

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

8

NOVEMBER

2020



THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

**STAY AWAKE,
FOR YOU KNOW
NEITHER THE DAY
NOR THE HOUR.**

MATTHEW 25:13

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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“With the birth of every child, the world becomes new again. With each new infant lies enormous potential...but this potential must be nurtured. ...Just as seeds need fertile soil, warm sunshine, and gentle rain to grow, so do our children need a caring environment.” This is a life-affirming statement which applies to each child from the moment of conception. But none are so blind as those who will not see.

-Proclamation made at National Children’s Day, 1997

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.

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father, as the Author of Life, touch with compassion the hearts of those women and men who, with Your help, have conceived human life and now think of abortion not parenthood. Help them to understand that their newly created child and all children are made in Your image and likeness and made for eternal life with You. Dispel their fears and helplessness and give them true and generous hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a parent alone can give. And when Your children turn away from You through abortion, penetrate their hearts to seek Your loving forgiveness and healing power. Finally Lord, soften the hearts of the abortionists and enlighten all elected officials to protect the unborn, to accept Your loving grace, and to recognize the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Amen.

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	865 Roosevelt Avenue
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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
	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 - Wisdom 6: 12-16

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 or 4: 13-14

Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13

Always Be Prepared

At the end of the liturgical year the readings focus upon the end times and the last judgment. This year, those themes begin today. We are reminded that we cannot know either the day or the hour. Therefore, we should always be prepared. Gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist today, let us consider our readiness for the Lord's coming at the end of time.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
Jn 2:13-22
- Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday:** Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25: 14-15, 19-21



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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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

November 1	5:00 p.m.	\$1,058.00
	8:00 a.m.	\$541.00
	10:30 a.m.	\$1,098.50
	1:30 p.m.	\$1,003.00
	Online Giving	\$552.00
	By Mail	<u>\$2,067.91</u>
	Total	\$6,320.41 (\$5519.00 2019)

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give His life for many. -Mark 10:45

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.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR TROOPS

Heavenly Father, please hold our servicemen and women in Your strong arms. Cover them with Your sheltering grace and Your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also pray for the families of our troops. We ask for Your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray Your peace, provision, hope, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our Armed Forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. 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.

PERPETUAL MASS GUILD

Enrolled during the month of October:

William Dawdell	Carmen Betanzos
Remo DeRogatis	Allan Avon Ravello
Virginia Lee	Renee Rose Garwa
Percy Balubar	Katee Lherisson
Renato Garcia	Marlou Lopez
Irene and William Lenahan	Gerrino Razza

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Creator God, life is Your gift to me. Through Baptism You invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show Your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. I pray especially for those who serve You as Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. Loving God, You have made me in Your image and likeness, and for this I shall praise You forever. Through Baptism You invite me to serve as Your Son Jesus served. I offer You this day all that I have and all that I am in union with His saving cross. 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*

**Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day
nor the hour.** -Matthew 25:13

*Many of us have put off doing something because we think we
are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have
time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to
our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your
current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you
to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow..*

Save the Dates!

ADVENT ENRICHMENT EVENINGS

Our Parish will have three evenings dedicated to our Advent season and deepening our participation in this time of preparation for the birth of the Messiah and the joy of salvation. It is a time of hearing anew the promises given by the Lord and experiencing peace at His wonderful manifestation. Our schedule for these evenings will be December 2, Wednesday, with Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, at 7:00 p.m., in the Church; December 9, Wednesday, with a talk followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, at 7:00 p.m., in the Church; December 16, Wednesday, with a Penance Service with individual confessions together with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

GIVING TREE

I hope all of you are doing as well as possible under these current pandemic conditions. I know many families are facing difficult challenges and as always the first concern is for the safety and welfare of everyone.

The entire *Giving Tree Committee* and I remain committed to doing everything we can to help make the holiday season brighter. We are deeply appreciative of the support you have shown in the past in helping many families receive gifts.

This year, after much consideration, we have decided that we are not able to collect individual gifts. However, we remain hopeful that our Parish Community can still support those in need by donating gift cards. A gift card to Target, Walmart, Macys, Kohls, etc. or a monetary donation, will offer an opportunity for families to reduce their worries and focus on the joy of the season.

If you are able to give, please send or drop off your donation to the Parish Office (55 High Street, Carteret, NJ 07008) by Friday, December 4th.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Holiday season,
Jo-Anne Quagliana



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 and thank 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 our Country. We pray that You will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CARE OF GIFTS ENTRUSTED TO US

Our Gospel today reminds us that we are stewards of God's gifts. Our spouses, children, friends, neighbors, fellow workers are all gifts that come from God and they have been entrusted to us. In the end, we decide how we will care for these gifts, or use them. Is there someone in your life who has been inquiring about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church? Do you care enough about them to invite them to an **RCIA Inquiry Session**, where their inquiries can be addressed? Invited are: all who are unbaptized, all who have been baptized into another Christian denomination and all who have been baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. No commitments are required. During the pandemic, the RCIA Inquiry Sessions might be virtual. For more information, please reach out to our Religious Education Office at 732-969-8767.

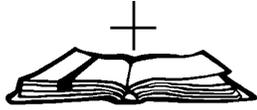
St. Cecilia 2020 – Honoring Pastoral Musicians

Each year, musicians from around the Diocese of Metuchen come together near the feast of St. Cecilia – patron saint of musicians. While unable to gather in person this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Worship in collaboration with the Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians wishes to recognize and thank all musicians in the Diocese who through their music continue to give glory to God and inspire charity, justice, and evangelization. Please keep all pastoral musicians in your prayers. For more information about the pastoral musicians in our Diocese, visit: www.diometuchen.org/NPM

COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program - If you have not been able to pay your rent or mortgage, due to COVID-19, visit www.nj.gov/humanservices/covid19housingassistance/

COVID-19 School-Age Tuition Assistance - Families can now apply for childcare tuition assistance to help with care for children who have remote learning schedules due to COVID-19. Visit www.ChildCareNJ.gov to apply.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	November 7
5:00 PM	Henry and Marie Ostrowski
SUNDAY	November 8
8:00 AM	Robert and Helen Petrie
10:30 AM	Manuel and Dolores Romero and Bernadette Deuffi
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Church
MONDAY	November 9
8:00 AM	Rose Garatina
TUESDAY	November 10
8:00 AM	Elizabeth and Julius Vasvary
WEDNESDAY	November 11
8:00 AM	Vincent J. Calabria
THURSDAY	November 12
8:00 AM	William Lenahan
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Those whose names have been placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine
FRIDAY	November 13
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory
SATURDAY	November 14
8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph
1:00 PM	<i>Baptism</i>
5:00 PM	Agnes Burns
SUNDAY	November 15
8:00 AM	Charles Lyons
10:30 AM	Patricia O'Donnell
1:30 PM	Angel Santos

CANDLE INTENTION ~ November 8 - 14

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth. -**St. Teresa of Calcutta**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday:	St. Leo the Great
Wednesday:	St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
Thursday:	St. Josaphat
Friday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings in the Lord! As we observe this month of All Souls please know that the intentions for your deceased loved ones are being presented along with all the names gathered from the envelopes placed on the altar at the beginning of the month. May our prayers offered at the Eucharist strengthen our faith in the glory God promises in Christ.

We are promoting our Catholic School during these coming days with '*Discover Catholic School*' Week, a national initiative from our bishops. Thank you for all your support of our Parish School and its mission. We are very proud of our Principal, Ms. Joanne McKnight, and our most dedicated Faculty and Staff. As parishioners, you are all an important resource to share the message of our School with family and friends. Please find tri-fold handouts in the entrance of the Church, as well as posted on our website for downloading, with information and background on our proud legacy of 97 years of Catholic Education as a Parish.

This coming week we honor our veterans with our national holiday and thank the Lord for their faithful service and ask that they and their families continue to receive the respect and honor so deserved. As well, we ask that all active Military recruits and their families be safe and supported by our gratitude and generosity. Finally, we commend the souls of those who died in defending our freedom in armed conflicts and those who lost their lives throughout their time in service at all moments. God Bless their memories and we ask comfort for all their loved ones.

In the Lord,
Msgr. John

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

We give them back to You, O God, whom You gave to us. As You did not lose them in giving, so we do not lose them in returning. Not as the world gives do You give, O Lord. For what You give, You do not take away, for what is Yours is ours also. Life is eternal, life is immortal, and death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing but the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see life clearly. Draw us close to You, and prepare us also for that happy place, so that where You are, we may also be forever.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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