

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2020

I have called you
by your name,
giving you a title,
though you knew me not.

I am

the Lord

and there
is no other,

there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:4-5

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Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant
Dr. Thomas Juneau - Director of Music

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2020

*“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*

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.*

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TROOPS
*Heavenly Father, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the
men and women who serve our Country, and for the sacrifices
their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of
freedom. We praise You for calling them to help protect us,
and for giving them the courage and ability to do their jobs
well. Surround them with Your mighty angels; protect them
in Your mercy; cover them with Your grace. May they look
to You for strength and peace. 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.

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

Parish	School
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 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21

In God Alone

Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord Who gives Cyrus his title, Who arms him against his enemies, and Who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that "I am the LORD," and that "there is none besides Me" (Isaiah 45:6).

Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

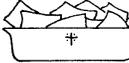
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40



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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October 11	\$4916	\$5870 (2019)
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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

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings in the Lord as we celebrate Mission Sunday 2020! Our annual observance on behalf of the Lord's mandate to "Go and Make Disciples of All the Nations" reminds us of our commitment to be a Church in 'permanent mission' as spoken by Pope Francis. May our prayers and sacrifices build up the faith of those places throughout the world who are receiving for the first time or in a 'new' expression and ardor the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May Our Lady of the Missions with St. Francis Xavier and St. Therese of Lisieux, patron and patroness of the missions, intercede for our intentions.

Congratulations to our Catholic School children who were named in the top three categories for donation and participation in mission support this past year. St. Joseph School received a special recognition and gift from our Bishop this past week attended by myself and our principal, Joanne McKnight

Please read our Bishop's letter copied in the bulletin in regards to the upcoming national elections and our prayerful participation as responsible citizens with our faith, our duties, and our vote.

By now most of you have received my correspondence appealing for any assistance through a one-time donation in order to recoup from our months of suspended Masses in March, April, May and June. Blessings to any and all who could respond and thank you for simply receiving the message in prayer and understanding. I understand there is just one more follow up letter scheduled to arrive in the mail at end of the month, for your information.

May we soon arrive at a vaccine for this virus and feel confident in resuming our daily and weekly routines.

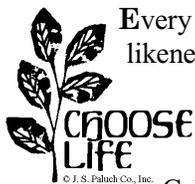
In the Lord,
Msgr. John

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Bountiful God, You are boundless with Your blessings and faithful to Your promises. Through our ancestors in faith we have come to know and to trust in Your guidance on our life's journey. At Jesus' Baptism You confirmed Him in His mission. Commission us through our baptismal graces to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Open our hearts to recognize Your holy calling. Bless our Church with devoted married couples, committed single men and women, and dedicated deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers. Guide those who are discerning how to best serve You. With Your favor, we set out to proclaim Your reign through Jesus, Your beloved Son in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

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 732-562-2457.



Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. The conviction that human life is sacred and that each person has inherent dignity that must be respected in society lies at the heart of Catholic social teaching.

Calls to advance human rights are illusions if the right to life itself is subject to attack. We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death; that people are more important than things; and that the measure of every institution is whether or not it enhances the life and dignity of the human person. **-US Bishops: Faithful Citizenship - Civic Responsibility for a New Millennium, 1999**

O God, our Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into this world that He might bless and consecrate all life to You. Your constant love protected Him as the ever Virgin Mary bore Him in her womb for nine months. In His mission, He taught us the greatness of Your love and the sanctity of life. We pray that we may always cherish the life that You give us. In a special way we ask and pray that You grace and protect all unborn children with Your ever caring love. Amen.

ARE YOU SUFFERING AFTER AN ABORTION?

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

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. **We are in need of stuffing mix, yams, and turkey gravy for our distribution.** Donations can be placed in the Food Pantry Barrel located in the narthex, if you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in an envelope marked *Food Pantry* and place in the weekly collection basket. Thank you for assisting us to help the people of Carteret!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CALENDAR RAFFLE

Our Parish School is announcing its Christmas season fundraiser, a *Calendar Raffle* where a \$20 ticket has the chance to be a winner of \$400 at ten different drawings between January 3 - February 9. Within the next two weeks, packets of 5 tickets each will be available at weekend Mass to sell to your family members and return the proceeds by December 20. There will also be individual tickets for sale for those who wish. These Raffle sales will make a perfect Christmas gift for family and friends. Thank you for helping to make this activity a success on behalf of our School and its mission.

St. Joseph School SCRIP Program is currently selling *ShopRite Gift Cards*. SCRIP can be purchased at the School Office and 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.

Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala **Thursday, October 22 ~ 7:00 PM**

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m. and be sure to join us for the 2020 *Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala*. Meet some of the people whose lives have been transformed by the services of Catholic Charities. Hear inspiring stories of the courage, creativity, and compassion of our Catholic Charities 'heroes' as they continue to provide uninterrupted service to those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please prayerfully consider becoming a *Champion for Catholic Charities* by making a gift of any amount in support of the services and programs for the most vulnerable. Links for the *Virtual Gala* and donations can be found at www.diometuchen.org/champions. For more information, call 732-562-2432.

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 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!

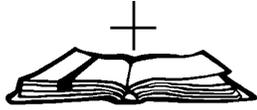
New Jersey Right to Life Raffle Tickets

Next weekend, raffle tickets will sold at all Masses, the proceeds of which will benefit *New Jersey Right to Life*, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

- 1st Prize** - 2021 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$41,045
- 2nd Prize** - \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card
- 3rd Prize** - \$750 ShopRite Gift Card
- 4th Prize** - \$500 ShopRite Gift Card

Show your support for LIFE by buying a Raffle ticket! Cost: \$10. If you are watching Mass online and would like to purchase a ticket, email middlesexNJRTL@gmail.com or call Michael Gilligan at 732-541-9692.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	October 17
5:00 PM	Students, Faculty, and Staff of St. Joseph School and PREP <i>Family Mass</i>
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
MONDAY	October 19
8:00 AM	Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild
TUESDAY	October 20
8:00 AM	Rose Garatyina
WEDNESDAY	October 21
8:00 AM	William Lenahan
THURSDAY	October 22
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
11:30 AM	Joldavi Cruz <i>Spanish Mass</i>
7:00 PM	
FRIDAY	October 23
8:00 AM	Special Intention
SATURDAY	October 24
8:30 AM	The innocent unborn
5:00 PM	Incoronata Cardillo
SUNDAY	October 25
8:00 AM	Charles Panko
10:30 AM	Alfred Murray and Margaret Grassifulli
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

CANDLE INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Anne Walsh*; requested by Beverly Bohanek.

The **Pieta Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Samuel and Madeline Russo*; requested by their son, Anthony Russo.

The **St. Joseph Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Catherine B. Gordon*; requested by her Family.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Praying before the Eucharist can be a time of reflection, adoration, and growth in true love for God and others. The Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") 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.



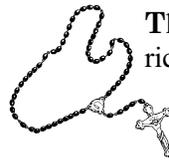
HERE I AM, SEND ME!

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, "Here I Am, Send me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers for the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* as they work to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world.

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers support Mission Priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

Lord Jesus Christ, watch over Your missionaries – priests, religious, and lay people – who leave everything to give testimony to Your Word and Your love. In difficult moments, sustain their energies, comfort their hearts, and crown their work with spiritual achievements. Let the adorable image of You crucified on the Cross, which accompanies them throughout life, speak to them of heroism, generosity, love, and peace. Amen.



The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God ...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.

-Pope Saint Pius X

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday:	Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Tuesday:	St. Paul of the Cross
Thursday:	St. John Paul II
Friday:	St. John of Capistrano
Saturday:	St. Anthony Mary Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary

A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions

This resource is made available by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. The document provides a clear explanation of the Church's teaching on end-of-life care, including advance directives and physician assisted suicide. Individual copies of this Guide can be downloaded or ordered online at www.ncbcenter.org

Make voices, informed by Gospel, heard by elected officials

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the midst of our presidential election's contentious campaign, many of our faithful have been telling me about their concern for the future of our country. I, as your bishop, and all of our clergy, too, are being asked to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with God's truth.

Voting is an opportunity to love our neighbors by electing candidates who will enact laws that protect the vulnerable, strengthen families, promote conditions for all to flourish, and ensure that citizens can practice their faith without fear of punishment. The responsibility to make choices in elections rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience, but our participation in political life should go well beyond casting a vote in a particular election.

The dignity and value of every human person is at the heart of the Good News and we are called to live and share "the Gospel of fraternity and justice" (*The Joy of the Gospel*, n. 179). In American society today, as the bishops of our country recently stated, the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority, so the "Gospel of fraternity and justice" compels us to stand up to defend and protect the dignity of the unborn. We do this by working to promote the sanctity of human life, praying for an end to abortion, providing real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations, and supporting policies and programs that do the same.

It also means standing up and working for the elderly, the sick and those with disabilities. We must see that the rhetoric surrounding assisted suicide and euthanasia is a counterfeit and misguided notion of compassion that must be rejected. We must work for justice for immigrants who flee desperation and violence in their homelands while also working to eradicate racism from our midst. We must never grow indifferent to the plight of the hopeless caught in the destructive cycle of addictions, which plague our modern society. It means standing up and protecting the environment and world God Himself created, and working for people living in poverty, struggling for food, shelter and even health care in the midst of a world of wealth and abundance. We must never forget that the Gospel of Jesus reminds us "Whatever you do to the least of my people, you do to me." (*Mt 25:40*) We need to elect government officials who protect our precious religious freedom, so that we can continue to freely live our beliefs and values.

As you well know, at present our American political system is guided by two major political parties which at times are moving to more extreme positions. It should be clear to any Catholic who is informed by the Church's teachings that both parties, at times, fail in serious ways to respect and protect human dignity in their positions and platforms. Too often, we allow ourselves to be Democrats or Republicans first, and Catholic second. That way of prioritizing our values and forming our conscience is a scourge upon authentic Catholic living. With some of the policies and platforms that have been adopted, it can be difficult for Catholics to choose a party and to be comfortable in it. While everyone is free to be a member of the political party of their choice, our political responsibility requires of us that we should work to form, and criticize where necessary, the stances of these parties that are inconsistent with Catholic social teaching. Indeed, sometimes criticism of one's own party is more effective than criticism of the "other" one. We should make sure our voices and concerns are heard and heard clearly.

Our election gives us an opportunity to research the candidates and issues and to learn about Catholic social teaching. There are seven principles of Catholic social teaching that can serve as a guideline when deciding on which candidates and issues to support. To learn about these principles, visit: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching

We cannot place all the competing issues of the election on the same level because certain issues deal with “intrinsic evil” which must always be opposed, while others do not. Some actions are always incompatible with the love of God and neighbor. Whereas there can be varying solutions to health care, immigration and welfare; there can be no debate on the admissibility of actions such as abortion, euthanasia or genocide because such acts involve the intentional taking of innocent life and are always evil and never morally acceptable.

As is stated in the new introductory letter for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility*: “The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty.”

While we are called to always avoid evil, we are also called to do good. Therefore, Catholics are encouraged to consider the wide range of issues important to the Church, to avoid acting as single-issue voters, and to weigh each issue according to its moral importance. The USCCB has compiled many excellent resources for those who would like to learn about issues important to the Church on the website: www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

Another resource New Jersey Catholics can access for information on issues can be found at the website of the New Jersey Catholic Bishops: www.njcatholic.org/issues. Respect life, family life, social concerns and education are the major sections included, each of which contains several specific topics. It is a place where you can obtain up-to-date information on key issues and sign up to receive legislative action alerts so that you can be an active faith citizen year-round.

This election ballot will ask New Jersey voters to consider changing the state constitution to allow recreational use of marijuana. The Catholic Church teaches “the use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense.” Legalizing a drug for recreational use that may have damaging effects on the human body, particularly on our youth, is not a path that civil society should choose to take in order to help balance our state budget.

While it may seem burdensome to research these various issues, this year is a very important election and so your vote will be important. I ask you to study the issues and then pray to Jesus for guidance. The candidates’ positions can be found on their websites. Your vote is a matter of your informed conscience. As serious disciples of Christ it is our responsibility to become aware of the candidates/platforms and to view them in light of the Gospel truth found in Catholic social teaching.

While this election is frustrating in many ways because we may see no “perfect” candidate. We must not allow our emotions to override our reason. At the end of the day, our real joy and peace

must be found in being faithful in the eyes of the Lord, regardless of an election outcome. I have been heartened by the interest our faithful have shown in wanting to do the right thing with this coming election and pray we will all avail ourselves of the resources which can help us in making the best choice at the ballot box. Likewise I pray that you make your voices, informed by the Gospel, heard by our elected officials; they should not take us for granted.

Be assured of my ongoing prayers and love for you and for our country, too. I continue to ask that you please pray for me too. God bless you and God bless our country!