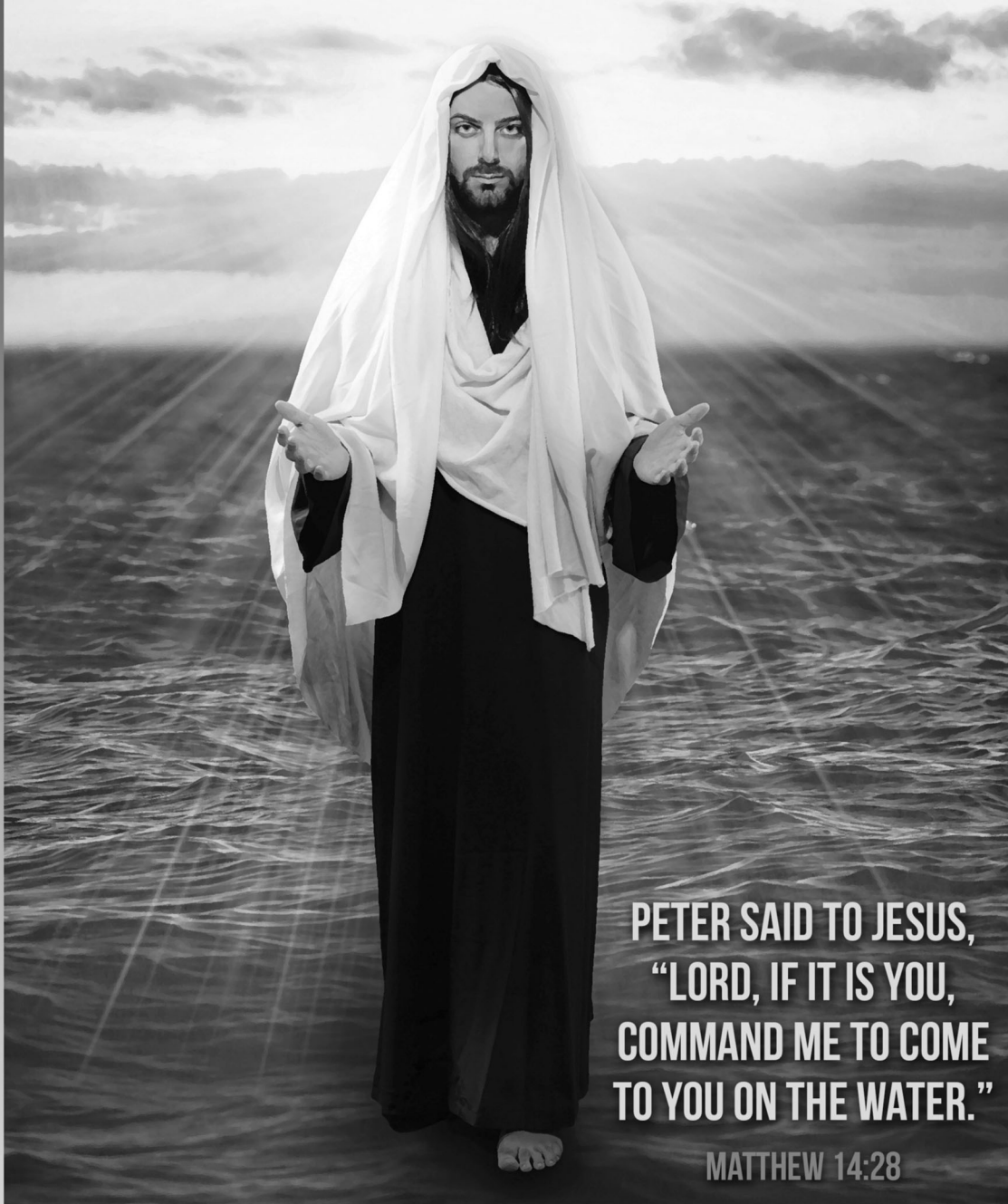


ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 2020



PETER SAID TO JESUS,
“LORD, IF IT IS YOU,
COMMAND ME TO COME
TO YOU ON THE WATER.”

MATTHEW 14:28

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Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	August 8
5:00 PM	Mr. and Mrs. Victor Servello
SUNDAY	August 9
8:00 AM	Joseph Romano
10:30 AM	Adrian (Chip) Cece
12:00 PM	Souls in purgatory
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
MONDAY	August 10
8:00 AM	James and Francis Lenahan
TUESDAY	August 11
8:00 AM	The Innocent Unborn
WEDNESDAY	August 12
8:00 AM	Vocations to the Priesthood
THURSDAY	August 13
8:00 AM	William Lenahan
FRIDAY	August 14
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St Joseph Parish
SATURDAY	August 15
8:30 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Onafrio Alongi
5:00 PM	Michael Burns
SUNDAY	August 16
8:00 AM	Edward Mihalko
10:30 AM	Msgr. Donald Endebrock
12:00 PM	Jose Manuel Romero
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

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

CANDLE INTENTION ~ AUGUST 9-15

The **Pieta Lamp** burns for the intentions of *Maria Alice Correia e Gouveia* and her husband, *Filipe*; requested by Jose Oscar Noronha.

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Father You call each of us by name and ask us to follow You. Bless Your Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know You, and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers *Deacon Jun Joseph "Jay" Alquiros, Deacon Ariel Bautista, Jr., Deacon Timothy Eck II, and Deacon Gregory Zanetti*, as they prepare for the priesthood.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Saturday, August 15

Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m.



Almighty God, You gave a humble Virgin the privilege of being the mother of Your Son, and crowned her with the glory of Heaven. May the prayers of the Virgin Mary bring us to the salvation of Christ and raise us up to eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Not a Holyday of Obligation this year – Since the *Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary* falls on a Saturday this year, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. However, Mass attendance is encouraged.

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 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.

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 - 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Second Reading - Romans 9:1-5

Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

The Presence of God

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, You are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;

1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56



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In this time of stress and uncertainty, your sacrificial giving is of great importance in helping our Parish meet our financial obligations. We ask that 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. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

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Christ has no body now but yours; no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now. -St. Theresa of Avila

Prayer for the Safety of our Troops

Gracious God, 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. Supply them with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Your mighty power to accomplish each task. Watch over their families and grant them Your peace. In the name of Jesus. 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.

***"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... Frank Tomasino



In November of 2013, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation called "The Joy of the Gospel." In it he says, "Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this... Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems... Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights. ...It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life."

Heavenly Father, You create men in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the holy Virgin Mary. Now, in Your love, protect against the wickedness of evil those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Amen.

He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. -Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR



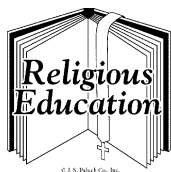
The school community of St. Joseph gathers together in Christ to explore the richness of our faith in our study of the created world, and our part in it. We educate our students to become responsible, spiritual young adults who are respectful of themselves and others and who use their gifts and talents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

-Mission Statement

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Saint Joseph School offers an exceptional values-based education. We are now accepting Registrations for the 2020-2021 School year. To learn more about what St. Joseph School has to offer, visit www.sjps.net and **take a Virtual Tour of our School**. Just click on your child's 2020-2021 Grade level to view a video of all the wonderful things your child will experience. For additional information, call the School Office at 732-541-7111.



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.

PREP CATECHISTS AND AIDES ARE NEEDED

So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach.

-Romans 12:6-7

There is a great need for volunteer 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence
Tuesday:	St. Clare
Wednesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Thursday:	Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Friday:	St. Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday:	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This week marked the solemn 75th Anniversary of the use of nuclear weapons on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. Nuclear weapons still pose a threat to our world. We are called to **Pray for Peace** and take action in solidarity with our brothers and sisters globally. Let us pray, in the words of Pope Francis, "for the triumph of a culture of life, reconciliation, and fraternity."

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Thank you to all who have so generously given to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal! Your gift to the *Bishop's Annual Appeal* helps support initiatives, services, and the spiritual needs of all, among them, the work of Catholic Charities and the needs of those impacted by COVID-19.

Through prayer and reflection, please consider a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal and give to the best of your means. With many people impacted by COVID-19, it is important to bring people the opportunity to grow closer to Christ and see the work of God in their midst. All funds raised through the *Bishop's Annual Appeal* are used to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese of Metuchen.

There is still an opportunity to participate by responding to the most recent mailing or by making an online pledge at <https://diometuchen.org/ways-to-give>

The *AQUINAS Star Committee of St. Thomas Aquinas High School* is sponsoring a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** on Thursday, **October 8**, at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, for Rocco DiMaggio, a 3 year old child, who has been diagnosed with Advanced Stage 4 High Risk Neuroblastoma. The directives for safety and social distancing regarding Covid-19 dictate that the Dinner will be **TAKE OUT ONLY AND NON-CONTACT PICK UP**. The Dinner servings begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue until 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students, and \$4 for children under 12. For tickets or additional information, please call 732-321-8815.

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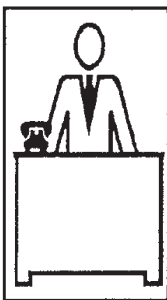
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