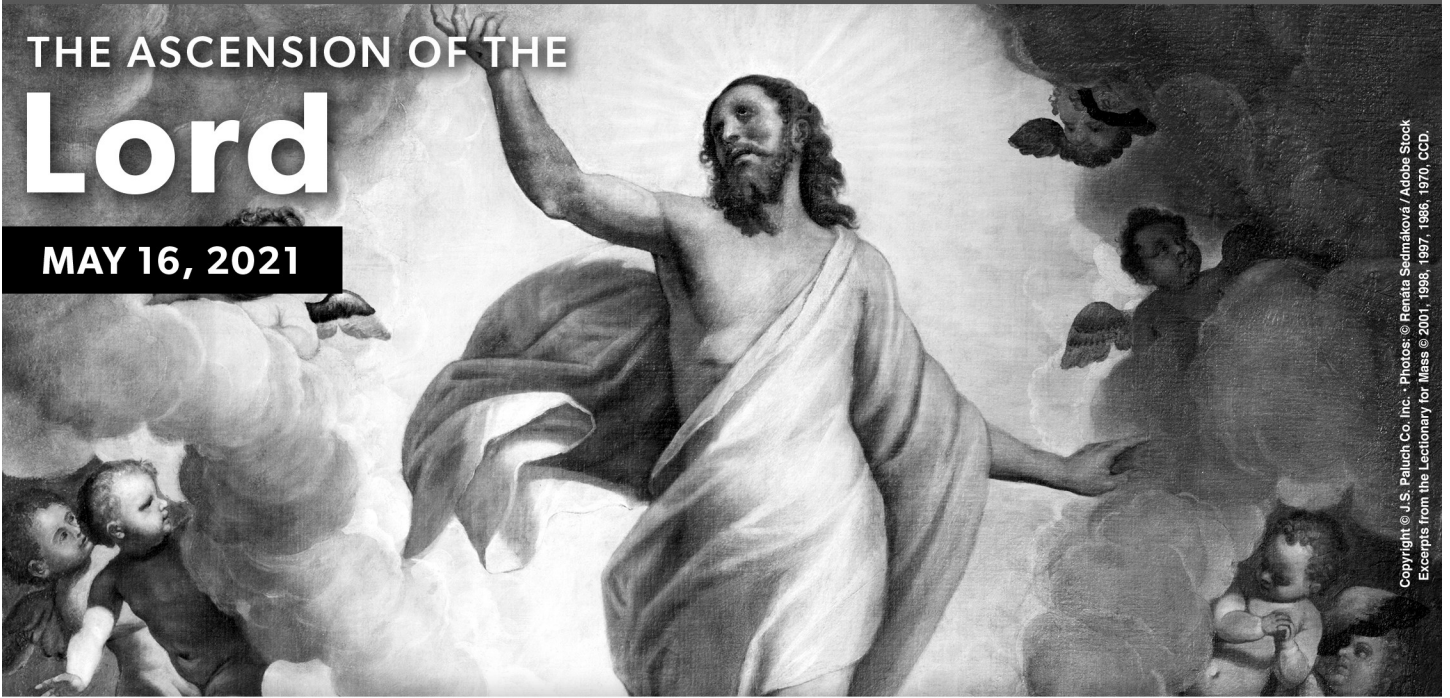


ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

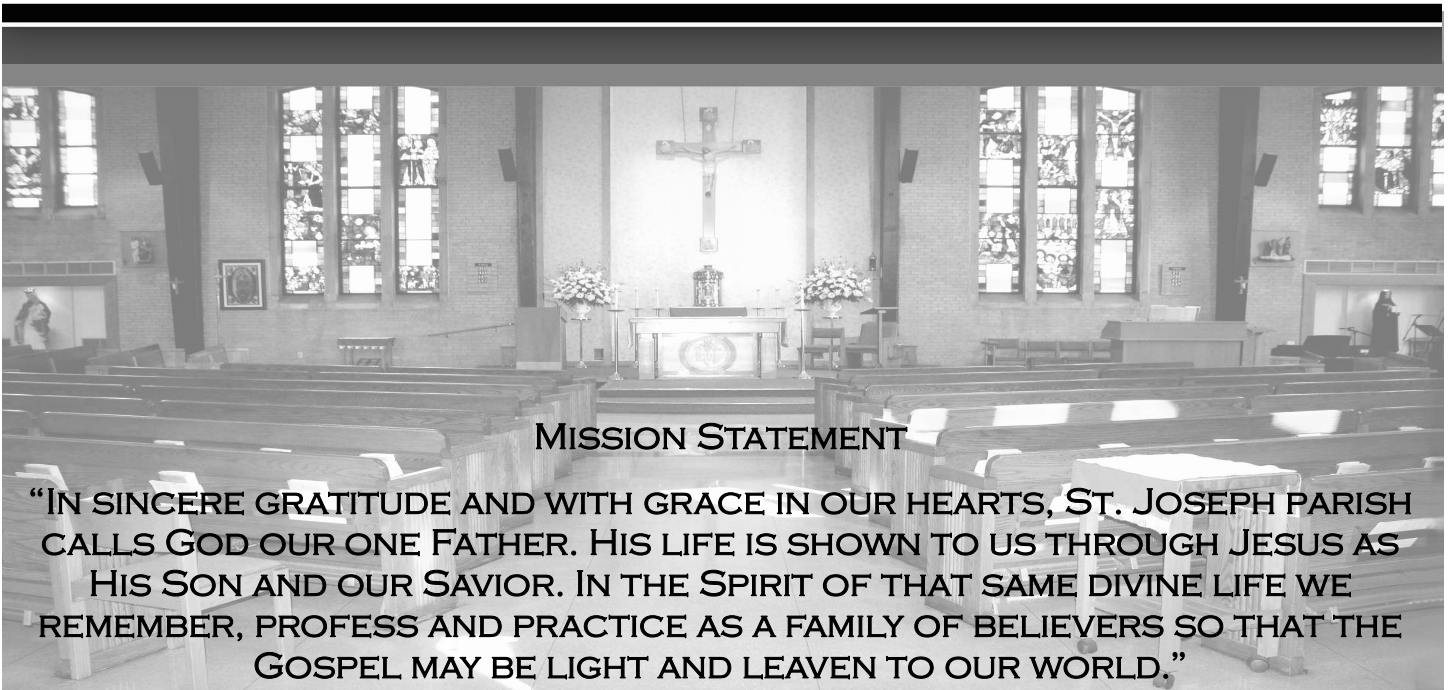
THE ASCENSION OF THE **Lord**

MAY 16, 2021



Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15



Rev. Msgr. John B. Gordon - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence
Deacon Ramon Torres - Hispanic Ministry

Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon
Ms. Joanne McKnight - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant
Dr. Thomas Juneau - Director of Music

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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. Communion service is offered each Thursday, 4-5pm in school parking lot.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., in the Church.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday mornings, from 11:00 a.m. until noon, in the Church.

For your safety, all those attending any services in the Church must wear a mask. All social distancing and sanitizing guidelines will be followed.



It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and
appointed you to go and bear
fruit.

— John 15:16

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings as we celebrate the
feast of the Ascension!



We are grateful to all who participated in the May Crowning with our First Communion children this weekend. „Our Parish Pastoral Plan has been posted on the parish website under “Pastoral Plan” for your review. A framed copy of the Mission and Vision Statements are being located at the column walls of the church doors as you enter the main church.

For your enjoyment, the Cubano X-Press food truck will be joining us on May 25th on the parish school grounds. Please try to forward your order online prior to the day to CubanoXpress.com.

Our Summer Camp is recruiting for sign-ups. It promises to be a time of fun and learning with robotics, drum and music displays, arts and crafts together with games and treats. Please see the information online at www.stjosephparishfamily.com/school and on our brochures in the church foyer.

Finally, support for our Proud School continues with selling of the ‘Sun and Surf Summer’ 50/50 raffle with each ticket costing \$5.00 and the winners receiving 20%, 15%, 10%, and 5% of the total proceeds. Drawing will take place on June 10. Sincerely in the Lord,

Msgr. John

SACRAMENTS

Baptism (English): The second Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Baptism (Spanish): The first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Please arrange for the obligatory preparation session by calling the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick are available to the sick and shut-ins upon request.

First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation: Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to receive ongoing Religious Education in the years preceding the reception of these sacraments.

Matrimony: To allow ample time for preparation, please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the intended wedding date.

Holy Orders or Religious Life: If you are considering serving God as a Priest, Deacon or Religious, you may contact your Parish Priest or Deacon; or phone the Office of Vocations at 732-562-2457 for additional information.

MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM (Saturday evening Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM; Saturday: 8:30 AM

Thursday: 7:00 PM - Spanish Mass

St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick

Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MAILING ADDRESS

Parish

7 Locust Street
Carteret, NJ 07008

School

865 Roosevelt Avenue
Carteret, NJ 07008

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office	732-541-8946
Parish Office Fax	732-541-0500
Religious Education	732-969-8767
School	732-541-7111
St. Vincent de Paul Society	732-541-8946 x108

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Registration: New parishioners are welcome. Please call the parish office to register. Please inform us if you move.

R.C.I.A.: Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the parish office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Parish Organizations: Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Ministry to the Sick & Elderly, RCIA Team, Food Pantry, Hispanic Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home School Association, Athletic Association, and Catechetical Instruction.

Sponsorship: To act as a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, Confirmed, received Communion, and live a morally good life; if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily the sponsor must be at least 14 years old.

WEBSITE: www.stjosephparishfamily.com

EMAIL: stjosephparishfamily.net



EAGLES SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

7 Weeks of Learning and Fun (Camps are open to ALL!)

Mondays – Thursdays (Half Day and Full Day)

COVID PROTOCOLS IN PLACE

In addition to our Sports Camps, we offer the following camps: Arts and Crafts; Makerspace; Coding Quest; Robotics; Musicians' Workshop; 3D Printing; Theatre Blitz; Sunsational Summer Science; And so much more...Please call 732-541-7111 to register and see our website stjosephchurchsjs for more information

ST. PEREGRINE HEALING MASS

Thursday, May 20, 2021

7:00 PM at Church



Following the Mass, there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing with relic of St. Peregrine. We invite you, your family, friends, or anyone you know that is suffering from a serious illness, to join us for this special Mass.

If you would like the name of a loved one placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine prior to this Mass, you may obtain a Spiritual Bouquet Card at the Parish Office.

Important Dates for Coming Weeks

May 23- Feast of Pentecost and blessing our youth to be confirmed this year

May 31- Memorial Day and the Feast of the Visitation with a special outdoor prayer blessing following 8am morning mass in remembrance of the unborn and praying for our country

June 4- St. Joseph Parish School Graduation Mass and Ceremony at church, 5:30pm, Congratulations to classes of 2021!

June 13- Feast of Corpus Christi with procession with Blessed Sacrament following 10:30am mass around the church and finishing with benediction

July 4- At 10:30am mass a special blessing at the flagpole to finish mass assisted by the Knights of Columbus



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays in the Church Chapel

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Restoration, sanctification, transformation, reparation, and salvation are the graces being poured out graciously upon us with each Holy Hour we make. -Excerpt from Letter To A Brother Priest

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company!

A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

We beseech you, O God to shield and protect our Armed Forces, in the air, on sea, and on land. Guard our servicemen and servicewomen on their mission to protect the well-being of our Country. Grant to our President, his counselors and advisors, and all who are entrusted with the guardianship of our rights and liberties such wisdom and understanding that they lead our Nation in the path of justice and righteousness in advancing the cause of freedom throughout the world. Blessed are You, O God, Gracious Giver of Peace. 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,

PRAYER FOR COURAGE AND STRENGTH

Dear God, Father of Us all, through Mary, our beloved heavenly Mother, You sent to us baby Jesus, our dearest Brother. Mary prayed for wisdom from above. She sought help, strength, and love. I pray that, like Mary, new mothers bend their knee asking for courage to seek help and courage to pray. To pray for this life and to pray each day. To ask for strength to stand with You as You help bear their fearing what to do. They know it is life they have given. It is life that they carry. Let them hold this dear life, nurturing life without fear because Your love will sustain them and You will protect them and lead them to safety in their valley of tears. We ask you this, O Lord and we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, today. Amen.

“But when the ^[a] Paraclete comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, He will testify and bear witness about Me. ²⁷ But you will testify also and be My witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning.” (John 15, 26)



NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit>



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2021- 2022

Catholic Schools are known for their commitment to high academic standards. The curriculum aims to educate and develop all aspects of each student.

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL offers an exceptional values-based education. Visit www.sjps.net and take a Virtual Tour of our School to see all the exciting things we have to offer your student. For more information or to register, please call the School Office at 732-541-7111.

Registration Packets are also available online.

LETTER FROM BISHOP CHECCHIO

(sent to the priests of our diocese this week)

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Your voice and the voices of your parishioners could help save millions of lives!

The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It is credited with saving the lives of over 2.4 million children to date. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, billions of taxpayer dollars could go to abortion. That means abortions would be cheaper, easier, and funded with our taxpayer dollars.

As Pope Francis has said, “The future of humanity....is fundamentally in the hands of peoples and in their ability to organize.”

It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the incredibly high stakes, Congress needs to hear from a massive number of people.

*I invite the people of your parish to join our diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USSCB, set for the **FIRST WEEK OF JUNE**. The primary goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on NoTaxPayerAbortion.com.*

The USSCB has created easy, ready-to-use tools that can be found at respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion. These include a sample announcement, graphics, flyer, and infographic. More tools continue to be added as they become available, so be sure to check back.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

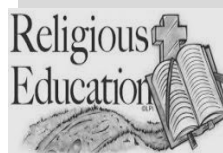
Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD

Bishop of Metuchen

(Please continue to refer to our bulletin for further updates)

PREP REGISTRATION 2021- 2022

Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year. Registration Forms will be sent home with our current students.



You can also complete an Online Registration Form on our website at www.stjosephprep.net. Registration Forms will also be available at the PREP office.

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY	May 15
5:00 PM	+ Maria Giovonni
SUNDAY	May 16
8:00 AM	+ Helen and Robert Petrie
10:30 AM	+ Michael Carnevale, Sr.
1:30 PM	+ Maria P. Saez
MONDAY	May 17
8:00 AM	+ Ralph Chirico
TUESDAY	May 18
8:00 AM	+ Henry Kolodiezski
WEDNESDAY	May 19
8:00 AM	+ Members of Perpetual Mass Guild
	+ Derek Robinson Porter
THURSDAY	May 20
8:00 AM	+ Bill Lenahan
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Intention for the Unborn
FRIDAY	May 21
8:00 AM	+ Antonio Quimpo
SATURDAY	May 22
8:30 AM	+ Arcadio Rivera
5:00 PM	+ Jerome and Jean McHale
SUNDAY	May 23
8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM	+ Michael O'Donnell
1:30 PM	+ Mercedes Crespo

CONFESSIONS

*Saturday mornings in the Church
11:00 AM. to 12:00 PM*

Five Steps to a Good Confession

1. Examine your Conscience
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins
3. Confess your sins
4. Resolve to amend your life
5. Do the penance the priest assigns

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because I have offended You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven..."

a time to heal... for those in our Parish who are ill and especially for *Anthony LaMotta, Angelina Virola, Ted Szczesny, Josie Gibbs, Ray Sewing, Constance Sewing, Raymond Sewing, Doris Schmaus, and Theresa Tumolo.*



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

He is with Us Always

Today we recall Christ's ascension to His Father in

Heaven. Before He left, He promised His disciples that He would be with them always. Indeed, the Lord is with us when we gather in His name, as we listen to the word of God, and as the bread and wine are consecrated. Let us celebrate the assurance that Christ is with us always, now and until the end of time.



Ascension

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

SACRIFICIAL GIVING OFFERTORY COLLECTION

May 9, 2021 \$4,869.50



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Each of you, give as much as you can, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God has bestowed on you.

-Deuteronomy 16:17

SPECIAL MOMENTS IN MAY

Each Wednesday during the month of May a 7:00pm special evening celebration of the Mass is scheduled:



- ♦ on **May 19** for families planning summer travel and visits to loved ones
- ♦ on **May 26** for all households to experience a consecration under Mother Mary's protection.