

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

May 17
2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

JESUS SAID,
"I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL
GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE
TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS,
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH."

John 14:16-17



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MAY 17, 2020

Join us for SUNDAY MASS now steaming live on Youtube each Sunday at 10:30 AM.

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

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	May 16
5:00 PM	John Mihalko
SUNDAY	May 17
8:00 AM	Robert and Helen Petrie
10:30 AM	William Butler
12:00 PM	Jose Manuel Romero
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
MONDAY	May 18
8:00 AM	An increase in vocations to the Priesthood
TUESDAY	May 19
8:00 AM	Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild
WEDNESDAY	May 20
8:00 AM	Joseph Kammerer
THURSDAY	May 21
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
7:00 PM	George Sabol
FRIDAY	May 22
8:00 AM	Angelin Bini
SATURDAY	May 23
8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM	Betty Gaynor
SUNDAY	May 24
8:00 AM	Jean and Jerome McHale
10:30 AM	Catherine and John Zemanovich
12:00 PM	Rosa Faretra
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

This year, the observation of The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be transferred from this Thursday, May 21, to next Sunday, May 24, (replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter). Please note the transfer is for this year only.

PROTECT LIFE

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author of Life, Who died and now lives forevermore. May we who work and pray that children in the womb may be protected always, draw strength, confidence, and joy from Your victory over death. For You are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



We need to continue to teach clearly and help other Catholic leaders to teach clearly on our unequivocal commitment to the legal protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our teaching on human life and dignity should be reflected in our parishes and our educational, health care, and human service ministries. We need to do more to persuade all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials, especially Catholic public officials. We welcome conversation initiated by political leaders themselves.

-United States Catholic Bishops, June 18, 2004



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

During this difficult time, we are extremely grateful to all of our parishioners who are able to contribute to the continuing needs of the Parish by mailing in their Contribution Envelopes, dropping them in the Parish Office mail slot, or by participating in Online Giving.

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Thank You for Your Continued Support!

WEEKLY OFFERING

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Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. -Galatians 6:2

THANK YOU

Donations have been made to St. Joseph Church in memory of Robert Amatucci and Michael Siano, by William Walsh.

...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. -Isaiah 40:31

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel - John 14:15-21

The Reason for Our Hope

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

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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 information, call the St. Joseph Church PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

Reminder: Due to the current pandemic, the celebration of Fr. McGuffey’s 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood has been postponed until August, at the earliest. Once Fr. McGuffey is able to reschedule the celebration, he will fill you in on the details.

FOR THOSE IN OUR MILITARY

Almighty God, we stand before You in supplication, asking Your Divine mercy and protection, to envelop with Your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the Service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. 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 Michnowicz*, 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.

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Father, in the power of the Spirit, You send us forth to build up Your Kingdom. I pray especially for those whom You are calling to serve the Church as Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers. Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship. The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few. Please provide for us men and women who will help to gather in a great harvest of souls. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If You Are Discerning a Call to the Priesthood, you are invited to contact the Diocese of Metuchen Office of Vocations at vocations@diometuchen.org or call Fr. Jason Pavich, Vocation Director, at 732-562-2453.

RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE

All public Masses throughout the Diocese of Metuchen have been suspended. Despite the suspension of public Masses, a private Mass will be celebrated daily, at 7:00 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi and can be viewed at that time on their website: www.stfranciscathedral.org. For updates visit www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus or www.stjosephparishfamily.com

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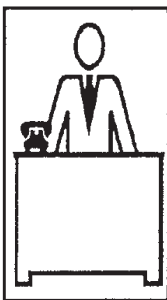
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