

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

THE SEED SOWN ON RICH SOIL

is the one who
hears the word
of the kingdom
and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit
and yields a hundred
or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

Rev. James W. McGuffey - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence
Deacon Ramon Torres - Hispanic Ministry

Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon
Ms. Joanne McKnight - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Coordinator of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant
Dr. Thomas Juneau - Director of Music

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2020

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	July 11
5:00 PM	Anthony and Steffie Ostrowski
SUNDAY	July 12
8:00 AM	Edward Mihalko
10:30 AM	Regina Reiner
12:00 PM	Lourdes Checo
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
MONDAY	July 13
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY	July 14
8:00 AM	Sanctity of all Human Life
WEDNESDAY	July 15
8:00 AM	Msgr. Donald Endebrock
THURSDAY	July 16
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
FRIDAY	July 17
8:00 AM	Reyorden Maulit
SATURDAY	July 18
8:30 AM	Vocations to the Priesthood
1:00 PM	<i>First Communion</i>
5:00 PM	Henry and Marie Ostrowski
SUNDAY	July 19
8:00 AM	Edward Zemanovich
10:30 AM	Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild
12:00 PM	Louis DeBella
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

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

CANDLE INTENTION

For the Week of July 12-18

The **Saint Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Richard Taglieri*; requested by his Family.

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

WELCOME BACK!

Under the most recent State guidelines, Parishes may reopen for weekend Masses with a congregation not to exceed 100 people. In our Parish...

WEEKEND MASSES are 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 can be viewed on our Parish website.

DAILY MASS is celebrated Monday through Friday, at 8:00 a.m., and on 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 in the Church 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

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.

Heavenly Father, hold our Troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading - Romans 8:18-23

Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23 or 13: 1-9

The Power of God's Word

Isaiah's poetry and Jesus' parable tell in complementary ways the power of God's word. Isaiah extols its fruitfulness, the Lord promising that it will flower just as the fertile earth does when watered by rain or snow. Jesus tells of the sower, whose indiscriminate scattering of the word of the kingdom leads to different outcomes depending on where it lands. May we listen attentively today, soaking up God's word so that it may bear fruit in us.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27;
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

THANK YOU for Your Continued Support!

Your sacrificial giving is of great importance in helping our 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.

Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our Church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. You have the option to make one-time donations, set up automatic contributions, and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. To make donations through *Online Giving*, just visit our Parish website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com and click on *Donate Now*. **It's fast, easy, secure, and convenient!**

WEEKLY OFFERING

JULY 5, 2020

Envelopes	\$4528	\$5429 (2019)
Online Giving	\$462	

Anyone who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. -Mark 10:43-45

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God. -Anonymous

***"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
a time to die... Rachel Rustemeyer

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Almighty and eternal God, in Your unfailing love You provide ministers for Your Church. We pray for those whom You call to serve the Church as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve Your people. May their lives and service call Your people to respond to the presence of Your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor; proclaim liberty to captives; set prisoners free; and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

ACT 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, during this pandemic, consider this special prayer when making an *Act of Spiritual Communion*:

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.

The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the Word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the Word and it bears no fruit.

-Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive for on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others every day of the week.

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

Oh Mary, we entrust to you the cause of life. Look down upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born. Grant all who believe in your Son to proclaim the Gospel of Life. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, to bear witness to it resolutely, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator of Life. Amen.



While it is always necessary to work to reduce the number of abortions by providing alternatives and help to vulnerable parents and children, Catholic teaching calls all Catholics to work actively to restrain, restrict, and bring to an end the destruction of unborn human life. As the Church carries out its central responsibility to teach clearly and help form consciences, and as Catholic legislators seek to act in accord with their own consciences, it is essential to remember that conscience must be consistent with fundamental moral principles. As members of the Church, all Catholics are obliged to shape our consciences in accord with the moral teaching of the Church. -USCCB Committee on Pro Life Activities' 2006 Statement on Responsibilities of Catholics in Public Life

PREP REGISTRATION

It is time to register your child/ren 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.

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 (Parish Religious Education Program). **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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Principal at St. Joseph School. Her name is Ms. Joanne McKnight. She comes to us from All Saints Regional School in Manahawkin, NJ, with more than 20 years experience.

Her vision and desire are to work together to build a community of faith-filled, positive, and productive children in a nurturing environment, where she will support not only staff and students, but our families as well.

We admire her enthusiasm, experience, and dedication, and her desire to guide each child's pathway toward success. Ms. McKnight will be a great addition to St. Joseph School and we are glad to welcome her with open arms.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James McGuffey

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Henry
Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure
Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH DIRECTORY

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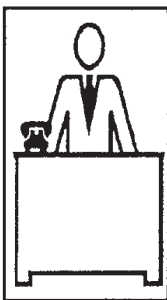
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