God, open wide the doors of our hearts to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us, and all who desire to serve You, to know how to respond to Your call. Through the gift of Baptism You invite us to witness to the grace of Your love. Bless all women and men whom You call to serve the Church as Priests, Deacons, Sisters, or Brothers. May they be bold and joyful witnesses to the presence of Your Incarnate Son, and to the breath of the Spirit in our world. Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Second Reading - 1 Peter 1: 17-21

Gospel - Luke 24: 13-35

The Light of Christ

We are an Easter people so we are a joyful people. Jesus has conquered death, broken open our tombs of sin and despair, and redeemed us in our humanity. Animated by the Holy Spirit, we live in the light and life of Christ, spreading that light and life on to those around us. Let our hearts be glad and tongues exult as we lift our voices in praise to God. Copyright © GIA Publications.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6: 8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7: 51 — 8: 1a; Jn 6: 30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn 6: 35-40 **Thursday**: Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6: 44-51

Friday: Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6: 52-59, or, for the Memorial,

Gn 1: 26 — 2:3 or Col 3: 14-15, 17, 23-24;

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6: 60-69

Sunday: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2: 20b-25; Jn 10: 1-10

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If you prefer, you may mail your donations to St. Joseph Church, 55 High Street, Carteret, NJ 07008; or drop them off in the Parish Office mail slot.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I was looking so much forward to celebrating my 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood with you and I still will, but a bit later than planned. Due to the current pandemic, I am delaying my Anniversary celebration until August at the earliest. Once I am able to confirm all of the details, you will be the first to know.

It has been a joy to serve you all of these years, and I pray I will be serving you for many more.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. McGuffey

OUR PREP PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP! Prayerfully Consider Sharing Your Talents

As we prepare for upcoming changes (starting September 2020) in our PREP, we ask that you please consider helping. There is a great need for Catechists, Classroom Aides, and Substitute Catechists. For additional information, call the St. Joseph Church PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TROOPS

Thank You, Lord, for the courage and selfless service of our Troops. Thank You for their dedication in the face of difficulties and challenges. Thank You for their families.

I pray that all of our servicemen and servicewomen will experience Your mercy each day, and that You will provide for their every need. Let them feel Your presence with them, and Your everlasting love. In Christ's name, Amen.

Remember in your prayers the members of our Armed Services, especially: Taylor Setar, daughter of Greg and Terry Setar; Thomas Rapp, grandson of Jeanette Miller; Justin Lurker, grandson of Helen Lurker; Robert Michnowiez, nephew of Helen Lurker; Justin Molarz, grandson of Susan Molarz; Andrew Weaver, grandson of Joanne Halkovich; Darren T. Dreboty, son-in-law of Jacqueline Eak; James Molnar, grandson of Alice Benson; Elizabeth Brito and Lisa Marie Brito, daughters of Ivette Brito; Raymond Torres, son of Deacon and Mrs. Ramon Torres; Laura Roe, daughter of Louis and Maria Pena.

RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE

As directed by Bishop Checchio <u>all public worship is</u> <u>suspended</u> until further notice.

We do not how long the restrictions imposed on New Jersey residents will be in effect. Please be patient and look for regular updates from the Diocese of Metuchen at www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus or visit our Parish website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com

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