

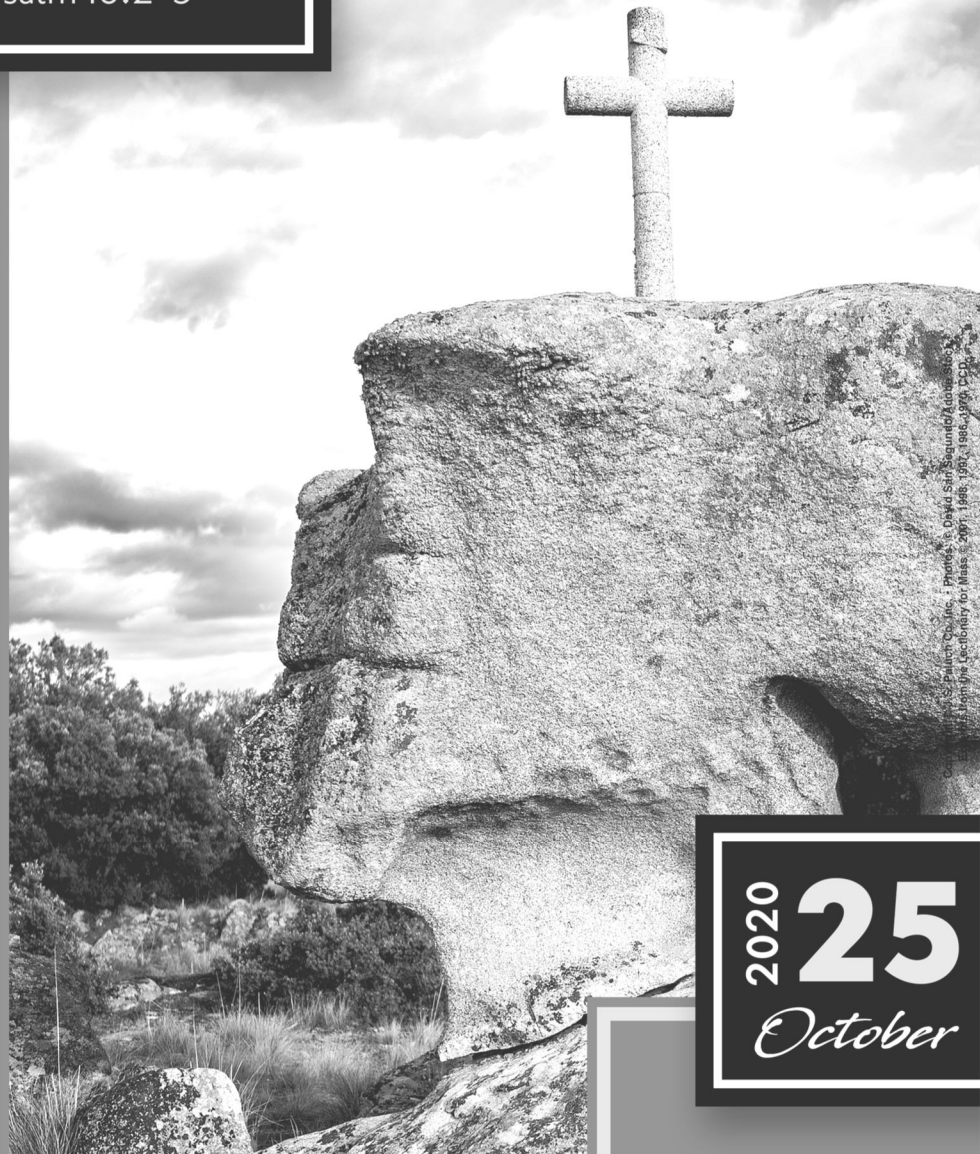
ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

I love you, O Lord, my strength.
O Lord, my rock,
my fortress, my deliverer.

Psalm 18:2-3

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



2020 **25**
October

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 2020

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.

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings as we complete this busy month and enter into November with this coming week! This weekend we include the bulletin insert for our new Mass Book Intentions of 2021. Please remember to complete the instructions on the Form and return it as soon as possible to reserve the dates for your family and personal intentions. The Form is posted on the Parish website for those who are unable to receive the bulletin at Mass.

Our Parish *Mass of Remembrance* for the souls of those who passed away this past year is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 7:00 p.m., at Church, with a special candle-lighting ceremony. Please call the Parish Office with any questions and for any interest in having your loved one's name included.

November 1, *All Saints' Day*, falls on a Sunday this year, so there is no additional obligation observance other than regular attendance at either Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday, 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 1:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish. We will bless the children at Mass on All Saints' Day asking them to grow and follow the heroes of our faith who are in Heaven praying for us.

God Bless you all,
Msgr. John

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

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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 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 - Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40

In today's first reading, God commands the Chosen People to act fairly and compassionately to their neighbor and warns them of the consequences if they do not. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisees that love of God and love of neighbor take precedence over every other commandment. Let us pray for the grace to treat our neighbor as we treat ourselves so that we can be like the Thessalonians, whom Saint Paul calls "a model for all the believers."

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

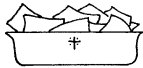
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a



Weekly OFFERING
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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

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Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you. -Luke 6:38

THANK YOU - A donation has been made to *St. Joseph Church* in memory of *Carmen Betanzos* by *Mary Connolly Richter*.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 1



Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour before you go to bed next Saturday night, October 31. This is also a good time to change the batteries on your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

"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 John Medvetz, Jr.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TROOPS

All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people You kept him safe through all his journeys. Protect our soldiers. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. 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; *Laura Roe*, daughter of Louis and Maria Pena.

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.

-Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news - it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Faithful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd. Through our Baptism You blessed us and called us to follow Jesus Who leads us on the path of life. Renew in us the desire to remain faithful to our commitment to serve You and the Church. Bless all who dedicate their lives to You through marriage, the single life, the diaconate, priesthood, and consecrated life. Give insight to those who are discerning their vocation. Send us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, through the power of the 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.



We need to continue to teach clearly and help other Catholic leaders to teach clearly on our unequivocal commitment to the legal protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our teaching on human life and dignity should be reflected in our parishes and our educational, health care, and human service ministries. We need to do more to persuade all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials, especially Catholic public officials. We welcome conversation initiated by political leaders themselves. -United States Catholic Bishops, June 18, 2004

Prayer for the Dignity of All Human Life

Lord and Giver of all Life, help us to value each person, created in love by You. In Your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

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. Soon, packets of 5 tickets each will be available at weekend Mass for you 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.

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

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

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 in helping the people of Carteret!



Thanksgiving
Food Drive

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CHOICES MATTER

A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference Series

Theme: *Living the Gospel of Life!*

Please join us virtually on the following dates:

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!

Mother Seton Regional High School

1 Valley Road, Clark, NJ

OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, **October 25**, at 1:00 p.m. Call 732-382-1952 to make an appointment or visit their website at www.motherseton.org

New Jersey Right to Life Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are being sold at all Masses this weekend. Proceeds 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.

COVID-19 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program - You can now apply for housing assistance if you suffered a financial hardship due to COVID-19 and have not been able to pay your rent or mortgage. Apply online at www.nj.gov/humanservices/covid19housingassistance/

COVID-19 School-Age Tuition Assistance for Working Families - Families can now apply for childcare tuition assistance to help with care for children who have remote learning schedules due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. To complete the online application, go to www.ChildCareNJ.gov

Bus Drivers Wanted - St. Thomas Aquinas High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison, is looking for qualified bus drivers. Must have a CDL License along with a S and P Endorsement. For more information, please call Ilona Kuntar at 732-549-1108 ext. 641.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	October 24
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
MONDAY	October 26
8:00 AM	Mildred Brown
TUESDAY	October 27
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory
WEDNESDAY	October 28
8:00 AM	Rose Garatina
THURSDAY	October 29
8:00 AM	The Innocent Unborn
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Sr. Maria Tamayo <i>Spanish Mass</i>
FRIDAY	October 30
8:00 AM	Lena Marinelli
SATURDAY	October 31
8:30 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tomchak
5:00 PM	Edward Sabol
SUNDAY	November 1 ~ All Saints Day
8:00 AM	Ralph and Maryann Giachetti
10:30 AM	Michael and Margaret Grassifulli and Jose Checo
1:30 PM	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

CANDLE INTENTION ~ OCTOBER 25-31

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Helen Shalaida*; requested by her grandson, Anthony Russo.

2021 MASS BOOK REQUESTS

We are now accepting intentions for the *2021 Mass Book*. To reserve a Mass for 2021, complete the Request Form found in this bulletin and drop it in the Parish Office mail slot by Monday, November 9. Be sure to include a 2nd and 3rd choice. We will try to give you your requested date; however if it is not available, we will give you the closest date/time possible.

2021 Mass Book Request Forms can also be printed off our Parish website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. TAKE THE TIME TO PRAY THE ROSARY AS A FAMILY.

*By tradition, Catholics meditate on **The Mysteries of the Rosary** during prayers of the Rosary. One Mystery for each decade of the Rosary.*

The Joyful Mysteries

(Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
3. The Birth of Jesus
4. The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesday & Friday)

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesday & Sunday)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of our Blessed Mother
5. The Coronation of our Blessed Mother

The Luminous Mysteries

(Thursday)

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River
2. The Wedding of Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration of Jesus
5. The Institution of the Eucharist, as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery

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 and worship before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Praying before the Eucharist can be a time of reflection, adoration, and growth in true love for God and others.