


ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS,
"THE FEAST IS READY,
BUT THOSE WHO WERE INVITED
WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS
AND INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND."

MATTHEW 22:8-9

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 11, 2020

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Rev. Msgr. John B. Gordon - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence
Deacon Ramon Torres - Hispanic Ministry

Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon
Ms. Joanne McKnight - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant
Dr. Thomas Juneau - Director of Music

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WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings in the Lord! This weekend observes the Columbus Day holiday; and the Church celebrates the joy of anticipating the beatification of the Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, at the end of this month.

Fr. McGivney truly saw the value of family life, and the role of family life, and the role of spirituality in the commitment of faithful husband/caring father for the men he ministered to in the late 19th century New Haven, Ct. As well, the lives of loving wives/mothers were encouraged through the formation of the Columbiettes, and vocations and service inspired through the youth outreach known as Squires.

Soon to be Blessed Michael McGivney, intercede for our faith, our family, and our Nation.

Please contact our Parish Office, at 732-541-8946, to reserve your attendance at our annual **All Soul's Day Memorial Mass**, on November 2, at 7:00 p.m., where we remember in a special way all those who have gone before us in faith this past year, as well as all the faithful departed.

God Bless you all,
Msgr. John

SUNDAY MASS
Saturday - 5:00 PM, Vigil
Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and a
1:30 PM Spanish Mass

For those unable to attend Mass a video of the Mass can be viewed on our Parish website.

DAILY MASS
Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM
Thursday - 7:00 PM, Spanish Mass
Saturday - 8:30 AM

Daily Masses are held in the Church Chapel.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Every Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., in the Church Chapel.

CONFESSIONS are heard on Saturday mornings, from 11:00 a.m. until noon, in the Church Chapel.

For your safety, all those attending any services in the Church must wear a mask. All social distancing and sanitizing guidelines will be followed.

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

1:30 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

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	865 Roosevelt Avenue
Carteret, NJ 07008	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 ext. 108

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 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.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.stjosephparishfamily.com

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10a

Second Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

God Revealed to the Nations

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace.

Jesus speaks of Heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

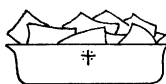
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

THANK YOU to all those who have so generously given and continue to give to our Parish, during this difficult time. Your weekly contributions are of great importance in helping us meet our financial obligations. Please continue your donations to our Church, as your means allow, by mailing in your Church Envelopes, dropping them in the Parish Office mail slot, or through Online Giving. To participate in *Online Giving*, visit our Parish website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com



Weekly OFFERING

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September 27 \$4151 \$5817 (2019)

October 4 \$4880 \$6827 (2019)

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given. -St. Julian

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Father You call each one of us by name and ask us to follow You. Bless Your Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know You, and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this in Jesus name. 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 contact Rev. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez, at 732-562-2457.

“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 Anthony LaMotta, Charles Alongi, Angelina Virola
a time to die... for the soul of Carmen Betanzas and William Dawdell

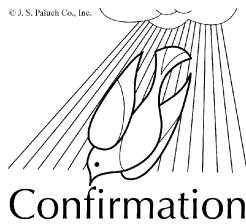
For the Safety of Our Troops

Almighty and Eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that, with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. 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; Laura Roe, daughter of Louis and Maria Pena.

Celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary by receiving a congratulatory message from Bishop James F. Checchio. Registration is required to receive your message by mail. Please register online at: www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, contact your Parish Office or amarshall@diometuchen.org. **Registration will close on October 15.** Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or by emailing amarshall@diometuchen.org

MAY GOD BLESS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



2020 CONFIRMANDI

Nashley Acevedo	Henry Fernandes	Sophia Mourino	Gloria Sanchez
Jorge Agosto	Yamile Franco	Loanny Ortiz	Natalie Shaughnessy
Ceejay Alano	Michael Gomm	Mark Patricks	Miguel Sosa
Justyn Alarcon	Freddy Guaricela	Ava Pereira	Parker Thatcher
Paris Allado	Julianna Hart	Kaila Pereira	Leila Torres
Michael Almonte	Anaelle Jean-Francois	Kathleen Prete	Shayna Wilson
Cody Matthew Baez	Angelina Lauretano	Gabriel Puig	Jack Wlodarczyk
Ryan Bohannon	Maya Lopez	Lauren Reyes	Ashley Wouassom
Ashley Chumuptazi	Zayden Magner	Jessica Rodriguez	
Ace Devine	Rodolfo Mejia	Francis Rolodan	
Brigitte Diaz	Kimberly Mitma	Rosemary Salazar	

PREP VOLUNTEERS are needed. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with the youth of our Parish. For additional information, contact the PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

St. Joseph School SCRIP Program is currently selling *ShopRite Gift Cards*. SCRIP can be purchased at the School Office or the Parish Office. Your ShopRite Gift Card is worth exactly the amount you purchased it for and is used exactly like cash. With every ShopRite Gift Card purchased, you are earning revenue for St. Joseph School. For more information, please call 732-541-7111.

CHOICES MATTER

A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference Series

Theme: *Living the Gospel of Life!*

Please join us virtually on the following dates to hear these dynamic speakers:

- October 15:** 7:00 PM - Evan Lemoine
Amor sin Barreras (in Spanish only)
- October 24:** 10:00 AM - Christina Bennett
Defending Life in the Black Community
- October 29:** 7:00 PM - Kristen Hanson
Warriors of Hope:
Fighting Assisted Suicide in America
- October 31:** 10:00 AM - Stephanie Connors, formerly Gray
Abortion: The Great Debate

There is no fee, however, registration is required for this Virtual Conference Series. Donations are appreciated. To register visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. You can attend one or all of the sessions. Thank you!

Spirit of St. Francis Award **Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala** **Thursday, October 22 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

To recognize the efforts of our parishes, the *2020 Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala* will continue the tradition of honoring individuals with the *Spirit of Saint Francis Award*. The recipients of the award, who will be announced at the Virtual Gala, were chosen for having carried out the virtue of charity by encouraging a sense of community among the forces that shape society and for their proven ability to promote a sense of Catholic social teaching in the wider community.

To learn the names of this year's honorees, tune in to our *Champions for Catholic Charities Gala* on Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m. The link can be found at www.diometuchen.org/champions. For additional information call 732-562-2432.

WALK FOR LIFE

Life Choices Resource Center

Saturday, *October 17* ~ 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ~ Merrill Park Gazebo, Woodbridge Township. To register, visit www.LifeChoicesRC.com

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Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	October 10
5:00 PM	Richard Taglieri
SUNDAY	October 11
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
10:30 AM	Joseph Novakowski
12:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
1:30 PM	Angel Santos
MONDAY	October 12
8:00 AM	Elizabeth R. Antoine
TUESDAY	October 13
8:00 AM	Merisena Desroches
WEDNESDAY	October 14
8:00 AM	Ludonia A. Thomas
THURSDAY	October 15
8:00 AM	Vocations to Consecrated Life
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	The Innocent Unborn <i>Spanish Mass</i>
FRIDAY	October 16
8:00 AM	Rose Garatina
SATURDAY	October 17
8:30 AM	Souls in purgatory
5:00 PM	Students, Faculty, and Staff of St. Joseph School and PREP
SUNDAY	October 18
8:00 AM	Adrienne Kimball
10:30 AM	Patricia O'Donnell and Jesus Betanzos
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Intentions for the Masses not said publicly will be said privately, by our Priests.

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11-17

The St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of *Virginia and Richard Taglieri*; requested by their Family.

The St. Joseph Lamp burns in loving memory of *John and Sophie Raia*; requested by their grandson, Anthony Russo.

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 us and pray for your family, friends, our Parish, our Country, the needy, 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 September:

<i>Angel Cabresa, Sr.</i>	<i>Steve Vitabile</i>
<i>Susan Hilyard</i>	<i>Joseph Caporrino</i>



October is the Month of the Rosary

"To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother." -St. John Paul II



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. -**St. Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n.2**

PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father, with confidence and firm trust we come to You in our great need. We thank You for answering this prayer even before we ask, because we know that it is Your Holy Will. Remove from our world the scourge of abortion. Change the minds and melt the hearts of all who promote this evil, or who seek abortion as a remedy. Make us willing to make the sacrifice of prayer and penance necessary to obtain this grace from You. Heavenly Father, we ask You this, through the intercession of Mary, and in the name of Jesus, Your Son, Amen.

ARE YOU SUFFERING AFTER AN ABORTION?

HELP IS AVAILABLE!

Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing. Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number at 877-877-4300 or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org. Spanish speakers visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Columbus Day
Wednesday:	St. Callistus I
Thursday:	St. Teresa of Jesus
Friday:	St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
Saturday:	St. Ignatius of Antioch