

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

Jesus said,  
"Where two or three  
are gathered together  
in my name,  
there am I  
in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20

TWENTY-THIRD  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 6  
2020



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

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

### **Mass Intentions**



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 5</b>
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 7</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 8</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 9</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 10</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 11</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez and all the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 12</b>
8:30 AM	Dianne Gasior
5:00 PM	John and Susan Sabol
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 13</b>
8:00 AM	Raffaele Nigro
10:30 AM	The Innocent Unborn
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...*** Lurlena Pieters-Burnett

### **PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS**

*Eternal God, open wide the doors of our hearts to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us, and all who desire to serve You, to know how to respond to Your call. Through the gift of Baptism You invite us to witness to the grace of Your love. Bless all women and men whom You call to serve the Church. May they be bold and joyful witnesses to the presence of Your Son, and to the breath of the Spirit in our world. 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 TROOPS**

*Almighty and Eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that, with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. 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.

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family of St. Joseph,

As I begin my time with you after being named pastor with Fr. James McGuffey's transfer following his terms of leadership, I wish to sincerely thank him for guiding the Parish so that at this moment there continues to be faith shared, service given, and a sense of mission.

I know these months of suspended activities and emergency health guidelines have been stressful and continue to impact our planning, but from what I've learned of the initial efforts to resume the Mass schedules, to staff our offices and classrooms, and to reach out in charity and ministry with donations and sharing, the Parish is blessed and may these blessings continue.

I look forward to meeting you, certainly if the opportunity presents itself at Mass or through the weekly schedule, but also through the internet as the Mass continues to be streamed and we use what technology provides us as we await, hopefully soon, a vaccine against this virus.

May this Labor Day weekend remind us of those who work as "frontline" heroes in commerce and transportation, in healthcare and manufacturing, in police, fire and first response, let us never forget their tireless efforts on our behalf. And finally for teachers and educators who this year experience a strange return to meeting their students through a mixture of traditional learning with on-line services, may they be strengthened to truly labor for the complete formation of our children with wisdom, knowledge and truth.

God Bless you all,  
**Msgr. John Gordon**

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For September

*We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.*

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body and Blood. For all who are unable to receive the Holy Eucharist in person, consider praying 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.*

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Labor Day  
**Tuesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Wednesday:** St. Peter Claver  
**Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary; BVM

## SUNDAY READINGS

*First Reading* - Ezekiel 33:7-9

*Second Reading* - Romans 13:8-10

*Gospel* - Matthew 18:15-20

### A Message of Love

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in His name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911  
**Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1: 18-23  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

### 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 30, 2020**      \$5522      \$5467 (2019)

*With each gift show a cheerful countenance, and give with a spirit of joy. -Sirach 35:8*

## PERPETUAL MASS GUILD

Enrolled in August:

Eileen Gill

Frank Tomasino

### WE REMEMBER

**September 11, 2001** – A Day of Remembrance for all those who lost their lives and all those who gave their lives.

### A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

*Lord Jesus Christ, Who are called the Prince of Peace, Who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, Who so often said, "Peace to you," – grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.*

-St. John XXIII



“On what reasonable grounds and with what imaginable right can anyone suggest that any human life since that time of Abram, is less precious or valuable than that of Isaac? Or has less potential in the plan of our Creator?

What a savage, unconscionable, heinous act it would have been to have put this special gift of God, Isaac, to death in his mother's womb. And to how many potential Isaacs has that happened and is still happening.....The right to life is the greatest civil rights issue of our time. This is the issue that will determine whether America remains a hospitable society, committed to caring for women in crisis and their unborn children, – or whether America betrays our heritage and the truths on which the founders staked their claims to independence....No one has to have an abortion. To all those in crisis pregnancies, I pledge our support and our financial help. Come to the Catholic Church. Let us walk with you through your time of trouble. Let us help you affirm life. Abortion need not be an answer ...” -**Archbishop Edwin O'Brien** Maryland March for Life St. Mary's, Annapolis, March 13, 2008

### PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

Father, You sent Your Son into this world that He might bless and consecrate all life to You. Your constant love protected Him as the ever Virgin Mary bore Him in her womb. In His mission, He taught us the greatness of Your Love and the sanctity of Life. We pray that we may always cherish the life that You give us. We pray that You grace and protect all unborn children with Your ever caring love. Amen.



**A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.**

-Grover Cleveland

*Almighty God, Creator of the world, we give You thanks for the gift of stewardship and work. Deliver us, in our various occupations, from the service of self alone, that we may do our work in truth and beauty and for the common good.*

*God of justice, we pray for all workers, that they would receive fair compensation and treatment in their labor. For those who seek work, provide jobs. For those who cannot work, provide sustenance.*

*Guide us Lord, that we may lead lives of holiness in service to You and our neighbor. Amen.*

### PREP REGISTRATION

Visit <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 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** are needed to be Catechists, Substitute Catechists, Classroom Aides and Office Aides for our Program! For additional information, please call the PREP office at 732-969-8767 or send an email to [stjosephreled@aol.com](mailto:stjosephreled@aol.com)

The **AQUINAS Star Committee** 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 Dinner will be **Take-out only and Non-contact pick-up**. 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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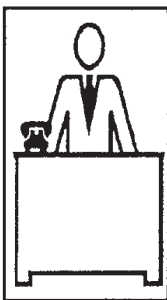
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