ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
"No one has gone up to
heaven except the one who
has come down from heaven,
the Son of Man." For God
did not send his Son into the
world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be
saved through him.
- Jn 3:13, 17

LA EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ

Jesús dijo a Nicodemo:
"Nadie ha subido al cielo sino
el Hijo del hombre, que bajó
del cielo y está en el cielo.
Porque Dios no envió a su
Hijo para condenar al mundo,
sino para que el mundo se
salvara por él". - Jn 3, 13. 17

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"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 George Kimball - Permanent Deacon Deacon Ramon Torres - Permanent Deacon Deacon Vidal Gonzalez- Permanent Deacon Ms. Liane Matti, Ms. Ed - Principal

Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS September 14, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to all who have joined for the diocesan pilgrimage on Saturday, September 20 to Washington, DC. In the church foyer are prayer petition forms to fill out for anyone who would like to be remembered. We will bring them to the Basilica and present them during mass.

Our campaign for new chairs in the parish hall has been very well received. We will have the sample chair displayed for next week and we will be purchasing the chairs by month's end. Any remembrance of loved ones and families will be included in the memorial plaque to be located at the entrance to the hall.

Our teachers, catechists and parish/school families gather for our opening Sunday school year mass. May God lead us to share the knowledge and faith that gives our children a bright future of finding and following God's will in their freedom and in their hopes and dreams.

Next Sunday's special devotional procession of Our Lord of the Miracles will start with an opening 12:30pm mass in Spanish. The street procession will follow. On Saturday, from 7 pm to 10 pm there will be a vigil of song and dance in the church parking lot.

God bless you all, Msgr. John



Carta del Pastor

Querida familia parroquial,

Gracias a todos los que se han unido a la peregrinación diocesana el sábado 20 de septiembre a Washington, DC. En el vestíbulo de la iglesia hay formularios de petición de oración para completar para cualquier persona que desee ser recordada. Los llevaremos a la Basílica y los presentaremos durante la misa.

Nuestra campaña para nuevas sillas en el salón parroquial ha sido muy bien recibida. Tendremos la silla de muestra exhibida para la próxima semana y compraremos las sillas para fin de mes. Cualquier recuerdo de seres queridos y familias se incluirá en la placa conmemorativa que se ubicará en la entrada del salón.

Nuestros maestros, catequistas y familias parroquiales / escolares se reúnen para nuestra misa de apertura del año escolar dominical. Que Dios nos guíe a compartir el conocimiento y la fe que les da a nuestros hijos un futuro brillante para encontrar y seguir la voluntad de Dios en su libertad y en sus esperanzas y sueños.

La procesión devocional especial de Nuestro Señor de los Milagros del próximo domingo comenzará con una misa de apertura a las 12:30 p.m. en español. Seguirá la procesión callejera. El sábado, de 7 pm a 10 pm habrá una vigilia de canto y baile en el estacionamiento de la iglesia.

Dios los bendiga a todos, Monseñor 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 12:30 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: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

MAILING ADDRESS
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

<u>Parish</u>	School
7 Locust Street	865 Roosevelt Avenue
Carteret, NJ 07008	Carteret, NJ 07008
Parish Office	732-541-8946
Parish Office Fax	732-541-0500
Religious Education	732-969-8767
School	732-541-7111
St. Vincent de Paul Socie	ety 732-541-8946 x ²

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. Must be active Parishioners.

WEBSITE: sips.net

EMAIL:

stjosephparishcarteret@sjps.net



SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY @ 7PM

7 LOCUST ST, CARTERET NJ 07008 (732) 541 - 8946 SJPS.NET

IGLESIA DE SAN JOSÉ

Únase a nosotros para el Bingo Todos los viernes a las 7 p.m. 7 Locust St, Carteret, NJ 07008





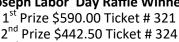
We announce our trip to the Immaculate Conception Shrine, Washington, DC on Saturday, September 20 as a parish pilgrimage day. We will visit, share in the blessings and feel renewed during this Jubilee Year that began in Advent 2024 and is continuing throughout 2025. Tickets are \$65 per person. Reservations can be made through Ivis Rosa, our coordinator for RCIA, now known as OCIA, at 732-423-8132. **Space is Limited. All tickets Must be paid in advance.**

Anunciamos un viaje al Santuario de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, DC, el sábado 20 de Septrembre como un día de peregrinación parroquial. Visitaremos, compartiremos las bendiciones y nos sentiremos renovados durante este Año Jubilar que comienzo en Adviento 2024 y continua durante el año 2025. Las entradas cuestan \$65 por persona. Las reservas se pueden hacer a través de Ivis Rosa, nuestra Coordinadora de RCIA, ahora conocida como OCIA, al 732-423-8132. El cupo es limitado, Reserva el tuyo hoy. Todas las entradas deben pagarse por adelantado.

"Danielle's Garden" Rosary for our Specials at Carteret Waterfront Park The Father Carey Knights Columbus #1280 and the Car Specials invite you to a special P Service for World Peace and Specials

The Father Carey Knights of Columbus #1280 and the Carteret Specials invite you to a special Prayer Service for World Peace and Special Intentions. This service will be held in Danielle's Garden at the Carteret Waterfront Park on Saturday, September 27th at 10:00 am. In case of rain the service will take place in the Fr. Carey Knights of Columbus Hall at 164 High Street.

Congratulations to the St Joseph Labor Day Raffle Winners!



3rd Prize \$295.00 Ticket # 23

4th Prize \$147.50 Ticket # 64

We at Saint Joseph Parish are very appreciative of your support of our St Joseph Labor day Raffle Fundraiser, your generosity makes our Parish Fundraisers a success.

Clothing Drive



Divine Mercy Parish, Carteret, will hold a Clothing Saturday October 18, 2025, in the rectory garage, Located at 213 Pershing Ave. (across from the Post Office) from 8 to 11 AM. Clean, unstained men's, women's and children's clothing, belts, hats, scarves, gloves, handbag, linens, stuffed animals and small toys (2ft or less) will be accepted in plastic garbage bags. Shoes and sneakers should be in separate bags. Bikes and Strollers are accepted. We cannot accept quilts, pillows, blankets, sports equipment, board games, books, puzzles, car seats, no large toys, baby cribs, highchairs, scooters, VCR tapes, furniture, dishes, utensils, glass, Bric and Brac items, home or holiday decorations, electrical devices, accessories. All support will be appreciated. For info: please call the rectory @ 732-541-5768.

Trip to Windcreek Casino in Bethlehem Pennsylvania Save the date! Saturday December 13, 2025!! Trip to Windcreek Casino in Bethlehem Pennsylvania. 100 dollars per ticket. This includes the bus, 30 dollars free play from the casino, and your ticket to see Miracle on 34th St in the casino amphitheater. There are also outlets at this casino. Many places to eat which you are on your own for. Bus will leave at 11am from church. Show is at 2pm with approximately 5 hours on your own at the casino and outlets. First come first serve. Reserve now! Call Ivis at (732) 423-8132 or Lisa (732) 407-9676

Viaje al Casino Wind Creek en Bethlehem, Pensilvania ¡Reserva la fecha! ¡Sábado 13 de diciembre de 2025! Visita al Casino Windcreek en Bethlehem, Pensilvania. 100 dólares por boleto. Incluye el autobús, 30 dólares de juego gratis en el casino y tu boleto para ver Miracle on 34th St en el anfiteatro del casino. También hay outlets en este casino. Muchos lugares para comer, a los que tendrás que ir por tu cuenta. El autobús sale a las 11:00 a. m. de la iglesia. El espectáculo es a las 2:00 p. m. con aproximadamente 5 horas libres en el casino y los outlets. Por orden de llegada. ¡Reserva ya! Llama a Ivis al (732) 423-8132 o a Lisa al (732) 407-9676.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The school community of Saint Joseph gathers together around the Gospel "Good News" to explore, study, and understand the knowledge of the world. We educate our students to become responsible, spiritual young adults who respect themselves and others and use their gifts and talents to make positive contributions to the needs of society and the future of the world.



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

865 Roosevelt Avenue Carteret, NJ 07008



Saint Joseph Pre-School

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





Become A Part of OUR SCHOOL FAMILY

Call today and schedule your tour at 732-541-7111

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year. In our Eagles Preschool Program, children ages three (3) and four (4) experience the same learning environment as the older students. Not only do the children believe, achieve, serve, and succeed, but they are provided with a rich STREAM program that encourages them to reach their full potential.

Become A Part Of Our School Family Please Visit the following link to register:

Https://saintjosephschoolcarteret.net/2025-2026registration

Forme en parte de nuestra familia Escolar
Por favor visite el siguiente enlace para registrarse:
https://saintjosephschoolcarteret.net/2025-2026registration
Registrarse ahora 2025-2026 Llama al
(732) 541-7111 y Programa una Visita

Welcome to St. Joseph School!

Dear Parents, Students, and Visitors,

Welcome to St. Joseph School, a vibrant and nurturing community where faith, academics, and character development come together to inspire young minds. Rooted in our rich Catholic tradition, St. Joseph School has been a cornerstone of the Carteret community, providing an exceptional education that prepares students for a future of academic success and lifelong service to others.

At St. Joseph School, we take pride in offering:

- Faith-Centered Learning: Our Catholic identity is woven into every aspect of our school day, fostering spiritual growth and guiding students in their journey to live Christ-centered lives.
- Academic Excellence: With rigorous academics, an innovative STREAM curriculum, and a dedicated faculty, our students are encouraged to think critically, solve problems creatively, and excel in all areas of study.
- Individualized Attention: We believe every child is unique, and our approach to education ensures that each student's strengths are nurtured, and their challenges are supported.
- A Safe and Supportive Environment: Our school provides a welcoming atmosphere where students feel valued and respected, enabling them to grow into confident, compassionate individuals.
- Strong Community Values: Partnering with parents, parishioners, and the local community, we create an environment that feels like family and strengthens the bonds of faith and fellowship.

Whether you are a prospective family exploring our programs or a current family continuing your journey with us, know that St. Joseph School is committed to forming the whole child—mind, body, and spirit.

I encourage you to explore further and discover all that makes St. Joseph School a truly special place. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit, please feel free to contact our office.

We look forward to welcoming you into the St. Joseph School family!

With blessings, Liane Matti Principal

Christmas Giving Tree



The Christmas gift cards for the food pantry clients will be distributive on Saturday, November 22nd. We remain hopeful that St. Joseph's community can still support those in need by donating gift cards. Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Macys, Kohls, etc. or a monetary donation, will offer an opportunity for families to reduce their worries and focus on the joy of the season. If you can contribute, please send or drop off your donation to the parish office (7 Locust St., Carteret, NJ 07008) by Friday, November 7th, or place your gift card donations in the offertory basket.



St. Joseph Church Parísh Religious Education Program

PREP Classes

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Grades 1, 2, 3, 4

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

The St. Joseph Parish Religion Education Program (PREP) Office is located in the St. Joseph School.

Please give us a call or send an email to mndoherty@sjps.net
For additional information.
Phone: 732-969-8767 or 732-969-6677

Fax: 732-541-0712

Dear Parents,

Registration is open for the 2025 -2026 St. Joseph Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) year.

So that we can plan accordingly and prepare for our students, please complete and submit your child 's 2025 -2026 PREP registration form as soon as possible.

Our religious education office (732 -969 -8767) is located in the St. Joseph school building at 865 Roosevelt Avenue, and it is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Forms are also available at the parish office and on the counter in the Narthex. You can also complete the registration form and pay the registration fees online at www.sjps.net under the Religious Education tab. While there, please take a moment to view the 2025 -2026 Calendar and the Parent Handbook.

This year, all religious education classes will be held on Wednesdays. Classes for students who are in grades 1 – 4 (including 1st and 2nd year Communion preparation) will start at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. Classes for students in grades 5 – 8 (including 1st and 2nd year Confirmation preparation) will start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Please note that families must be registered at St. Joseph parish and the child 's baptism certificate must accompany all new registrations.

We look forward to seeing and welcoming our returning students and their families as well as our new students and their families.

Blessings,

Marcelle N. Doherty

Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Feast Day: September 14
Elevation of the Cross

After searching for a long time, the Emperor Saint Constantine and his mother Saint Helen found the True Cross of the Lord. When the Cross was revealed, all the people could see how great the power of the Lord is through His Cross. The Cross healed the sick and even raised the dead.

We always wear a Cross on a string around our neck, and we make the sign of the Cross on us and on things around us. The Lord protects us from harm through the power of the Cross.



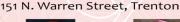
Updates from the



NJ BISHOPS'

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption





CELEBRANT Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D.,



HOMILIST Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.,



*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral

For bus trip information, scan















For full information, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life

NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE September 25, 2025

11:00 a.m. - Rally 12:00 p.m. - March for Life





scan the code! FIND OUT MORE AT: NJ.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG







Cristiana

Padre Gustavo Rodríguez

Septiembre 27 y Octubre 4

9 am a 12 pm Donación \$20

Centro Pastoral St John Neumann

Información y registro diometuchen.org/taller-de-bibliaintroduccion Lescobar@diometuchen.org



Oficina de Evangelización Hispana—Diócesis de Metuchen

TUCHEN

Come celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day with a Healing Mass with Father John Campóli, i.v.dei, át Our Lady of Peace Church, 1730 US Hwy 130 North, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7:00PM. All are welcome! A gifted homilist, Father's beloved Masses are always a grace-filled, peaceful celebration of God's Healing Love & Mercy. Sponsored by Columbiettes. For more info:

https://www.frjohncampoli.com/







MISA DE LA

HERENCIA HISPANA

10 DE **OCTUBRE DE 2025**

OBISPO JAMES F. CHECCHIO Celebrante Principal

Catedral St Francis of Assisi 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen NJ 08840

6:20 pm Rosario 6:50 pm Procesión de Estandartes y Advocaciones Marianas 7:00 pm Misa de la Herencia Hispana 8:00 pm Compartir en el basement de la Catedral

Información: Visita diometuchen.org/Hispanicevangelization Teléfono: 732 - 243 - 4573



Celebrate Black Catholic History Month

Please join us to celebrate Black Catholic History Month on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway, NJ. The morning begins at 9:00 AM with a welcome followed by a 9:30 AM Mass celebrated by Reverend Patrick Winbush, O.S.B. which will them be followed by brunch and fellowship. There is no charge followed by brunch and fellowship. There is no charge for this event, but registration is required. Deadline for registration is October 24th. Please register at: https://diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Miriam Perez at mperez@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7933.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY September 13th

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

John & Stella Sitarski 5:00 PM+

SUNDAY September 14th

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM+ Ralph and Mary Ann Giachetti

12:30 PM Jesus Maria Torres

MONDAY September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM+ For the deceased members of the Logrippo & Aliberti families

TUESDAY September 16th

Saint Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 AM+ Jane and John Lanza

WEDNESDAY September 17th

Saint Robert Bellarmine Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM +Jesus Crespo

THURSDAY September 18th

Weekday

8:00 AM+ George Ronan

11:30 AM Adoration

6:00 PM Exposicion y Adoracion

7:00 PM +Marcelo Alvarado

FRIDAY September 19th

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 AM +William P. Gray Jr.,

SATURDAY September 20th

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Albert Rego 8:30 AM+

5:00 PM+ Charles Frank

SUNDAY September 21th

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thomas & Eleanor Mullaney 8:00 AM+

People of the Parish 10:30 AM Ruben Francisco Davila 12:30 PM+

Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass

INTENTIONS ~ September 14 to September 20

The <u>Pieta Lamp</u> burns in loving memory *Eileen Gilbert Ellis* requested by her sister Christine Foxe.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Nm 21, 4-9; Flp 2, 6-11/Jn 3, 13-17 unes: 1 Tim 2, 1-8; Jn 19, 25-27 o Lc 2, 33-35

Martes: 1 Tim 3, 1-13; Lc 7, 11-17 Miércoles: 1 Tim 3, 14-16; Lc 7, 31-35 Jueves: 1 Tim 4, 12-16; Lc 7, 36-50 Viernes: 1 Tim 6, 2-12; Lc 8, 1-3 Sábado: 1 Tim 6, 13-16; Lc 8, 4-15

Domingo siguiente: Am 8, 4-7; 1 Tim 2, 1-8; Lc 16, 1-13 o 16, 10-13

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

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!

"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, Angel Collazo, Anthony LaMotta, Anthony Reveillac, Angelina Virola, Ashley Thatcher, Damaris Munoz, Elsa Pacheco, Flor Gonzalez, Gabriella Rodriguez, Ismael Fonseca, John Sewing, Josie Gibbs, Joyce Wizna, Juan Ramirez Ortiz, Kelley Nelson, Kirsten Kisselman, La Mercie Eugene, Maria Elcy Fonseca, Maria Gallo, Mary Jane Nemara, Maria Marran, Melissa Marie Gallo, Mary Jane Nemara, Mary Warren, Melissa Collaso, Ray Sewing, Raymond Sewing, William Fonseca.

Recently Departed but never will be forgotten...

Rev. Msgr. Edward Puleo, Vilma Scott, Marcelo Alvarado, William P. Gray Jr., Anna G. Slawinski, Maria Clara Vidal, Anne Karen McComb, Michael Notarmaso, Teresitá Villanueva, Juan Muniz Mercado.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for September 2025

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Intenciones mensuales del Papa para Septiembre de 2025

Por nuestra relación con toda la creación

Oremos para que, inspirados por San Francisco, experimentemos nuestra interdependencia con todas las criaturas amadas por Dios y dignas de amor y respeto.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING OFFERTORY COLLECTION September 7th, 2025 \$ 4820.00

