

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner  
who went out at dawn  
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



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September 20, 2020

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

### Mass Intentions



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 19</b>
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 21</b>
8:00 AM	Rose Garatina
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 22</b>
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 23</b>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 24</b>
8:00 AM	The innocent unborn
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Sr. Maria Tamayo
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 25</b>
8:00 AM	Ralph and Maryann Giachetti
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 26</b>
8:30 AM	William Lenahan
5:00 PM	William Casale
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 27</b>
8:00 AM	William Lenahan
10:30 AM	John and Stella Sitarski
12:00 PM	Manuel Romero Jr.
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

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

**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.

*Almighty God, we stand before You in supplication, asking Your Divine mercy and protection, to envelop with Your invincible armor, our loved ones in all branches of the Service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies, and hasten their safe journey home. Amen.*

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## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As I write to you, we find ourselves celebrating Catechetical Sunday. This observance promotes our dedicated volunteers and staff who bring the faith to our families through preparing our young people and unbaptized adults for sacramental life and commitment to the faith. The actual title used by our bishops for the overall outreach is "Discipleship Formation Ministry" which refers to how our lives are changed through learning the faith and receiving moments of grace, so that we become active followers of the Lord. I am most grateful for the spirit of joyful giving and faith sharing from the Parish and ask that this parish year of teaching and formation include the lives of not only our students but their parents and our homes where being a disciple is so important.

As well, please mark on your calendars October 4, Sunday, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. when, as part of Respect Life Sunday, our parish together with Divine Mercy Parish will participate in the Life Chain event along Carteret Avenue (in front of the Church and extending west along the sidewalk) in a peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of all life from its moment of conception to natural passing, (please see the bulletin article below).

In Christ,  
**Msgr. John Gordon**

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*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!*



"...abortion is not only injustice against an unborn human being; it is the desecration of something holy. Those in the pro-life movement who are Christians believe they are defending not only the equity of a human person. They are defending the sanctity of human life and the majesty of the living God." **-Fr. John A. Hardon**, The Pro-Life Movement and the Catholic Church

### PRAYER TO RESPECT ALL LIFE

*God of life and love, You created us in Your image and sent Your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception to a natural death. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. Amen.*

## SUNDAY READINGS

*First Reading* - Isaiah 55:6-9

*Second Reading* - Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

*Gospel* - Matthew 20:1-16a

### **Called to Follow Christ**

Today we hear the parable of the landowner who hires workers for his vineyard throughout the day, some at sunrise, some just before evening. We are those workers. We are called to follow Christ into the fields and make disciples of all nations. We may have been called at an early age, in middle age, or when we are old. But as Christians, we are all called to this mission. To use the words of Paul and Isaiah, may we magnify Christ in our bodies as we call upon the Lord in our midst.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Mt 21:28-32

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

—Thursday **Eucharistic Adoration** will resume this Thursday, **September 24**, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., in the Church Chapel.

—We have added a **Spanish Mass** on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 p.m., beginning this Thursday, **September 24**.

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

We are grateful 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*, visit our Parish website at [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)



## WEEKLY OFFERING

**September 13**      \$4013      \$6407 (2019)

*As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received. -Romans 12: 6-8*

## SUNDAY MASS

**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**

**Thursday - 7:00 PM, Spanish Mass**

**Saturday - 8:30 AM**

Daily Masses are held in the Church Chapel.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Every Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., 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.** 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. Visit [www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus](http://www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus) or our Parish website at [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The most common reason for making an *Act of Spiritual Communion* is when a person cannot attend Mass. 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.*

***"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...*** for the soul of James Senatore

## CANDLE INTENTION ~ SEPTEMBER 20 - 26

The **Pieta Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Eileen Gilbert Ellis*; requested by her Family.

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

*This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. At this time we recognize those who are called to the ministry to teach as Jesus did. Today we ask that you pray for those teachers who pass on the faith. These teachers are not only those who teach in our School or in our Religious Education Program but they include all those baptized into the Body of Christ.*

*Jesus speaks to those who will listen. Many of the people who followed Him would have been called unworthy, but they saw and heard the message and changed their ways to follow Jesus, making them worthy followers. We too see and hear the message in our lives each day. We are continually being asked to bring the Good News to those around us by our words and actions.*

*Parents are the key teachers of faith but other family members and members of the Parish have important roles in faith development. Through our Baptism we are called to tell others about Jesus. Many times without realizing it we engage—by word and deed—in some form of Catechetical ministry everyday.*

*As we begin another year of Religious Education in our Parish may we truly see that catechesis is the work of the entire community. Please pray that our Catechists may follow the example of teaching as Jesus did by word and deed. May we also remember to pray for our children and adults who meet these catechists as they journey in faith to know and love the Father more dearly.*

## PREP NEWS

**The 2020-2021 PREP year starts with Mass at St. Joseph Church on Tuesday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m.**

If you have not already register your child(ren), 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 22**. 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** are needed for Catechists, Classroom Aides, and Substitute Catechists. **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.

## SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Joseph School is currently accepting student **Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year**. We offer in-person and virtual learning five full days a week! We also offer a Before and After Care Program. Our spacious building allows us plenty of room to place students' desks 6 feet apart for social distancing. 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 Saint Joseph's Church Parish Center and Saint Joseph School. For more information, please call 732-541-7111.

## 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) Registration will close on October 15, 2020. 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)

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**. For tickets or additional information, please call 732-321-8815.

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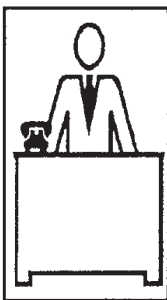
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