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**Forgive your  
neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray,  
your own sins  
will be forgiven.**

**Sirach 28:2**

**September**

**13**

**2020**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



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

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

### **Mass Intentions**



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 12</b>
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 14</b>
8:00 AM	Ralph and Maryann Giachetti
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 15</b>
8:00 AM	Rose Garatina
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 16</b>
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 17</b>
8:00 AM	Vocations to Consecrated Life
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 18</b>
8:00 AM	Michael Carnevale
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 19</b>
8:30 AM	Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild
5:00 PM	Helen Butler
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 20</b>
8:00 AM	John and Anna Panko
10:30 AM	Catechists of St. Joseph Parish
12:00 PM	Michael Gilligan
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

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

### **FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TROOPS**

*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.

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## **WORDS FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Parish Family of St. Joseph,

As we celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, I would like to announce our plans for resuming our 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass. Beginning next week, September 20, our Masses will be 5:00 p.m., Saturday eve (English); 8:00 a.m., Sunday morning (English); 10:30 a.m., Sunday morning (English); and 1:30 p.m., Sunday afternoon (Spanish).

Our approach for sanitizing the Church between Masses will be proactive using dispensable towelettes that are pre-packaged. Each parishioner is asked to take two from the baskets found in the entranceways. One towelette is to be used immediately for hands as you are seated. The second is to be used at the end of Mass to wipe off the area around the pew that you have occupied. These items can be disposed of in the trash cans located at the Church doors.

Please, as you enter Church, it is important to follow the directions of volunteers as they ask each person to occupy the next available seating area in order to responsibly utilize the available space within the Church as we socially distance and observe the 150 person limit required.

I am most grateful for your devotion to the Eucharist and your desire to attend as we gradually resume activities that have been suspended over these many months. Please feel free to ask for clarification about any of the directives, and if you do not feel well with any temperature or symptoms of illness, our Bishop continues the dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass.

Sincerely in the Lord,  
**Msgr. John**

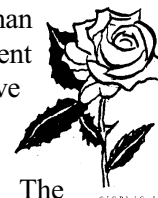
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### **PROTECT LIFE!**

*Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author of Life, Who died and now lives forevermore. May we who work and pray that children in the womb may be protected always, draw strength, confidence, and joy from Your victory over death. For You are Lord forever and ever. Amen.*

By His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God Who "so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person, and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel"

**-St. John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n.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***

### **SUNDAY MASS**

*Beginning September 20*

**Saturday - 5:00 PM, Vigil**

**Sunday - 8:00 AM, 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)

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

When circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy  
Communion, it is possible to make an *Act of Spiritual  
Communion*, which is a source of grace. *Spiritual  
Communion* means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's  
sacrifice and worshipping 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 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.***

### **SUNDAY READINGS**

*First Reading - Sirach 27:30 — 28:7*

*Second Reading - Romans 14:7-9*

*Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35*

### **Forgiveness**

We gather each weekend with family, friends, and neighbors  
to worship God, a God of mercy, a God of healing, a God  
always willing to forgive. We are called to do the same. We  
are called to reconcile with our family member, our friend, our  
neighbor, just as God reconciles with us when we turn away.  
May the nourishment we receive at the Lord's table strengthen  
us as we face the challenge of forgiving each other.

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### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27 or  
Lk 2:33-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

### **THANK YOU for Your Continued Support!**

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### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

**September 6**                      \$4123                      \$6012 (2019)

*Anyone who aspires to greatness must serve the rest;  
whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the  
needs of all. -Mark 10:43-45*

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Tuesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows

**Wednesday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

**Thursday:** St. Robert Bellarmine

**Saturday:** St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish will host a **LIFE CHAIN** on Sunday, **October 4, Respect Life Sunday**. *Life Chain is a silent, prayerful, gathering in support of all life, from conception until natural death. The event will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., on the Church side of Carteret Avenue, from Locust Street to Pershing Avenue. Join us and show your support for human life, in all its stages!*

### **SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS**

Saint Joseph School, Pre-K through 8th grade, is currently accepting student **Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year**. Saint Joseph School is offering in-person and virtual learning five full days a week! Saint Joseph School is also offering a Before and After Care Program. Our spacious building allows us plenty of room to place students' desks 6ft apart for social distancing. We are able to social distance safely. Space is limited so please call 732-541-7111.

Saint Joseph School has **Employment Opportunities** for a Middle School Math/Religion Teacher, a Middle School Language Arts Teacher, and Substitute Teaching Positions. Please email your resume and cover letter to Principal, Joanne McKnight, [jmcknight@sjps.net](mailto:jmcknight@sjps.net)

**Saint Joseph School SCRIP Program** is currently selling ShopRite Gift Cards at the Parish Office and the School Office. For more information, please call the School Office at 732-541-7111.

### **PREP REGISTRATION**

Visit <https://stjosephprep.net/religious-education> to complete the Online Registration Form or print the Registration 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.

For your convenience there will be a **Special Late Night Registration** opportunity on Tuesday, **September 21**. The PREP office will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to accept registrations. 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.

### **PREP VOLUNTEERS**

There is a great need for 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.

### **Celebrating Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversaries**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by receiving a congratulatory message from Bishop James F. Checchio. Registration is required to receive your message by mail. Please register online at: [www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration](http://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration). If you are unable to access, please contact your Parish Office or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 15, 2020. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or by emailing [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)

The *Office of Family Life* is pleased to announce the creation of the **Blue Rosary Guild**. The purpose of the Guild is for community members of all ages to make pocket Rosaries for Law Enforcement Officers, providing them with support and spiritual strength and promoting devotion to the Rosary among all the faithful. All materials and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. To volunteer, contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Director of the Office of Family Life at [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

### **Care of God's Creation Beauty Contest**

During the *Season of Creation* which began September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation) and ends on October 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), we are asking parishioners and students to survey their Parish and/or School campuses and photograph the most beautiful outdoor area and then submit the photos with your Parish/School name and a brief description to: [communications@diometuchen.org](mailto:communications@diometuchen.org). The photos will then be displayed on the Diocesan website and on social media.

### **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. To register, visit [www.LifeChoicesRC.com](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.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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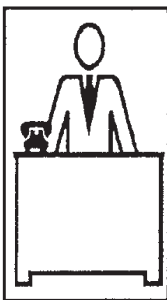
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