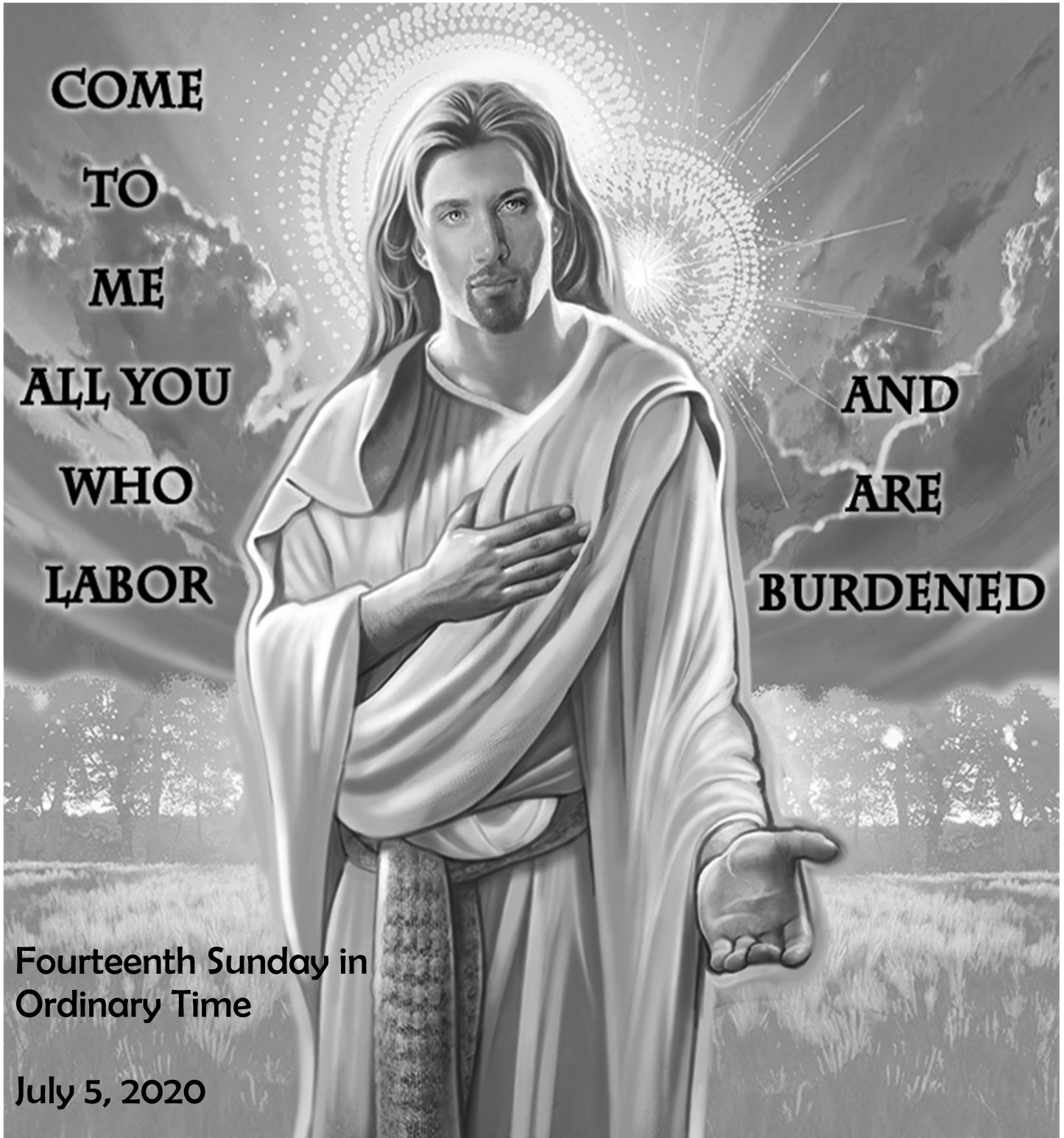


# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 2020

### Mass Intentions



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 4</b>
5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 5</b>
8:00 AM	Gervacio Rios
10:30 AM	Mildred Brown
12:00 PM	Christopher Robateau
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 6</b>
8:00 AM	Mildred Brown
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 7</b>
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 8</b>
8:00 AM	Vocations to Consecrated Life
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 9</b>
8:00 AM	Protection of the Unborn
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 10</b>
8:00 AM	Roberto Pereiro
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 11</b>
8:30 AM	Vincent J. Calabria
1:00 PM	<i>First Communion</i>
5:00 PM	Anthony and Steffie Ostrowski
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 12</b>
8:00 AM	Edward Mihalko
10:30 AM	Regina Reiner
12:00 PM	Lourdes Checo
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

**Intention for the Masses not said publicly will be said privately, by our Priests.**

*"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](mailto:jgray@diometuchen.org)

### WELCOME BACK!

Under the new state guidelines, Parishes may reopen for weekend Masses with a congregation not to exceed 100 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.

**BAPTISMS** are now permitted in our churches. There are specific guidelines we have to follow, due to the pandemic. If you are interested in having your baby baptized, please call the Parish Office.

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

*For your safety, all those attending any services 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](http://www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus) or visit our Parish website at [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)

### PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

*Lord, I thank You for the gifts You have given me, especially for life, love, family, and friends. Help me to see and understand the path You open for me. Help me choose a life's work which will be in response to my potential and Your love for me. If I am being invited to follow You as a Priest, Brother or Sister, missionary or lay consecrated, give me a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow You wherever You lead me. 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](mailto:vocations@diometuchen.org) or call Fr. Jason Pavich, Vocation Director, at 732-562-2453.

## **SUNDAY READINGS**

*First Reading* - Zechariah 9:9-10

*Second Reading* - Romans 8:9, 11-13

*Gospel* - Matthew 11:25-30

### **I Will Give You Rest**

Jesus addresses us with comforting words today: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Let those words wash over us and all the responsibilities we have, all the stresses we're under, and all the failures that haunt us. "My yoke is easy," Jesus assures us, "My burden light." As we gather together on this holiday weekend, let us rejoice in the freedom Jesus offers us from our heavy burdens.

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## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday:** Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

### **THANK YOU for Your Continued Support!**

Your sacrificial giving is of great importance in helping St. Joseph Parish meet our financial obligations. In this time of stress and uncertainty, we ask you to continue your donations to our Church, as your means allow, by mailing in your Donation Envelopes, dropping them in the Parish Office mail slot, or through Online Giving.

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### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

June 28, 2020      \$5174      \$5565 (2019)

### **ONLINE GIVING TO DATE**

April thru June      \$3,803.00

*For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.* -Matthew 6:21

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For July

**Universal Prayer Intention - Our Families**

**We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.**

## **For My yoke is easy, and My burden light.**

**-Matthew 11:30**

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

## **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.*

If you want peace, work for justice. **-Pope Paul VI**

## **PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY**

*O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in Military Service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold. Let them draw their strength from You. For You are God, for ever and ever. 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.





Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as 'unnecessary.' For example, it is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day; children being used as soldiers, abused and killed in armed conflicts; and children being bought and sold in that terrible form of modern slavery which is human trafficking, which is a crime against humanity. **-Pope Francis** Speech to diplomats January 13, 2014

### **PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE**

*O Blessed Mother, pray for us your children that we may be strong against the forces of death. Look down upon the babies not allowed to be born, on the poor, on the victims of social injustice, on the elderly and sick killed by indifference or misguided mercy. Help us appreciate the miracle of life as a gift from God, and may we become a People of Life! Amen.*

### **NEW JERSEY SAFE HAVEN LAW**

Under the NJ Safe Haven Infant Protection Act, a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally, and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid and rescue squads in New Jersey that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The Parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline, at 1-877-839-2339, and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.

### **PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM**

*Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite Himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts. Pray for us. Amen.*

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Maria Goretti  
**Thursday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions  
**Saturday:** St. Benedict

### **ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**



*A Catholic school is a place where students live a shared experience of faith in God and where they learn the riches of Catholic culture... Catholic schools must help students to deepen their relationship with God and to discover that all things human have their deepest meaning in the person and teaching of Jesus Christ. -St. John Paul II*

**Saint Joseph School offers an exceptional values-based education.** To learn more about enrolling your student in St. Joseph School for the upcoming school year, visit [www.sjps.net](http://www.sjps.net) or call the School Office at 732-541-7111.

### **PREP REGISTRATION NOW UNDERWAY**

**It is time to register your child for the upcoming 2020-2021 PREP year.** Registration Forms are available for printing on our Parish website at [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://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.



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**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.

### **PARISH DIRECTORY**

<b>Parish Office</b>	<b>732-541-8946</b>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>732-969-8767</b>
<b>St. Joseph School</b>	<b>732-541-7111</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>732-541-8946 ext.108</b>

**Parish Website:** [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)  
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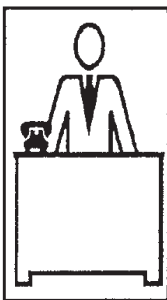
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