

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 30, 2020

**THE SON OF MAN WILL COME  
WITH HIS ANGELS IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY,  
AND THEN HE WILL REPAY ALL  
ACCORDING TO THEIR CONDUCT.**

Matthew 16:27



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## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 30, 2020**

### **Mass Intentions**



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 29</b>
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 31</b>
8:00 AM	Vocations to Consecrated Life
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 1</b>
8:00 AM	Jose Betanzos
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 2</b>
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 3</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 4</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 5</b>
8:30 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
5:00 PM	Savino Cardillo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 6</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
10:30 AM	Frank Tomasino
12:00 PM	Souls in purgatory
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

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

***"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...*** Francis James

## **PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS**

### **MY VOCATION PRAYER**

*Heavenly Father, shine Your light upon me so that I may see my true vocation. Give me the grace to hear Your word and be an example to others of Your love for us. I pray for all in Priesthood, Consecrated Life, marriage and single life, and for all who are listening to Your call, that they may answer You in their vocation. Thank You for Sending Your Son Jesus, Lord of the Harvest. Help me to follow His example. May I freely, courageously, and lovingly respond. 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)

## **For the Safety of our Military**

*O God Almighty, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, we ask that You strengthen and protect the members of our Armed Forces. May they be courageous and strong, and may they serve with dignity and honor, as effective emissaries of good will for our Country. May their devotion and loyalty to You and to their homeland inspire them in moments of challenge, and comfort them in tribulation, and grant them a sense of Your abiding presence wherever they may be. 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.

## SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2

Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

### Take up the Cross

Today we hear Jesus tell His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, where He will suffer and be killed and that whoever comes after Him must take up His cross and follow Him. It must have been quite a shock. This is the first time Jesus told them this. We know what happened nearly two thousand years ago, but the challenge is new for each generation of disciples. Are we willing to take up our crosses? Will we follow? Let our sharing in the Eucharist strengthen us as we take up the cross and follow Him.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

### THANK YOU

to all those who have so generously continued to donate to our Parish, during this difficult time. Your weekly contributions are of great importance in helping us meet our financial obligations.

We ask that you continue your donations to our Church, as your means allow, by mailing in your Envelopes, dropping them in the Parish Office mail slot, or through Online Giving. For *Online Giving*, just visit our Parish website at [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)



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### WEEKLY OFFERING

**August 23, 2020**      \$2634      \$5878 (2019)

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

**-1 Peter 4:10**

### What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? -Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

My dear Parishioners,

It has been my greatest blessing to serve you these many years. And as I have said before, I will always carry you in my heart. My time left here is very short, and I will be starting my new assignment at Immaculate Conception Church in Spotswood on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Of all the messages I would like to leave with you, the one that comes to me at this time is, that you are precious in the eyes of God. And in this, I pray God keep you in His graces, lifting up your spirits, as you seek His guidance each day, even amidst the struggles we are all enduring at this time.

I pray the Lord continue to bless this Parish, as He always has. And that He bless all the many beautiful ministries that add so much to parish life and so much to the lives of others.

And lastly, I pray that you welcome Msgr. John Gordon (Father John) with open arms, as he begins his new ministry here. Your openness meant so much to me when I arrived here 13 years ago, and I am sure that it will mean much to him.

God bless you and keep you.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James McGuffey



“Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, “every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the Creator of the individual” (John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, 37). Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or ‘modernizations.’” -**Pope Francis**, Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel" November 24, 2013

### Pray for the Protection of All Human Life

*Father we praise You for the work of Your hands. For human life, made in Your image, for the gift of Your Son Who saved our nature, for the Power of Your Spirit, Who fills our hearts, for all You bestow upon us, we praise You, we thank You and we bless You. Help us to protect the life You gave us; support the aged, guide the young, lift up the failing, and heal the sick. To all people grant Your truth in its fullness. May those who are yet unborn soon see the light of day and live to give You glory through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### TRAITS OF A TEACHER

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with Him in the cause of truth. -St. Joseph Calasanz

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For additional information, you are invited to call the School Office at 732-541-7111.

### PREP REGISTRATION

We are currently accepting registrations for the upcoming **PREP year**. Please visit the PREP website at <https://stjosephprep.net/religious-education> to complete the Online Registration Form or print the Form and mail it to PREP Office at 865 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret, NJ.

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(ren) 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.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Joseph's PREP Family is in need of volunteers to be Catechists, Substitute Catechists, Classroom Aides and Office Aides for our Program! Volunteering in the St. Joseph Parish Religious Education Program is a rewarding way to share your faith, time, and talent with the youth of our Parish.

For further information please call the PREP office at 732-969-8767 or send an email to [stjosephreled@aol.com](mailto:stjosephreled@aol.com)

Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Tuesday:** *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*  
**Thursday:** *St. Gregory the Great*  
**Friday:** *First Friday*  
**Saturday:** *First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen* offers **Counseling and Wellness Services**. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, they can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call 800-655-9491.

**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.

### 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.

*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

<b>Parish Office</b>	<b>732-541-8946</b>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>732-969-8767</b>
<b>St. Joseph School</b>	<b>732-541-7111</b>
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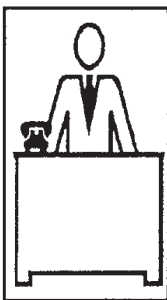
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