

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 2019

*“Father Abraham, have pity on me.
Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger
in water and cool my tongue.”*

Luke 16:24



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“We need to continue to teach clearly and help other Catholic leaders to teach clearly on our unequivocal commitment to the legal protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our teaching on human life and dignity should be reflected in our parishes and our educational, health care, and human service ministries. We need to do more to persuade all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials, especially Catholic public officials. We welcome conversation initiated by political leaders themselves.” -*Catholics in Political Life*, a statement of the United States Catholic Bishops, June 18, 2004

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	September 29
MONDAY	September 30
6:30 PM	Athletic Association Registration, gym
TUESDAY	October 1
6:00 PM	PREP, school
6:15 PM	PREP 8 th Grade Parent Mtg., gym
WEDNESDAY	October 2
6:00 PM	PREP, school
THURSDAY	October 3
FRIDAY	October 4
8:00 PM	A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
SATURDAY	October 5
12:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals, church lawn

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.

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank You today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our Nation once again becomes a Nation with liberty and justice – not just for some, but for all. Amen.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The Rite of Baptism is celebrated on the second weekend of the month: Saturday at 1:00 PM. 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: Specific times are set for the celebration of marriage during the year. 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 of 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, 12:00 PM
1:30 PM (Spanish)
Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM
St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick
Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

MAILING ADDRESS

<u>Parish</u>	<u>School</u>
55 High Street Carteret, NJ 07008	865 Roosevelt Avenue Carteret, NJ 07008

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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

Parish Website: www.stjosephparishfamily.com
PREP Website: www.stjosephprep.net
School Website: www.sjps.net

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Registration: New parishioners are welcome. Please call the Parish Office to register. Please notify 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 Poor, 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. A Christian who is a non-Catholic may be a witness for Baptism together with a Catholic sponsor.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel - Luke 16: 19-31

How God Intends Us to Live

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8: 1-8; Lk 9: 46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8: 20-23; Lk 9: 51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2: 1-8; Mt 18: 1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10: 1-12
Friday: Bar 1: 15-22; Lk 10: 13-16
Saturday: Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29; Lk 10: 17-24
Sunday: Hb 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4; 2 Tm 1: 6-8, 13-14;
Lk 17: 5-10

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

September 22, 2019 \$5087 \$5789 (2018)

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

- 1 Peter 4:10

America Needs Fatima ROSARY RALLY **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 ~ 12 NOON**

Come pray the Rosary on Saturday, October 12, 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 This Week

Sunday: *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Monday: *St. Jerome*
Tuesday: *St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus*
Wednesday: *The Holy Guardian Angels*
Friday: *St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday*
Saturday: *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos*

***"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 Mary Wagner, Anthony LaMotta, Chip Cece, Diane Rosa, Joseph Sabol

a time to die... Alfred Traina, James DeFoe

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Father, in the power of the Spirit, You send us forth to build up Your Kingdom. I pray especially for those whom You are calling to serve the Church as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship. The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few. Please provide for us men and women who will help to gather in a great harvest of souls. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 5 ~ 12 Noon

Friday, October 4, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Assisi. While recuperating from a serious illness, St. Francis decided to devote his life completely to God by giving all his worldly possessions to the poor. In a coarse penitential garb, girded with a cord, he entered upon a life of poverty, preaching, penance, and the Gospel life.

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all God's creatures, **we will have the traditional blessing of the animals on Saturday, October 5, at 12 noon, on the lawn of the Church.**

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TROOPS

Heavenly Father, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in our Armed Forces, at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and help them to know that nothing can separate them from Your love. In Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.



SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE - OCTOBER 19

**DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE
TO WIN A LARGE \$\$ CASH \$\$ PRIZE!**



All registered parishioners should have received a Super 50/50 Raffle Book in the mail. *Help make this year's SUPER 50/50 our biggest ever!* Buy/sell your book of Raffle tickets and place your returns in the collection basket or the Parish Office mail slot. Additional books are available at the Parish Office.

COAT DRIVE

The *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will again be distributing gently used or new coats and gowns to the members of the Food Pantry on Saturday, October 19. Your generous donations in the past have made this annual event a success. Therefore, we again ask for your help as we continue this tradition. Members of our Conference will collect the coats and gowns in the narthex, before and after all Masses on the weekends of **October 5/6 and October 12/13**. Coats of all sizes will be collected. Items may be GENTLY USED or NEW, but they MUST be clean and in good condition...and please check the pockets! Also, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The *Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life* is sponsoring a **Program for Men and Women Seeking Healing from Separation or Divorce** which is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity. This 12-week program *begins October 8*, and meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, please contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947 or 908-470-0678.

Life Choices Resource Center's **WALK FOR LIFE** will be held on Saturday, **October 12**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm. (rain or shine). To participate, call 732-516-0822. Help make a difference in the life of a family and their unborn child!

Choices Matters - A Critical Life Conference will be held on Saturday, **November 2**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio at 8:30 a.m., at St. Peter the Apostle University Church, New Brunswick. The Conference begins at 10:00 a.m. at Rutgers University, 126 College Ave. Student Center, in New Brunswick. General registration is \$25; Student registration is: \$10. The Conference features guests speakers and exhibits, and the fee includes lunch and handouts. To register, visit www.rutgerscatholic.org and click on Choices Matters. For information, call 732-562-1543.

Catholic High School OPEN HOUSE

Mother Seton Regional High School, One Valley Rd., Clark – Sunday, **October 6**, 1:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.motherseton.org or call 732-382-1952.

Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains – Wednesday, **October 9**, 7:00 p.m. Early Bird Tours will begin at 6:15 p.m. For additional information, contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600 ext. 302 or email bthornton@unioncatholic.org

St. Thomas Aquinas High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison – Sunday, **October 13**, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. 7th Graders are encouraged to get an early start! For additional information, call 732-549-1108 ext. 620 or visit www.stahs.net

Hope Through Education

Hope Through Education is a newly incorporated independent nonprofit formed to significantly increase the **tuition assistance** available to low-income families living in Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren counties, allowing them the chance to choose the best school for their child regardless of their ability to afford the full cost of tuition. *Hope Through Education* has the approval of Bishop James F. Checchio, who stands in support of its mission. The nonprofit is staffed, operational and already at work to increase the number of scholarships available to families with the greatest financial need. For information, contact *Hope Through Education* at info@hopethrougheducationusa.org

LIFE CHAIN 2019

October 6 ~ 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Rain or Shine)

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our Nation and for an end to abortion. Held at various locations throughout the four counties in the Diocese of Metuchen.

Life Chains in our area include...

Perth Amboy: New Brunswick Avenue. Contact: Msgr. Gordon at 732-442-0512.

Sayreville: 855 Washington Road (at the high school). Contact: Janice O'Brien at 732-727-1879.

Somerville: Somerset Street & Mountain Avenue. Contact: Kevin Dugan at 908-788-7736.

By entering the **Champions for Catholic Charities Super 50/50 Raffle**, you are helping our neighbors in need. Last year's prizes were \$26,500 each for two lucky winners. Tickets: \$100. Drawing will be held on Thursday, October 17, at the Champions for Catholic Charity Dinner being held at The Palace in Somerset Park. Download a raffle form at <https://diometuchen.org/champions> or call 732-562-2432.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	September 28
5:00 PM	William Casale
SUNDAY	September 29
8:00 AM	Aleli Synjongtian
10:30 AM	Michael Burke
12:00 PM	Charles L. Thatcher IV
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
MONDAY	September 30
8:00 AM	Sr. Maria Tamayo
TUESDAY	October 1
8:00 AM	souls in purgatory
WEDNESDAY	October 2
8:00 AM	Francis Sinnott
THURSDAY	October 3
8:00 AM	Juan Francisco Angulo
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
FRIDAY	October 4
8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving
SATURDAY	October 5
8:30 AM	Michael Grassifulli
5:00 PM	Richard Taglieri
SUNDAY	October 6
8:00 AM	Ramon Madera
10:30 AM	Anthony and Theresa Torre
12:00 PM	Gerald Stromberg
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

CANDLE INTENTIONS

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5

The St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of *Ronald Csaki*; requested by Eleanor Morris.

The Pieta Lamp burns in loving memory of *Eileen Ellis*; requested by her sister, Christine Foxe.

The Saint Joseph Lamp burns for *the intentions of Michael Meggo*; requested by Marie Laforest.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Church Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration is the practice of placing the consecrated bread or host on the altar so that the faithful may join in prayer and worship before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Praying before the Eucharist can be a time of reflection, adoration, and growth in true love for God and others. The Eucharist draws us closer to God, nourishes our own life and spirituality, and impels us to be witnesses of God's love in the world through our words and actions.



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

is a process for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who seeks to come into full communion with the faith community. It is especially tailored to those who:

- *Have never been baptized;*
- *Have been baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation;*
- *Are baptized Christians and would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church;*
- *Have no Church to call their own.*

If you are interested in acquiring more information about the RCIA process or if you know adults in your family, neighborhood, or workplace who may be interested in this process, please call Marcelle Doherty at the RCIA Office, at 732-969-8767.

My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established... -Luke 16: 25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel, we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

BLUE MASS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Come Pray for Those Who Serve and Protect!

The annual *Blue Mass for Law Enforcement* will be held on Thursday, **October 17**, at 10:30 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen. Bishop James F. Checchio will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. Come pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren counties. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For more information, call 732-765-6438 or visit <https://diometuchen.org/2019-blue-mass>