

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord . . .

*I will bring to my  
holy mountain . . .*

for my house shall be called a  
house of prayer for all peoples.

ISAIAH 56:6, 7



August 16, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 2020

### Mass Intentions



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 15</b>
5:00 PM	Michael Burns
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 16</b>
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 17</b>
8:00 AM	Lena Marinelli
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 18</b>
8:00 AM	Tom Hanley
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 19</b>
8:00 AM	Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 20</b>
8:00 AM	Vocations to Consecrated Life
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 21</b>
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 22</b>
8:30 AM	Rhoda Hanley
5:00 PM	John Mihalko
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 23</b>
8:00 AM	George F. Kimball, Sr.
10:30 AM	Robert Ringwood
12:00 PM	Parishioners of St Joseph Parish
1:30 PM	Sr. Maria Tamayo

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

### CANDLE INTENTION

For the week of AUGUST 16-22

The **Pieta Lamp** burns for the intentions of Rosemarie DeLima; requested by Jose Oscar Noronha.

### PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

#### A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Faithful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd. Through our Baptism You blessed us and called us to follow Jesus Who leads us on the path of life. Renew in us the desire to remain faithful to our commitment to serve You and the Church. Bless all who dedicate their lives to You through marriage, the single life, the Diaconate, the Priesthood, and Consecrated Life. Give insight to those who are discerning their vocation. Send us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



"...We will stand up every time that human life is threatened. When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, we will stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life. When a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, we will stand up and insist that every child is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God, with the right to a loving and united family..." -St. John Paul II, Homily at the Holy Mass at the Capital Mall, October 7, 1979

### Pray for the Dignity of All Human Life

*God, the Author of Life, help us to nurture and protect this most precious gift. Help us to recognize and defend the dignity of all human life—from the moment of conception until the time You have chosen for our death. Guard us against all temptation to be angry or disrespectful. Deliver us from the evils of hatred and violence in all their many forms. Above all, help us to see Your face in our sisters and brothers whoever they are and wherever they may be. Make us women and men who love peace and who are ready to work for liberty and justice for all. 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 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](http://www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus) or our Parish website at [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)

## **SUNDAY READINGS**

*First Reading* - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

*Second Reading* - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

*Gospel* - Matthew 15:21-28

### **God's Grace**

God's grace in the world is boundless and always has been. Isaiah tells the Israelites that foreigners will be brought to God's holy mountain to worship, to pray, and to celebrate. Paul refers to himself as "apostle to the Gentiles," bringing news of God's mercy to all. Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman who persists in her pursuit of Him. Let us listen to God's word and contemplate the boundaries we are called to break down.

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## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

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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.

To make donations through *Online Giving*, just visit our Parish website at [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com) and click on *Donate Now*. **It's easy, secure, and convenient!**

### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

**August 9, 2020**      \$2979      \$6458 (2019)

*A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given. -St. Julian*

**For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.**

**-Romans 11:29**

*God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.*

***"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***

## **FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR ARMED FORCES**

*All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people You kept him safe through all his journeys. Protect our soldiers. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety. We ask this through 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.*

## **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

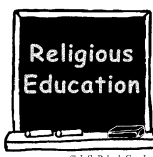
*Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshiping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an *Act of Spiritual Communion* is when a person cannot attend Mass, as is still the case for many, during this pandemic. For all who are unable to receive the Holy Eucharist in person, consider this special prayer:*

*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.*

**ISSUES AND ACTION** - To provide information and resources about issues affecting public policy, the Diocese of Metuchen Office of Communications has launched a new webpage: <https://diometuchen.org/issues-and-action>. Visitors to this page can see the latest news affecting public policy in our State, Nation, and world; take action on current pending legislation; and sign up to receive action alerts directly from the Diocese of Metuchen, the New Jersey Catholic Conference, and the USCCB. As Catholics, we have an obligation to consider public policy issues in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church.

### 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](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. 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 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.

### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

#### **There is Still Time to Enroll Your Child**

If you are new to the area or desire a different school experience for your child, **take a Virtual Tour of our School and see the amazing things we have to offer!**

**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](http://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.



### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Wednesday:** St. John Eudes  
**Thursday:** St. Bernard  
**Friday:** St. Pius X  
**Saturday:** Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### THANK YOU!

Donations have been made to *St. Joseph Church* in loving memory of *Anne Walsh* by Nancy Merkel, Mary Foster, Susan Herrman, and ICL Specialty Products.

### 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 Bishop James F. Checchio's wish 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)

### 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.

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>

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Life Choices Resource Center's Walk for Life

Saturday, **October 17** ~ 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ~ Merrill Park Gazebo, Woodbridge Township.

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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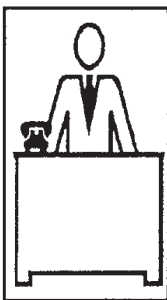
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