

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

November 24, 2019



**Christ**

**is the head  
of the body,  
the Church**

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**LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**NOVEMBER 24, 2019**



Connected with our prayer must be the thoughtful and faithful reflection upon the Church's teaching on the respect for all human life and the integrity of the family. In our homes, in our Catholic schools and universities, in parish study groups, and in everyday conversations and discussions with our neighbors, we are called to give an uncompromising witness to the Gospel of Life. Parents, parish priests, and institutions of Catholic education must be aware of the constant anti-life and anti-family messages which constantly bombard us and our young people." -**Archbishop Raymond Burke**, Keynote Address at the National Prayer Breakfast, May 8, 2009

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY** November 24  
**MONDAY** November 25  
6:30 PM Athletic Association, gym  
**TUESDAY** November 26  
No PREP  
7:00 PM Baptism Class, church  
7:45 PM Athletic Association, gym  
**WEDNESDAY** November 27  
No PREP  
7:45 PM Athletic Association, gym  
**THURSDAY** November 28 ~ **Thanksgiving Day**  
*Parish Office Closed*  
**FRIDAY** November 29  
*Parish Office Closed*  
8:00 PM A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall  
**SATURDAY** November 30

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29.**

**Prayer for the Child in the Womb**

*Lord Jesus, You are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvelous work of our Creator. Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift. Guide the work of doctors, nurses, and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all. Together with Mary, Your Mother, in whose womb You took on our human nature, help us to choose life in every decision we make. 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 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**

<b>Parish</b>	<b>School</b>
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](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)  
PREP Website: [www.stjosephprep.net](http://www.stjosephprep.net)  
School Website: [www.sjps.net](http://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 Samuel 5: 1-3

*Second Reading* - Colossians 1: 12-20

*Gospel* - Luke 23: 35-43

### **Of Kings and Kingship**

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic Church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's Kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the Kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing His life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20; Lk 21: 1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2: 31-45; Lk 21: 5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21: 12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6: 12-28; Lk 21: 20-28 or for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God," nos. 943-947

**Friday:** Dn 7: 2-14; Lk 21: 29-33

**Saturday:** Rom 10: 9-18; Mt 4: 18-22

**Sunday:** Is 2: 1-5; Rom 13: 11-14; Mt 24: 37-44

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**November 17, 2019** \$5960                      \$5246 (2018)

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. -Hebrews 13:2*

### **PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS**

#### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*Generous God, You show us the way that leads to everlasting life. Through Baptism You have called us to proclaim the Good News. Bless and strengthen those who have made a commitment of service in the Church. Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation. Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, with Deacons, Priests, and with people in consecrated life. Filled with Your Holy Spirit we ask this blessing that we, Your people, may follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen.*

## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



### **THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER**

*Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.*

**May the spirit of Thanksgiving be shared by all. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and yours.**

### **THANK YOU LORD!**

#### **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 9:00 A.M.**

A special Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated in our Church this Thursday, November 28, at 9:00 a.m. Come and give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings we have received as families, as a Parish, and as a Nation. ***There will be a special collection to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society in their ministry.***

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**Please consider bringing an item for the Food Pantry.** *Your donations will help in the preparation of the Christmas Holiday Food Baskets. Items needed: cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cake mixes, and icing. Please place your donations in the Food Pantry barrel located in the Narthex. Thank you!*

### **INVITE SOMEONE TO SHARE YOUR THANKSGIVING MEAL!**

Today and every day, it pleases God for us to sit as brothers and sisters as we share the bounty of the earth and the grace God has placed in each blessed soul. Why not invite a friend who lives alone to share your Thanksgiving meal. . . or better yet, call and say, "I'm coming to get you, and I'll see that you get home safely."

**“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...** Raymond Slawinski

### **PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS**

*Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of Mankind and Author of Peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our Armed Forces. Give them courage, hope, and strength. May they ever experience Your firm support, gentle love, and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To You be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. 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.

**...giving thanks to the Father, Who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.**

**-Colossians 1:12**

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things." Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

### **Saints and Special Observances This Week**

**Sunday:** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

**Monday:** *Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Catherine of Alexandria*

**Thursday:** *Thanksgiving Day*

**Saturday:** *St. Andrew*

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 *Weekend* will be held **January 24-26**. Please register by January 10, as space is limited. Visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org) or call 732-904-9636 to register or for additional information.



**THE GIVING TREE** is set-up in the Narthex. Once again, the Giving Tree Committee is asking for your help for those less fortunate. Please help those in need by selecting a Gift Tag; or if

you prefer, you can donate a Gift Card or make a monetary donation, by using the envelope located under the Giving Tree.

**Please place the Gift Tag and unwrapped gift under the Giving Tree no later than December 7.** Unfortunately, any child's gift received after December 7 will not be given to that special child in time for Christmas day. If you selected a Gift Tag but are unable to give the gift, please return the Gift Tag by December 7.

All donated gifts will be given to the children of our Food Pantry clients. For some children these may be the only gifts they receive on Christmas Day.

**THANK YOU** for opening your hearts. Have a Happy and Joyous Christmas Season.

### **THANK YOU!**

**A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus Father Carey Council, No. 1280 for sponsoring our 2020 Parish Calendars.**

**Please be sure to take one home, if you haven't already done so.**

### **Mother Seton Regional High School**

**One Valley Road, Clark**

**Open House - Tuesday, *December 10*, 7:00 p.m.**

For additional information, call 732-382-1952.

### **ANSWERED PRAYERS**

#### **An Advent Evening of Recollection**

#### **Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, Watchung**

The Gospel of John proclaims "... the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). Come and ponder this revelation and discover how God answers prayers. A light supper is included. Wednesday, **December 4**, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$50-\$60 as you are able). For information, call 908-753-2091.

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](http://www.njdiocesesivcp.com) and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

## Mass Intentions



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>November 23</b>
5:00 PM	Margaret and Joseph Kammerer
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 24</b>
8:00 AM	Leslie Miller
10:30 AM	Janet Wall
12:00 PM	Chappy Thatcher
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 25</b>
8:00 AM	Jonathan Signorile
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 26</b>
8:00 AM	James Varga
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 27</b>
8:00 AM	Msgr. Donald Endebrook
9:30 AM	Andy Distefano - school
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>November 28</b>
9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish <i>No Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>November 29</b>
8:00 AM	Regina Brower
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>November 30</b>
8:30 AM	Sr. Maria Tamayo
5:00 PM	Edward Sabol
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 1</b>
8:00 AM	James and Frances Lenahan
10:30 AM	Anthony and Theresa Torre
12:00 PM	Walter J. Hayko, Jr.
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

### CANDLE INTENTIONS

#### FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24 - 30

The St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp burns for *the souls in purgatory.*

The Pieta Lamp burns for *the protection of human life, in all its stages.*

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

### PROCLAIM BOLDLY!

We are given many chances and opportunities to live out God's commandments. But there will be a point in our life when we make a choice, either to be with God or to be against God. The way we live here and now is a public showing of our interior values and beliefs.

Jesus warns His would-be followers not to be complacent, not to be slow to reform their lives. Rather we need to proclaim boldly what we believe through our actions and words.

### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* to respond to growing secularism. The Holy Father saw that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations.

The Solemnity reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as king of the entire world forever, and it encourages Catholics to respond to this reality. Pope Pius XI notes: "The kingship and empire of Christ have been recognized in the pious custom, practiced by many families, of dedicating themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; not only families have performed this act of dedication, but nations, too, and kingdoms" (*Quas primas*, 26). **Let us rededicate ourselves this year to bearing witness to the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart.**

### PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

*As a Catholic I am a member of Thy Kingdom, and Thou art my King. To Thee I owe loyalty, obedience, and love. Help me to carry out these most sacred duties toward Thee. I wish to be "of the Truth" that is "a child of God" and gladly to hear Thy voice and follow Thee in all things. I accept Thee as my King and submit to Thy authority.*

*Reign supremely in my heart and in my life. Thy reign is heavenly peace; Thy law is love. Help me to pray and work that Thy Kingdom may come into every soul, every family, every nation. Amen.*

We will not have Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day.

2020 Parish Calendars are available at the entrances to the Church. Be sure to take one home.

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

### PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

*Beloved Mother hear my prayer. I ask you to remember my loved ones who have passed. I pray that you will hold them in your loving embrace, just as you held your Son and wept by His side. Comfort us who have lost a loved one and quiet our pain with the knowledge that they are at peace in Heaven. You, who are our compassionate Mother and understand our suffering, bring our sorrow and petitions for our beloved deceased before your Son. Fill us with new hope and joy that you will keep each of us close to your heart now and forever. Amen.*