

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 27, 2022

A good tree does not
bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree
bear good fruit.
For every tree is known
by its own fruit.

Luke 6:43-44



MISSION STATEMENT

"IN SINCERE GRATITUDE AND WITH GRACE IN OUR HEARTS, ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALLS GOD OUR ONE FATHER. HIS LIFE IS SHOWN TO US THROUGH JESUS AS HIS SON AND OUR SAVIOR. IN THE SPIRIT OF THAT SAME DIVINE LIFE WE REMEMBER, PROFESS AND PRACTICE AS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS SO THAT THE GOSPEL MAY BE LIGHT AND LEAVEN TO OUR WORLD."

Rev. Msgr. John B. Gordon - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence

Deacon Ramon Torres - Permanent Deacon
Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon
Ms. Joanne McKnight - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 27, 2022

Ash Wednesday Schedule



March 2, 2022
8:00 AM Mass with Ashes
12:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
7:00 PM Mass with Ashes

Lent Stations of the Cross

Each Friday 11:30 Recitation of the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church for all your intentions during the Holy Season of Renewal. Also copies of the way of the cross are available for personal prayer at home.

Lent Holy Hour Series

(During March and April for 5 weeks, 4pm each Sunday a Visiting Deacon/Priest will offer Ves per prayers and a reflection on weekly topic while blessed sacrament is exposed.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Visitor</u>
March 6	Charity	Deacon Michael Abriola (St. Lawrence, Lawrence Harbor)
March 13	Conversion	Rev. Jay Alquiros (St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen)
March 20	Vocation	Msgr. John B. Gordon (St. Joseph Parish)
March 27	Prayer	Deacon George Kimbal (St. Joseph Parish)
April 3	Holy week	Rev. Edmund Shallow (Divine Mercy Parish, Carteret)

CONFESSIONS

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

During Lent, confessions will be available on Saturday

Dear Parish Family,



Greetings as we anticipate the Holy season of Lent with Ash Wednesday this coming week!

Please remember our common observance of fast and abstinence for those of age and without health restrictions. Fasting for those 18 years and older (up to 59 years of age) signifies one full meal and two other moments during the day not adding up to a second meal. Abstinence from eating meat is asked of those 7 years and older; no meat or meat by products (chicken included) for the entire day. Fasting is also observed on each Friday of Lent.

As we receive the Rice Bowl donation boxes, please use them as family expressions where contributions of loose change and sacrificial giving can be made by the entire household with the accompanying prayer found on the donation box. Please return the proceeds on Palm Sunday, April 10, where at all Masses, a Collection Corner for the Rice Bowl giving will be available in the Narthex.

Our parish raffle, in celebration of the St. Joseph Feast Day, is being distributed at all Masses and during fellowship sharing in our church hall this weekend. Thank you to each family for taking one prepared envelope of 5 tickets @ \$20.00 each to sell and return by the grand drawing on Saturday, March 19. Your support of our parish fundraisers are truly appreciated and are very helpful in providing the necessary means for our church budget.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Msgr. John



Time Change
March 13th
Don't forget to set
your clock ahead
one hour
Before you go to bed
on March 12



Every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.
—Like 6:44

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

Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

<u>Parish</u>	<u>School</u>
7 Locust Street Carteret, NJ 07008	865 Roosevelt Avenue Carteret, NJ 07008

MAILING ADDRESS

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.

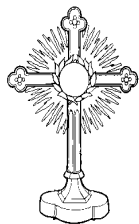
Sponsorship: To act as a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, Confirmed, received Communion, and live a morally good life; if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily the sponsor must be at least 14 years old.

WEBSITE:

sjps.net

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stjosephparishcarteret@sjps.net



EUCHARISTIC 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!



Saint Joseph 'Feast Day Raffle'

Our Parish 50/50 Drawing is scheduled for
March 19, 2022

Tickets go on sale the weekend of
February 26 and 27

Please anticipate this annual fundraiser as we celebrate our parish patron and support our growing faith community. Each ticket is \$20.00, 5 tickets are prepared in an envelope for each household to receive and return. Thank you for your continued support, and God Bless you!



Join us on our parish trip to The Sight and Sound Theatre on Saturday, April 2, 2022 to experience the Easter presentation of David.

Our bus will leave St. Joseph Church at 9:30 a.m. Tickets for the show and roundtrip transportation are \$125.00 for adults and \$70.00 for children up to 12 years old. The show will start at 3:00 p.m. and there will be an opportunity to purchase lunch at a nearby restaurant before the start of the show.

Please call the parish office at 732-541-8946 to purchase tickets and for additional information.

Bingo Night Fundraiser, Tricky Tray and Raffle



at Saint Joseph School Gymnasium
In support of St Joseph Catholic School
April 30th, 2022



Tickets on sale Now, \$10.00 per ticket

Call the Parish office at 732 541 8946 for tickets

Must be 18 or over

Bingo Games begin at 7:00 pm

Bingo ticket Includes 1 book with 3 bingo cards per game

Tricky Tray ticket sales begin at 6:00pm

(doors open at 5:00pm)



All proceeds will be to support
St Joseph Catholic School



NEW JERSEY
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**ACTION
ALERT**

On Monday, February 28, the United States Senate will vote on the Women's Health Protection Act, H.R. 3755. Sadly, the United States House of Representatives passed this legislation in September of 2021.

This deceptively-named, extreme bill would impose abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy through federal statute. Even worse, it would eliminate modest and widely supported pro-life laws at every level of government -- the federal, state, and local level -- including parental notification for minor girls, informed consent, and health or safety protections specific to abortion facilities. It would force all Americans to support abortions here and abroad with their tax dollars. It would also likely force health care providers and professionals to perform, assist in, and/or refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs, as well as force employers and insurers to cover or pay for abortion.

We need to send an unmistakable message to the Senate that this horrible bill must never be enacted. Therefore, we ask you to click the link below to contact New Jersey's two U.S. Senators.

Take Action Now go to

<https://www.votevoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/92175/Respond>

Updates from



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2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Celebrating 40 Years—

Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St Joseph. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor Msgr. John B. Gordon encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website:

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

Call to Action Needed:

Ask Governor Murphy to Increase Funding for Chapter 192

Chapter 192 (Compensatory Education) provides remedial instruction in Reading, Language Arts, and Mathematics for students in nonpublic schools. The per-pupil amount of \$995.33 for these services has not been increased since the 2008-2009 school year, while the amount of time provided for the service has been decreased as a result of costs incurred by the providers of the service. Please contact Governor Murphy and ask that he increase the per-pupil amount for Chapter 192 to \$1,300.00 per service so that eligible students can get the services they need to be successful in school. Visit njcatholic.org/faith-in-action to take action.

Natural Family Planning Scholarship Program

The Office of Family Life is sponsoring a partial scholarship program for healthcare professionals to be trained in the Marquette Method of Natural Family Planning. The training is online and is intended for those interested in becoming instructors. Information about the Marquette Method and Teacher Training can be found at <https://www.marquette.edu/nursing/natural-family-planning-model.php>. For details or to apply for a scholarship, please contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Director of Family Life, at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.



ST JOSEPH SCHOOL

Personal Tours Are Available
Please Call for an appointment

(732) 541-7111 or visit us at

saintjosephschoolcarteret.net



Saint Joseph Pre-School

2022-2023 Registration now open

For 3 & 4 Year Old Program

Full and Half -Day sessions are available

Where Faith, Learning, and Fun go
hand in hand!

For more information or to register,
Please call the School Office
at 732-541-7111.



**SAINT JOSEPH
SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
2022- 2023**



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.

Catholic School 2022-2023 Tuition Assistance

Online Application Process is now Open. Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2022. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

Congratulations to the St Joseph School

Calendar Raffle Winner!

- 1st Prize \$400.00 Ticket # 966
- 2nd Prize \$400.00 Ticket # 576
- 3rd Prize \$400.00 Ticket # 957
- 4th Prize \$400.00 Ticket # 777
- 5th Prize \$400.00 Ticket # 014
- 6th Prize \$400.00 Ticket # 155



We at Saint Joseph School are very appreciative of your support of our annual Calendar Raffle fundraiser. Thank you for your generosity which makes our school mission and quality education possible.

THANK YOU

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

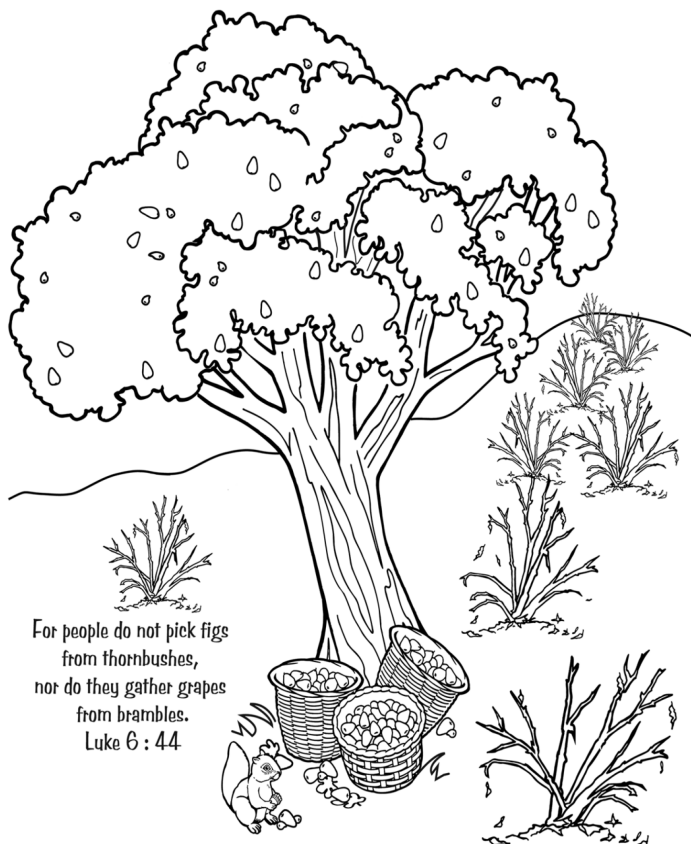
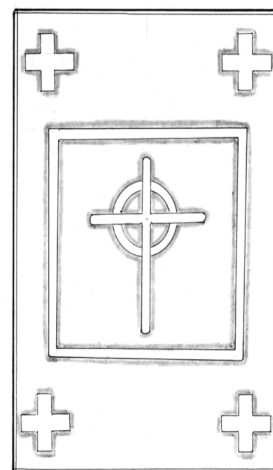


When Jesus ascended to heaven, he assured his followers, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). One way that Jesus remains with us is in the sacrament of the Eucharist. We share in Christ's Body and Blood when we receive Communion. When Mass is concluded, Jesus' real presence in the consecrated host is reserved in the tabernacle. ("Reserved" means "set aside for a particular purpose or person.") Ministers of care often take Communion from the tabernacle to homebound, sick, and dying parishioners. The tabernacle is usually beautifully decorated and kept locked to show our love and respect for the Eucharist.

People also come to the tabernacle to pray and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. They can do this as part of formal prayer at a Holy Hour, or they can make a visit to the church and pray silently before the tabernacle.

This real presence of Christ is indicated by a sanctuary lamp. The sanctuary is the area usually set apart from the rest of the church. It includes the altar, pulpit, and chair for the priest. The sanctuary lamp is usually placed on or hanging near the tabernacle. The candle in the lamp is always kept burning to remind us that Jesus is present.

Make a visit to your parish church and look for the tabernacle and sanctuary lamp. When you find them, kneel quietly in a pew and say a prayer thanking Jesus for being with us always. When you return home, draw a picture of the lamp and tabernacle.



For people do not pick figs
from thornbushes,
nor do they gather grapes
from brambles.
Luke 6: 44

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY February 26th

Weekday

5:00p.m. + Noreen Kammerer

SUNDAY February 27th

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM + Mickey Irapino
10:30 AM + People of the Parish
1:30 PM + Mario Jose Urrutia
+ 10th Anniversary of death for
Dora Christina Vega Cuella

MONDAY February 28th

Weekday

8:00 AM + Daniel Pagon

TUESDAY March 1st

Weekday

8:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Victor Servello

WEDNESDAY March 2nd

Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tomchak
12:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
7:00 PM + Kathleen Distefano

THURSDAY March 3rd

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:00 AM + Lena Marinelli
11:30 AM Adoration
6:00 PM Adoration
7:00 PM + Nelson Ramos

FRIDAY March 4th

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Saint Casimir

8:00 AM + Anibal Santiago

SATURDAY March 5th

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM + Lucash
5:00 PM + Rita Scudiere

SUNDAY March 6th

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM + Bill Lenahan Sr.
10:30 AM + Rev W. Yeo
12:30 PM + People of the Parish

****Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass****

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated for your intention and would like to present the gifts that will become the Body and Blood of Christ at that Mass, please be sure to inform one of the ushers before Mass; otherwise, they will ask someone from the congregation to present the gifts. Thank you.

INTENTIONS ~ February 27 – March 5

The Pieta Lamp burns in loving memory of Martha Gilbert requested by her daughter Christine Foxe.



"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 Alice Benson, Anthony LaMotta, Angelina Virolo, Betty Ann Feeney, Constance Sewing, Genevieve Elko, Helen Lurker, Jacobo Berrios Dias, Joey Conti Sr., Josie Gibbs, Kirsten Kisselman, Mary Warren, Ray Sewing, Raymond Sewing, Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Puleo, Robert Sulo and Theresa Tumolo.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Lenten Question

Question: What is Lent?

Answer: Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

Lenten Action:

Invite a friend to Mass with you.

Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING OFFERTORY COLLECTION

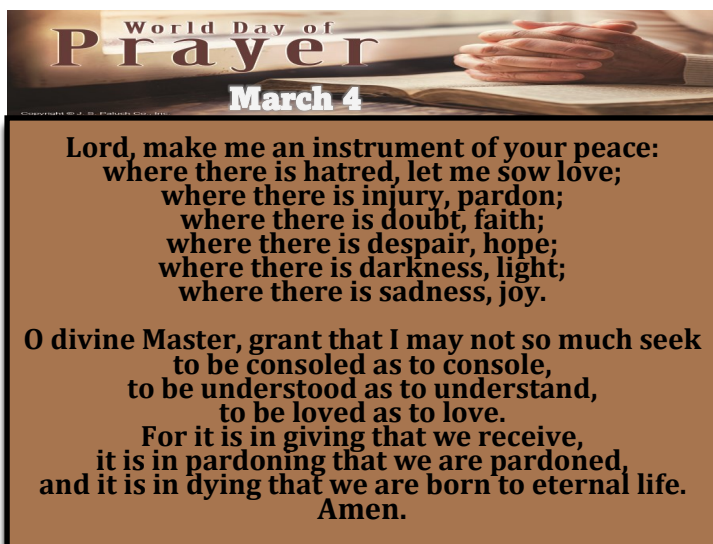
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In the Lord our labor is not in vain.

—1 Corinthians 15:54-59



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