

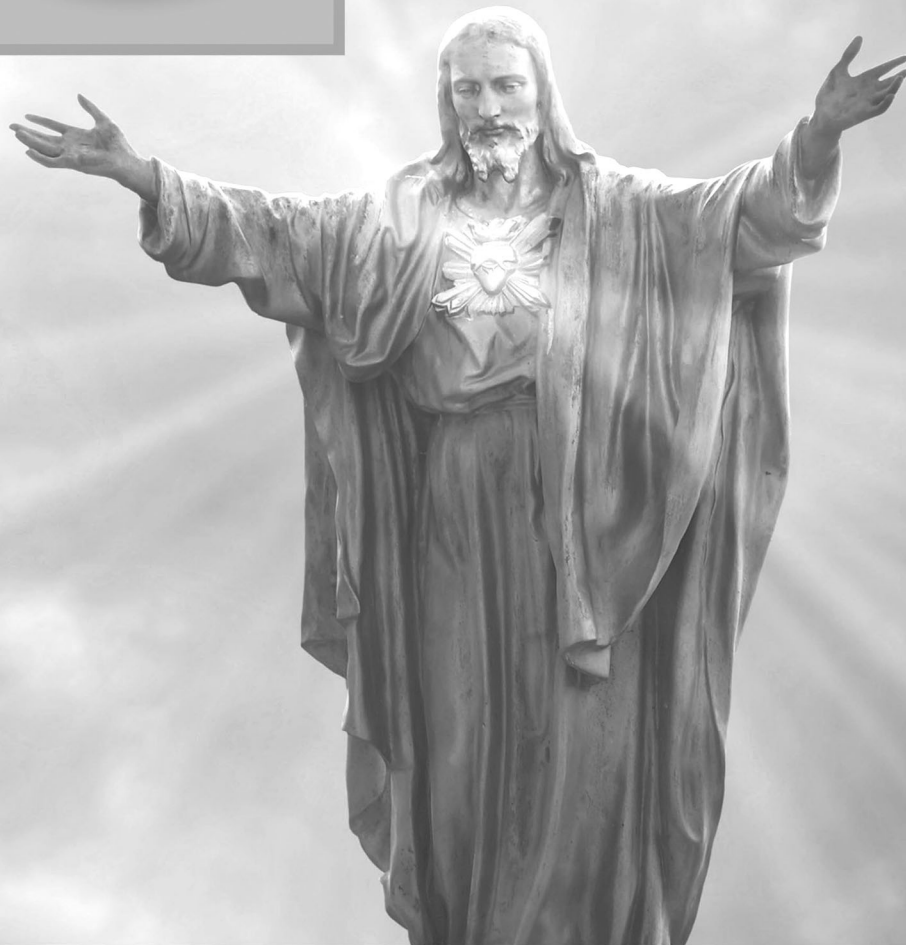
ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



We know that Christ,
raised from the dead,
dies no more;
death no longer
has power over him.

ROMANS 6:9



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2020

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	June 27
5:00 PM	Mike Gervino
SUNDAY	June 28
8:00 AM	Adrian (Chip) Cece
10:30 AM	Mary Mihalko
12:00 PM	Mildred Brown
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
MONDAY	June 29
8:00 AM	Sanctity of all Human Life
TUESDAY	June 30
8:00 AM	Msgr. Donald Endebrock
WEDNESDAY	July 1
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
THURSDAY	July 2
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY	July 3
8:00 AM	Sr. Maria Tamayo
SATURDAY	July 4
8:30 AM	Vocations to the Priesthood
5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
SUNDAY	July 5
8:00 AM	Gervacio Rios
10:30 AM	Mildred Brown
12:00 PM	Christopher Robateau
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Masses not said publicly will be said privately, by our Priests, 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, Charles Alongi, Angelina Virola, Rachel Rustemeyer

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT MEMORIAM WEBSITE

Since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, many members of our parishes have died due to complications of COVID-19. It is the wish of Bishop James F. Checchio that we remember these individuals in our prayers by establishing a virtual memorial on *The Catholic Spirit* website: <https://catholicspirit.com/> To include a loved one, visit the website, click on *In Memoriam*, and enter the information. If you would like to submit a photo, you may email it to jgray@diometuchen.org

IMPORTANT NEWS

**We now have a
LIMITED SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
With Restrictions**

Under the new state guidelines, Parishes may reopen for weekend Masses with a congregation not to exceed 50 people. In our Parish...

WEEKEND MASSES will be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday at 10:30 a.m., with a Spanish Mass at 1:30 p.m. For those unable to attend the Mass a video of the Mass is posted on our Parish website.

DAILY MASS will be celebrated Monday through Friday, at 8:00 a.m., and Saturday, at 8:30 a.m., in the Church Chapel.

CONFESSIONS are heard on Saturday mornings, from 11:00 a.m. until noon, in the Church Chapel.

For your safety, all those attending must wear a mask. All social distancing and sanitizing guidelines will be followed.

Please Note:

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass will remain in effect until further notice. No one is required to participate in Mass at this time. While the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed, the faithful who are not able to attend Mass in the Church are to keep the Lord's Day holy by some other means. For example, they should tune in to a livestreamed Mass, read and reflect on Sacred Scripture, pray the rosary, or some other devotion.

For regular updates from the Diocese of Metuchen, visit www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus or visit our Parish website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Compassionate God, You speak Your word to us through prophets of long ago and You continue to reveal Your message of love today. With great expectation we look to Your Spirit to work in our world, empowering us to serve You as Jesus did. May we listen for Your word and respond generously to Your call. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism. Strengthen married couples, single men and women, Deacons, Priests, Sisters, and Brothers as they seek to serve You by sharing their love and compassion. Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude, we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Second Reading - Romans 5:12-15

Gospel - Matthew 10:37-42

Disciples in Faith

Much is demanded of a disciple, but great are the rewards. Elisha's benefactors furnish a room for the prophet, and he goes on to make them an extraordinary promise. Saint Paul tells the Romans that those baptized in Christ are baptized into His death, but will also live with Him in eternal life. Jesus tells His apostles that each must take up His cross, but they will be rewarded with everlasting life in the Kingdom. Are we willing to be disciples as well?

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

We are extremely grateful to those 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 through Online Giving.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

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Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. -Sirach 35:7-10

ACTS OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an *Act of Spiritual Communion* which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an *Act of Spiritual Communion* is when a person cannot attend Mass, as is still the case for many, during this pandemic.

For all who are unable to receive the Holy Eucharist in person, consider this special prayer:

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. 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.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Heavenly Father, please hold our Troops in Your strong arms. Cover them with Your sheltering grace and Your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. May they be supplied with courage to face each day, and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task.

We also pray for their families. May Your unique blessings fill their homes, and may Your peace, provision, hope, and strength fill their lives.

Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Wednesday: St. Junipero Serra

Friday: St. Thomas; First Friday

Saturday: Independence Day; First Saturday;
Blessed Virgin Mary

...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. -Matthew 10:32

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts, and live the life God intended for you!

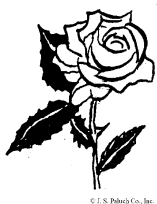
As we celebrate INDEPENDENCE DAY, let us not forget that we are still dependent on God's mercy.

FOURTH OF JULY PRAYER

Loving God, let Your Spirit be with us today. Hear our prayers, and increase in us the will to follow Your Son, Jesus. Help us to draw on the resources of our faith as we use the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, especially the poor and vulnerable. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



ENJOY A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



Worship pleasing to God can never be a purely private matter, without consequences for our relationships with others: it demands a public witness to our faith. Evidently, this is true for all the baptized, yet it is especially incumbent upon those who, by virtue of their social or political position, must make decisions regarding fundamental values, such as respect for human life, its defense from conception to natural death, the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman, the freedom to educate one's children and the promotion of the common good in all its forms (230). These values are not negotiable. Consequently, Catholic politicians and legislators, conscious of their grave responsibility before society, must feel particularly bound, on the basis of a properly formed conscience, to introduce and support laws inspired by values grounded in human nature (231). There is an objective connection here with the Eucharist (cf. 1 Cor 11:27-29). Bishops are bound to reaffirm constantly these values as part of their responsibility to the flock entrusted to them (232).

-Sacramentum Caritatis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

PRAYER FOR LIFE TO THE VIRGIN MARY

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a Son," the Angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word." Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say yes and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020-2021

The school community of St. Joseph gathers together in Christ to explore the richness of our faith, in our study of the created world and our part in it. We educate our students to become responsible, spiritual, young adults who are respectful of themselves and others and who use their gifts and talents to make positive contributions to our Church and world. -Mission Statement



To learn more about enrolling your student in St. Joseph School for the upcoming school year, visit

www.sjps.net or call the School Office at 732-541-7111.

PREP REGISTRATION

It is time to register your child for the 2020-2021 PREP year. Registration Forms are available for printing on our Parish website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com. Please print, complete, and mail the 2020-2021 Registration Form, with your payment, to: St. Joseph PREP, 865 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008. Your prompt attention will reserve a place for your child as well as help us to make appropriate plans for the new PREP year. If this is your child's first year of religious instruction with us, a copy of your child's Baptism certificate is required to be submitted with your Registration Form.



Please note: To register your child in St. Joseph PREP, your family must be registered, actively involved parishioners, in good standing, at St. Joseph Parish or a parish in the area. Students who are enrolled in our PREP are required to attend Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass, weekly.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a great need for Catechists, Classroom Aides, and Substitute Catechists in our PREP. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with the youth of our Parish. For additional information, contact the St. Joseph Church PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

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PREP Website: www.stjosephprep.net

School Website: www.sjps.net

St. Joseph School

Fourth Marking Period

Honor Roll

Principal's Honor Roll

8 – Michael-Tristan Almonte
8 – Ava Pereira
7 – Jasiel Amigon
7 – Sahib Singh
6 – Sidney Reiman
6 – Amrit Singh
5 – Mario Angulo
5 – Nicholas Gomm
5 – Chase Reiman
5 – Xavier Webb
5 – Edwin Wong
5 – Benjamin Zuber
4 – Julianna Diaz-Londono

Teacher's Honor Roll

8 – Skyler Cooper
8 – Julianna Hart
8 – Gurnoor Kaur
8 – Maya Lopez
8 – Lauren Reyes
8 – Francis Roldan
8 – Leila Torres
8 – Shayna Wilson
7 – Sophia Casalnuovo
7 – Maria Cerchio
7 – Amanda Marciniak
7 – Ramesha Mehdi
7 – Elizabeth Negron
7 – Arshbir Singh
6 – Abdullah Siddique
6 – Lana Teixeira
6 – Christina Vega
5 – Anthony Bilbao
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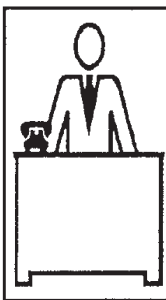
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