

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

Twenty-Seventh
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

Once again,
O Lord of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your
right hand has planted.

Psalm 80:15-16

October 4, 2020

Rev. Msgr. John B. Gordon - Pastor
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RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 4, 2020

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	October 3
5:00 PM	Theresa and Anthony Torre
SUNDAY	October 4
8:00 AM	Msgr. Donald Endebrock
10:30 AM	Deceased members of the Aleszewski Family
12:00 PM	Lurlena Pieters-Burnett
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
MONDAY	October 5
8:00 AM	Michael Grassifulli
TUESDAY	October 6
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
6:30 PM	PREP Students, Faculty, and Staff
WEDNESDAY	October 7
8:00 AM	Andrew Brost, Jr.
THURSDAY	October 8
8:00 AM	Rose Garatina
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Those whose names have been placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine
FRIDAY	October 9
8:00 AM	Tirselia Sosa
SATURDAY	October 10
8:30 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Victor Servello
5:00 PM	Richard Taglieri
SUNDAY	October 11
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
10:30 AM	Joseph Novakowski
12:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
1:30 PM	Angel Santos

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... for the soul of Helen Brechka*

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!

-St. Padre Pio

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Today is "Respect Life Sunday" when as a Church we pray for the gift of human life from its moment of conception to its natural passing. Please try to join in our 'Life Chain' event this afternoon (3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) when peacefully and prayerfully sign posters are displayed with each person holding one in a line along the curbing of Carteret Avenue. It is an expression of faith witness to keep the message that abortion, euthanasia, suicide are rejections of life's blessing and separate us from God's peace, love, and truth. If you cannot participate please try to pray the special *Rosary for Life* found on the website "Usccb.org" under the tab 'prayer' and click on 'pro-life rosaries'.

I am very grateful to our Religious Education Ministry directed by Marcelle Dougherty and served by our dedicated catechists for their efforts in bringing our 42 young men and women to the reception of their Confirmation this past week. May their faith confirmed in the Spirit guide their hearts, minds and freedom to follow the Lord's abundant promises. May Mary, Queen of the Rosary intercede for us in a special way during this month.

God Bless you all,
Msgr. John

Show Your Support for ALL Human Life!

Our Parish is hosting a **LIFE CHAIN** this 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!**



"As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God's gift of life and love? And as believers, how can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and the support that will help them always to embrace life?" -Saint John Paul II

Prayer for the Dignity of all Human Life

God, the Author of Life, help us to nurture and protect this most precious gift. Help us to recognize and defend the dignity of all human life—from the moment of conception until the time You have chosen for our death. Guard us against all temptation to be angry or disrespectful. Deliver us from the evils of hatred and violence in all their many forms. Help us to see Your face in our sisters and brothers whoever they are and wherever they may be. Make us women and men who love peace and who are ready to work for liberty and justice for all. Amen.

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. Those not able to attend Mass are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy by some other means. Tune in to a livestreamed Mass, read and reflect on Sacred Scripture, pray the rosary, or some other devotion. Visit www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus or our Parish website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Gentle God, You call us by name and lead us to life. Through Baptism You commission us to proclaim the Good News. Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation. Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, with Deacons, Priests, and Religious. Filled with joy and Your Holy Spirit may we follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen.

America Needs Fatima ROSARY RALLY

Come pray the Rosary this coming **Saturday, October 10, at 12 noon sharp**, on the front lawn of our Church, by the statue of the Pieta. All are welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
Tuesday: St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher
Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading - Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43

Go Forth to Produce Fruit for the Kingdom

Today's readings speak of harvesting grapes in a vineyard. God calls us to work in the vineyard, each doing our part to ensure a good harvest. We gather together each week in the Lord's name and receive Christ in the Word and the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the Kingdom of God to those who produce its fruit. We pray that we may be nourished in word and sacrament so that we may go forth to produce fruit for the Kingdom.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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 Church Envelopes, dropping them in the Parish Office mail slot, or through Online Giving. For *Online Giving*, visit our Parish website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Almighty God, 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 back to their homes and families. 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.

OPENING PREP MASS

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 PM, in the Church

The 2020-2021 PREP year starts with Mass at St. Joseph Church this Tuesday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. If you have not yet registered, 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.

PREP VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with the youth of our Parish. For additional information, contact the PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

St. Joseph School SCRIP Program is currently selling *ShopRite Gift Cards*. SCRIP can be purchased at the School Office or the Parish Office. Your ShopRite Gift Card is worth exactly the amount you purchased it for and is used exactly like cash. With every ShopRite Gift Card purchased, you are earning revenue for St. Joseph School. For more information, please call 732-541-7111.

Save Your Aluminum Can Tabs!

Our students continue to collect the Aluminum Can Tabs found on soup, soda, pet food, etc. **They are close to reaching their goal of 1,000,000 tabs!** Help them reach their goal by collecting your tabs and placing them in the container located on the counter in the narthex. Thank you.

CHOICES MATTER

A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference Series

Theme: *Living the Gospel of Life!*

Please join us virtually on the following dates to hear these dynamic speakers:

- October 10:** 10:00 AM - Pam Stenzel
Parents Matter: Raising Kids with Integrity
- October 15:** 7:00 PM - Evan Lemoine
Amor sin Barreras (in Spanish only)
- October 24:** 10:00 AM - Christina Bennett
Defending Life in the Black Community
- October 29:** 7:00 PM - Kristen Hanson
Warriors of Hope: Fighting Assisted Suicide in America
- October 31:** 10:00 AM - Stephanie Connors, formerly Gray
Abortion: The Great Debate

There is no fee, however, registration is required for this Virtual Conference Series. Donations are appreciated. To register visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions.

Celebrating Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversaries

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th *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. If you are unable to access, please contact your Parish Office or amarshall@diometuchen.org. **Registration will close on October 15.** 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

Champions for Catholic Charities

Virtual Gala & 50/50 RAFFLE ~ October 22, 7:00 PM

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the number of people seeking assistance and no one is ever turned away. The ministry of Catholic Charities has remained uninterrupted throughout these unprecedented times providing basic necessities of food, clothing, and housing for those hit hardest by the economic downturn. In addition, curbside visits and tele-health services are now available for those in need of counseling or struggling with addictions. Programs for youth, affordable child care, maternity and immigration services continue to serve thousands of men, women and children.

By entering the *Champion 50/50 Raffle*, you are helping your neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two Grand Prizes. ***The prizes for last year's Raffle was \$26,800 each for two lucky winners.*** With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by downloading a Raffle Form at www.diometuchen.org/champions and mailing it in with your payment. Thank you and good luck!

Members of the **Blue Rosary Guild** 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

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

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