

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

October 6, 2019 • Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The apostles
said to the Lord,

"Increase our faith."

Luke 17:5

Rev. James W. McGuffey - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence
Deacon Ramon Torres - Hispanic Ministry

Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Roseann Johnson - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Coordinator of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant
Dr. Thomas Juneau - Director of Music

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 6, 2019



PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	October 6 Coat Drive, narthex
MONDAY	October 7 6:30 PM Athletic Association Registration, gym
TUESDAY	October 8 6:00 PM PREP, school 6:15 PM PREP 7 th Grade Parent Mtg., gym
WEDNESDAY	October 9 6:00 PM PREP, school
THURSDAY	October 10
FRIDAY	October 11 8:00 PM A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
SATURDAY	October 12 12:00 PM Rosary Rally, church lawn

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For October

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

MY VOCATION PRAYER

Dear Father, shine Your light upon me so that I may see my true vocation. Give me the grace to hear Your word and be an example to others of Your love for us. I pray for all in priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, and single life, and for all who are listening to Your call, that they may answer You in their vocation. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus, Lord of the Harvest. Help me to follow His example. May I freely, courageously, and lovingly respond. Amen.



Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is always gravely immoral (The Gospel of Life, no. 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice. -*Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life, USCCB 2001*

Father and Maker of All, You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in Your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your hands, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of life. Through Christ our Lord. 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 - Hebrews 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Gospel - Luke 17: 5-10

A Little Faith

Faith, even just the size of a mustard seed, can go a long way. It allows Habakkuk to withstand destruction and violence. It allows Paul to bear imprisonment and encourage Timothy to face his share of hardships. It allows the disciples to serve the Lord without recompense. Listening to the readings today, let us reflect on how our own faith has allowed us to overcome difficulties and pray for the grace to realize its strength.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1: 1 — 2: 2, 11; Lk 10: 25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 10: 38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4: 1-11; Lk 11: 1-4

Thursday: Mal 3: 13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2; Lk 11: 15-26

Saturday: Jl 4: 12-21; Lk 11: 27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5: 14-17; 2 Tm 2: 8-13; Lk 17: 11-19

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Nor is it small to God, if we have given what we could.

- St. Gregory Nazianzen

America Needs Fatima

ROSARY RALLY

This 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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday*

Monday: *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Tuesday: *Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) begins at sundown*

Wednesday: *St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi*

Friday: *St. John XXIII*

Saturday: *Blessed Virgin Mary*

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Take the time to pray the Rosary as a family.



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

“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, Andy Distefano.

Eternal Lord God, Who alone governs the heavens and rules the raging seas, mercifully take under Your Almighty and most precious protection our Country's Armed Forces members. Preserve them from danger upon the sea, on the land, and in the air, and from the violence of the enemy, that they may be a safeguard for our Country and a security for its people; that we may in peace and quietness serve You, our God, to the glory of Your name. 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 Michnowiez*, 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.



RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation

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.

The Prize Money Keeps GROWING!



Raffle Drawing

All parishioners should have received a **Super 50/50 Raffle** Book. 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.

Wow! The following sold a full book of Raffle Tickets:

M/M Roche

M/M Michael Siano

Pinchak Family

Paul and Maria Busch

M/M Schodowski

Rigoberto Perez

Gerry Hanko

Mary Irwin

Mary Donahue

Alicia F. Gallegos

Felipe Llave

Rubino Family

Ann and Frank

Cristina Paz

Louis Mattos

Philip Brown

John Deli

Thank you!

COAT DRIVE UNDERWAY!

Members of the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will be in the narthex after Mass, **this weekend and next weekend**, collecting new coats and gowns to distribute to the members of the Food Pantry on Saturday, October 19. Coats of all sizes will be collected. Coats and gowns 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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

St. Joseph Food Pantry THANKSGIVING Request

Our Food Pantry distributes approximately 150 turkeys and all the trimmings to the Carteret community so that all can have a proper Thanksgiving meal. **Stuffing mix, yams, and brownie mix are needed** to help them in preparing the Thanksgiving Baskets for distribution. You may place your donations in the *Food Pantry Barrel* located in the narthex.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may place your donation in an envelope marked *Food Pantry* and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your support!

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.

Celebrate your **25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary** at an *Evening Prayer Service at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen, on Sunday, **October 27**, at 4:00 p.m.* Registration required. Please register online at: diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold. If you are unable to access, contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. **Registration will close on October 11.** Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude. Donations may be made online or by calling 732-562-1543.

Catholic High School OPEN HOUSE

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

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 is a nonprofit formed to significantly increase the **tuition assistance** available to low-income families living in Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. For information, contact *Hope Through Education* at info@hopethrougheducationusa.org

Office of Cemeteries Open House

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, 899 Lincoln Avenue, Piscataway. Saturday, **October 12**, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, **October 13**, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Memorial Counselors will be on hand to assist you with pre-planning. Premium glass niche banks for the cremated remains of your loved ones are available. Memorialization opportunities are available. Open house incentives will be offered. Light refreshments will be served. For information, call 800-943-8400 or visit www.diometuchen.org/cemeteries

Champions for Catholic Charities is a community of individual, parish, and corporate benefactors who support Catholic Charities' vital programs and services for our neighbors in need. Here are 2 ways to help: 1. Attend the 2019 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner being held on Thursday evening, October 17, at the Palace in Somerset Park and/or 2. Purchase a Champion 50/50 Raffle ticket. Call 732-562-2432, email champions@diometuchen.org, or visit <https://diometuchen.org/champions>, for more information.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	October 5
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
MONDAY	October 7
8:00 AM	Andrew Brost, Jr.
TUESDAY	October 8
8:00 AM	Merisena Desroches
WEDNESDAY	October 9
8:00 AM	Al Traina
THURSDAY	October 10
8:00 AM	Ludovia A. Thomas
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Those whose names have been placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine
FRIDAY	October 11
8:00 AM	Benito Serantes
SATURDAY	October 12
8:30 AM	James DeSpirito
5:00 PM	Robert Ringwood
SUNDAY	October 13
8:00 AM	Chappy Thatcher
10:30 AM	Joseph Novakowski
12:00 PM	Robert Csaki
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

CANDLE INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 6-12

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the intentions of *Shawn Schick*; requested by Karen M. Kackle.

The **Pieta Lamp** burns for a special intention; requested by, Victoria Chander.

The **Saint Joseph Lamp** burns for an increase in vocations to consecrated life.

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 before the presence of Christ. 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 life and spirituality, and impels us to be witnesses of God's love in the world.

PERPETUAL MASS GUILD

Enrolled in September:

<i>Maria Valdez de Scott</i>	<i>Vito Fumai</i>
<i>Nelson Rodriguez</i>	<i>Lillian Sinko</i>
<i>Daniel Wilson</i>	

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Christ Is Our Hope: In Every Season of Life

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

The **WALK FOR LIFE**, benefitting Life Choices Resource Center, will be held on Saturday, **October 12**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm. (rain or shine). Youth Groups, Families, CCD Students, and anyone who loves babies and God's people are invited to come and help make our event a success! To register, call 732-516-0822. Your participation will 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 Avenue Student Center, in New Brunswick. General registration: \$25; Student registration: \$10. The Conference features guest speakers and exhibits, and the fee includes lunch and handouts. To register, visit www.rutgerscatholic.org and click on Choices Matters. Everyone is welcome! With questions or for more information, please call 732-562-1543.

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 additional information, please call 732-765-6438 or visit <https://diometuchen.org/2019-blue-mass>