

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

Thirty-Second **SUNDAY**
IN ORDINARY TIME

November 10, 2019

God is not God of the dead,
but of the living,
for to him all are alive.

Luke 20:38



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 10, 2019



PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	November 10
MONDAY	November 11
6:30 PM	Athletic Association, gym
TUESDAY	November 12
6:00 PM	PREP, school
6:00 PM	RCIA, school classroom
7:45 PM	Athletic Association, gym
WEDNESDAY	November 13
6:00 PM	PREP, school
7:45 PM	Athletic Association, gym
THURSDAY	November 14
6:00 PM	First Communion Retreat, gym
FRIDAY	November 15
6:30 PM	Athletic Association, gym
8:00 PM	A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
SATURDAY	November 16
9:30 AM	Food Pantry, church hall

2020 PARISH CALENDARS are available at the exits. Be sure to take one home.

PRAYER FOR THE HELPLESS UNBORN

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life. Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies, give them birth, and all the needed care that only a mother can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



By His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every human being (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God Who "so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person, and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel. -**Saint John Paul II**, *The Gospel of Life*, n.2)

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 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, 12:00 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
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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 - 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14

Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 2: 16 – 3: 5

Gospel - Luke 20: 27-38 or 20: 27, 34-38

Confidence in the Lord

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today's readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us—both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: "I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God." That same confidence appears in Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. "The Lord is faithful," he testifies; "He will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God's protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1: 1-7; Lk 17: 1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2: 23 – 3: 9; Lk 17: 7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6: 1-11; Lk 17: 11-19
Thursday: Wis 7: 22b – 8: 1; Lk 17: 20-25
Friday: Wis 13: 1-9; Lk 17: 26-37
Saturday: Wis 18: 14-16, 19: 6-9; Lk 18: 1-8

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received. -Romans 12:6-8

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES' ADVICE ON MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION

Don't be afraid.

"Sin is shameful only when we commit it; when it has been converted by confession and repentance it becomes honorable and salutary."

Think of Jesus.

"Imagine that you are on Mount Calvary at the feet of Jesus Christ crucified and that His precious Blood drips down on every side to cleanse away your iniquities."

Be honest.

"Be sure to state everything with candor and sincerity."

Listen.

"Listen to the advice and commands of God's minister and say within your heart, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.'"

**CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ON SATURDAYS,
FROM 11:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON, IN THE CHURCH.**

VETERANS DAY

Monday, November 11



May we remember that the freedoms we enjoy in our most gracious home, the United States of America, did not come without a price. On Veterans Day, we recognize, thank, and pray for the heroes among us. They are the men and women who served in our Armed Forces. They are the veterans of the United States Military.

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their Country. We pray that You will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service. We humbly ask Your protection for all the men and women currently in our Military. Strengthen them and guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety. We ask this through 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.

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Compassionate God, You speak Your word to us through prophets of long ago and You continue to reveal Your message of love today. With great expectation we look to Your Spirit to work in our world, empowering us to serve You as Jesus did.

May we listen for Your word and respond generously to Your call. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism.

Strengthen married couples, single men and women, Deacons, Priests, Sisters, and Brothers as they seek to serve You by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If You Are Discerning a Call to the Priesthood, you are invited to contact the Diocese of Metuchen Office of Vocations at vocations@diometuchen.org or call Fr. Jason Pavich, Vocation Director, at 732-562-2453.

“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

CLASSES BEGIN THIS TUESDAY!



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 or if you know someone who may be interested, please call Marcelle Doherty at 732-969-8767.

The Baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser, benefitting



the lifesaving work of *Life Choices Resource Center*, is underway. Baby bottles will be available after Mass, at all the exits. ***Fill your bottle with change, cash, or a check (made payable to Life Choices Resource Center) and return it to the Church by***

November 24. Your gift will make a difference in the life of a family and their unborn child! Thank you for your support, and God bless you.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend* gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend* will be held ***January 24-26.*** Please register by January 10, as space is limited. Visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org or call 732-904-9636 to register or for additional information.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen Connections Program is Seeking Volunteers. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to a youth. Do you have a minimum of three hours a week to offer to a child; like having fun; reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township; want to make a difference in a child's life; enjoy being a positive role model? Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email her at jcullen@ccdom.org.

A **MASS AND HEALING SERVICE** will be held at *St. James Church*, Woodbridge, on Wednesday, ***November 13***, at 7:00 p.m. Father John Campoli, I.V. Dei, Director of *His Love Ministries*, will celebrate Mass. Following the Mass, Father John will pray for Special Blessings and Healing for those present. For more information, call Maryann at 732-803-7466.

Prayer Service for Those Touched by the Pain of Addiction or Loss ~ Many of us struggle to comfort and support our brothers and sisters who have suffered as a result of addiction and/or loss of a family member to an overdose.

In an effort to offer spiritual support, a Prayer Service will be held on Thursday, ***November 14***, at 7:00 p.m., at *St. James the Less Parish*, 36 Lincoln Ave., Jamesburg, NJ. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Pastoral ministers will be present at the service to listen to and speak with participants and to offer healing resources. All are welcome. Call 732-243-4574 for more information.

Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching about same-sex-attraction and discipleship. *Courage* members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship, and moral support. *Courage* meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain.

EnCourage is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-attraction. For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call *Courage* at 732-562-2476 or email them at couragecnj@gmail.com; for *EnCourage* call 732-248-9460. Also visit the national website at Couragerc.org. All contacts are confidential.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY AND SICILY **NOVEMBER 2-13, 2020**

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo, including Sicily (Palermo, Agrigento, Siracusa, Mt. Etna, Taormina, Massina) and Rome with a Papal Audience. \$3479 - includes superior hotels, most meals, professional guides and tour escort, and daily Mass. Call St. Andrew Church, Avenel, for a full color brochure: 732-634-4355.

The Diocese of Metuchen, along with the Catholic Dioceses of Newark, Trenton, Camden, and Paterson, established an **Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP)** to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Diocese. ***The IVCP began accepting claims on June 15 and will conclude on December 31, 2019.*** Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	November 9
5:00 PM	Agnes Burns
SUNDAY	November 10
8:00 AM	Chappy Thatcher
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
12:00 PM	Ronald J. Csaki
1:30 PM	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
MONDAY	November 11
8:00 AM	Vincent J. Calabria
TUESDAY	November 12
8:00 AM	Regina Brower
WEDNESDAY	November 13
8:00 AM	Socorro 'Sally' Rodriguez
THURSDAY	November 14
8:00 AM	Patricia O'Donnell
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Those whose names have been placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine
FRIDAY	November 15
8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Gulino Family
SATURDAY	November 16
8:30 AM	Julio Simo
5:00 PM	Lucia Libutti
SUNDAY	November 17
8:00 AM	Francisco Da Silva
10:30 AM	Mary Thatcher
12:00 PM	Ida Theresa Ranson
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

CANDLE INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 10-16

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Elizabeth and Julius Vasvary*; requested by her granddaughter, Stacey, and Chris and Ava.

The **Pieta Lamp** burns for the intentions of Brother *Richard Fish*.

The **Saint Joseph Lamp** burns in loving memory of *June Paiva*; requested by her husband, Jack.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, closing with Benediction, is held each Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., in the Church Chapel. Come join with us in prayer for ourselves, family and friends, our Parish, the needy, our Country, and the entire world. This is an opportunity for tremendous graces for ourselves, as well as for those for whom we pray.

PERPETUAL MASS GUILD

Enrolled in October:

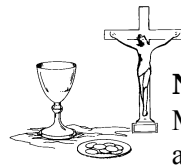
Antoinette Nardi

Monserate Rivera

Rafaela Rivera

Hector Manuel Delgado

Flerida Eduviges Castillo



The **St. Peregrine Healing Mass** will be celebrated in our Church **this Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.** Following the Mass, there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing and healing prayers. 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 in the Gift Shop or at the Parish Office.*

During the month of NOVEMBER the Church remembers her "loved ones" who have been called back to the Lord.

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Your compassion and Your love, we entrust to Your merciful heart the souls of our beloved departed who have gone before us in faith.

(mention names here)

We hope in Your promise that all who seek You will find Eternal Life – a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Forever and ever. Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through His grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. -2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

Saints and Special Observances This Week

Sunday:	<i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday:	<i>St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day</i>
Tuesday:	<i>St. Josaphat</i>
Wednesday:	<i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i>
Friday:	<i>St. Albert the Great</i>
Saturday:	<i>St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>