

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

Twenty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

**Simon Peter  
said to Jesus,**

**“You are the Christ,  
the Son of the  
living God.”**

Matthew 16:16

AUGUST  
**23**  
2020

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2020

### **Mass Intentions**



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 22</b>
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 24</b>
8:00 AM	Mary Calabria
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 25</b>
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 26</b>
8:00 AM	Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 27</b>
8:00 AM	Tom Hanley
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 28</b>
8:00 AM	Innocent Unborn
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 29</b>
8:30 AM	Frank Bonner
5:00 PM	Edward Sabol
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 30</b>
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory
10:30 AM	Patricia O'Donnell
12:00 PM	Lou Moore
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St Joseph Parish

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

### CANDLE INTENTION

For the week of AUGUST 23-29

The **Pieta Lamp** burns in memory of *Arvinda Da Costa Barbosa*; requested by Jose Oscar Noronha.

### **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 that more men may hear Your 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 as Men of the Eucharist call Your people to respond to the presence of Your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ, we may all be reconciled to God, announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to the captives, set prisoners free, and renew the face of the earth. Amen.*

### 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)



Nowadays efforts are made to deny them [unborn children] 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. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist, and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. **-Pope Francis**, Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel" November 24, 2013

#### **Prayer For the Protection of all Human Life**

*God our Creator, we give thanks to You, Who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as You form each of us in our mother's womb. Grant, we pray, that we, whom You have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **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.

## SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading - Romans 11:33-36

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

### Jesus, the Messiah

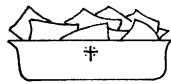
Jesus poses a question to His disciples today: "Who do you say that I am?" Throughout our lives we have learned about Jesus from parents and teachers, from the word of God we hear proclaimed each week, from those in whom we see the face of Christ in our world. Peter's answer is that Jesus is the Christ (literally, the Messiah), the Son of the living God. Today, just as every believer is invited to do, you must ask yourself just who Jesus is and what meaning He has in your life.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51  
**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29  
**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**THANK YOU** to all those who have generously given and continue to give to our Parish, during this difficult time. Your weekly donations are of great importance in helping us meet our financial obligations.



**Weekly OFFERING**

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We ask that you 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](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)

### WEEKLY OFFERING

**August 16, 2020**      \$4984      \$4895 (2019)

*Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. -Galatians 6:2*

**"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  
**a time to die...** Michael Carnevale, Sr.

## FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR ARMED FORCES

*Almighty God, in You alone we find safety and peace. We commend to Your gracious keeping all the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly power; and help them to know that they can never pass beyond the reach of Your care. Keep alive in them and in us Your vision of that peace which alone we must seek and serve. 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.

## 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.*

**Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? -Romans 11:35**

*St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.*

**ISSUES AND ACTION** - Our Diocese 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.

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

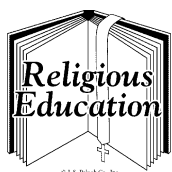
### **There is Still Time to Enroll Your Child**

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 more 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](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.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Monday:** *St. Bartholomew*  
**Tuesday:** *St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz*  
**Thursday:** *St. Monica*  
**Friday:** *St. Augustine*  
**Saturday:** *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

## 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)

Our *Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities* has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members, and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory, and other special challenges. To access the Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

## 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>

*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.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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<b>St. Joseph School</b>	<b>732-541-7111</b>
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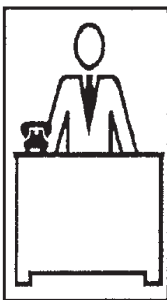
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