

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you pull up the weeds
you might uproot the
wheat along with them.
Let the weeds and the
wheat grow together
until harvest."

Matthew 13:29-30

July
19
2020

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 2020

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	July 18
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
MONDAY	July 20
8:00 AM	Vocations to the Priesthood
TUESDAY	July 21
8:00 AM	William Lenahan
WEDNESDAY	July 22
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY	July 23
8:00 AM	Respect for Life
FRIDAY	July 24
8:00 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tomchak
SATURDAY	July 25
8:30 AM	William Lenahan
5:00 PM	Joseph Kammerer
SUNDAY	July 26
8:00 AM	Frank V. Sadowski
10:30 AM	Jane and Fred Dare
12:00 PM	Michael Siano
1:30 PM	Parishioner of St. Joseph Parish

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

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TROOPS

O Lord of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray, Your Almighty arm to strengthen and protect our servicemen and servicewomen. Endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

VOCATION PRAYER

O loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of Priests, Sisters, and Brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to You, "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

In keeping with the most recent State guidelines, our Church is now open for weekend Masses with a congregation not to exceed 100 people.

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday - 5:00 PM, Vigil

Sunday - 10:30 AM and a 1:30 PM Spanish Mass

For those unable to attend the Mass a video of the Mass can be viewed on our Parish website.

DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM

Saturday - 8:30 AM

Daily Masses are held in the Church Chapel.

BAPTISMS are now permitted in our Church, however, there are specific guidelines we have to follow, due to the pandemic. If you are interested in having your child 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.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect. No one is required to participate in Mass at this time. The faithful, not able to attend Mass in the Church, are encouraged 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

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading - Romans 8:26-27

Gospel - Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Good Seeds

Today Jesus continues to speak to His followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the Kingdom of Heaven! The Kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

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.

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

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Envelopes	\$4841	\$4955 (2019)
Online Giving	\$392	

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

-Hebrews 13:2

***"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***

*God of all goodness, You have entrusted us with the **Gift of Life**. Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moments of conception to the last breaths of old age. Send Your strength to all those who defend the unborn, the weak, and the dying against attempts to cut short their lives. May Your Holy Spirit touch the hearts of those who are tempted to choose the way of death rather than life. Grant that Your people may always be a sign of Your love in the world. Amen.*



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The causes that lead to such painful decisions as abortion are of course many and complex. If, on the one hand, faithful to her Lord's commandment, the Church never tires of reaffirming that the sacred value of every human being's life originates in the Creator's plan, on the other hand, she encourages the promotion of every initiative in support of women and families in order to create the favorable conditions in which to welcome life, and the protection of the family institution founded on the marriage between a man and a woman. Not only has permitting recourse to the termination of pregnancy not solved the problems that afflict many women and a fair number of families, but it has also made another wound in our society, unfortunately, already burdened by deep suffering. **-Address of Pope Benedict XVI to Italy's Pro-life Movement, May 12, 2008**

The Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom. -Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's Kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Parting Words

It has been a more than wonderful experience to have been with you here at St. Joseph Parish for so many years. From the first time I prayed about applying here, to this very day, I have always been grateful for this assignment. Through my early days of running two parishes, through Hurricane Sandy, and now the Pandemic, I have had many challenges. Yet I have had many rewards too, in the good friendships I have formed with you my parishioners and my Staff, here and in our School.

But now is a time to part our ways. Our Bishop and I spoke around a year and a half ago about his desire to have a bi-lingual Pastor here, because of our growing Hispanic population in Carteret. He also talked about term limits, and about mine specifically, which is twelve years at this point in time. I listened, and gave my input.

I have been here thirteen years, and the Bishop has decided it is time for me to move on. I certainly could have applied and gotten another Parish around a year ago, but my heart was here at St. Joseph's. The Bishop has given me a few options as to where I will go from here, and I have considered all of them, but the final decision as to where I will go has not been made as of yet. This decision will be made soon, because the major Priest personnel changes in the Diocese will happen on September 1st.

I have been learning to see God's will in all of this. At first, a very difficult thing, but as time passes, I am able to see the wisdom of our Bishop's decision.

The Bishop has recently told me that I have done a wonderful job here. But because of the term limits of pastors, and also the change in the vision for the Parish at this time, he feels that it is time for a new direction.

I am hoping that when the new Pastor is chosen, you will welcome him with open arms, as you welcomed me so many years ago. I have grown so much in the time I have spent with you. And preparing to leave at this time is a daunting process. But with your prayers and the grace of God, I am sure in time, things will work out for me and for all of you, who have been in my heart these many years.

Yours in Christ,

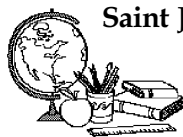
Fr. James McGuffey

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Apollinaris
Tuesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday:	St. Bridget
Friday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Saturday:	St. James

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Those who are just must be kind. -Wisdom 12:19

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.

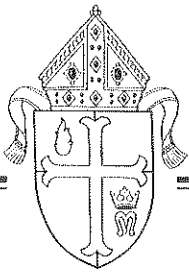
To register your child in St. Joseph PREP, your family must be registered, actively involved parishioners, in good standing, at St. Joseph Parish or a parish in the area. Students who are enrolled in our PREP are required to attend Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass, weekly.

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.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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St. Joseph School	732-541-7111
St. Vincent de Paul	732-541-8946 ext.108

Parish Website: www.stjosephparishfamily.com



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Vicariate for Clergy and Consecrated Life

July 12, 2020

Dear Members of the St Joseph Parish Family,

I hope and pray that this finds you and your family well.

As your beloved Father James McGuffey completes his terms in office as your Pastor, Bishop Checchio and the members of the Priest Personnel Board will begin to seek out the best priest available to become the new Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish. Be assured that you are a significant part of this process and that the Bishop and board members very much desire to hear your ideas about the situation of your parish, your hopes, and your next pastor.

While I am hoping to meet many of you at the Parish Listening Session scheduled for Friday, July 24, at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church, I realize that, with all our worries about social distancing and personal and communal health, many people may not want to/be able to participate in that session.


We do very much want to give you the opportunity to have your voice heard in this important matter, and so I invite you to send me an email expressing your thoughts on any or all of the following issues:

- the nature and current status of Saint Joseph Parish and School and all of their ministries, programs, facilities, etc.,
- the qualities you feel would be most needed by the new pastor,
- the most salient features of the parish that the new pastor should be aware of,
- what you are most proud of at your parish, and
- the most particular needs that you think the new pastor must be able to address in the short term.

Please email me your thoughts at JFELL@DIOMETUCHEN.ORG no later than Friday, July 24. I very much look forward to receiving your insights; I am sure that they will be really helpful in compiling our report. Please feel free to extend this invitation to anyone who you think might be interested.

Know that here at the diocese we are praying intensely for you and all those you love. Please keep us in your prayers as well.

Wishing you good health and many blessings,


Msgr. John Fell
Director of Priest Personnel

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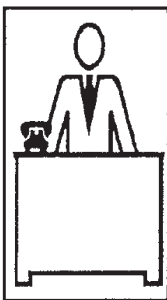
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