

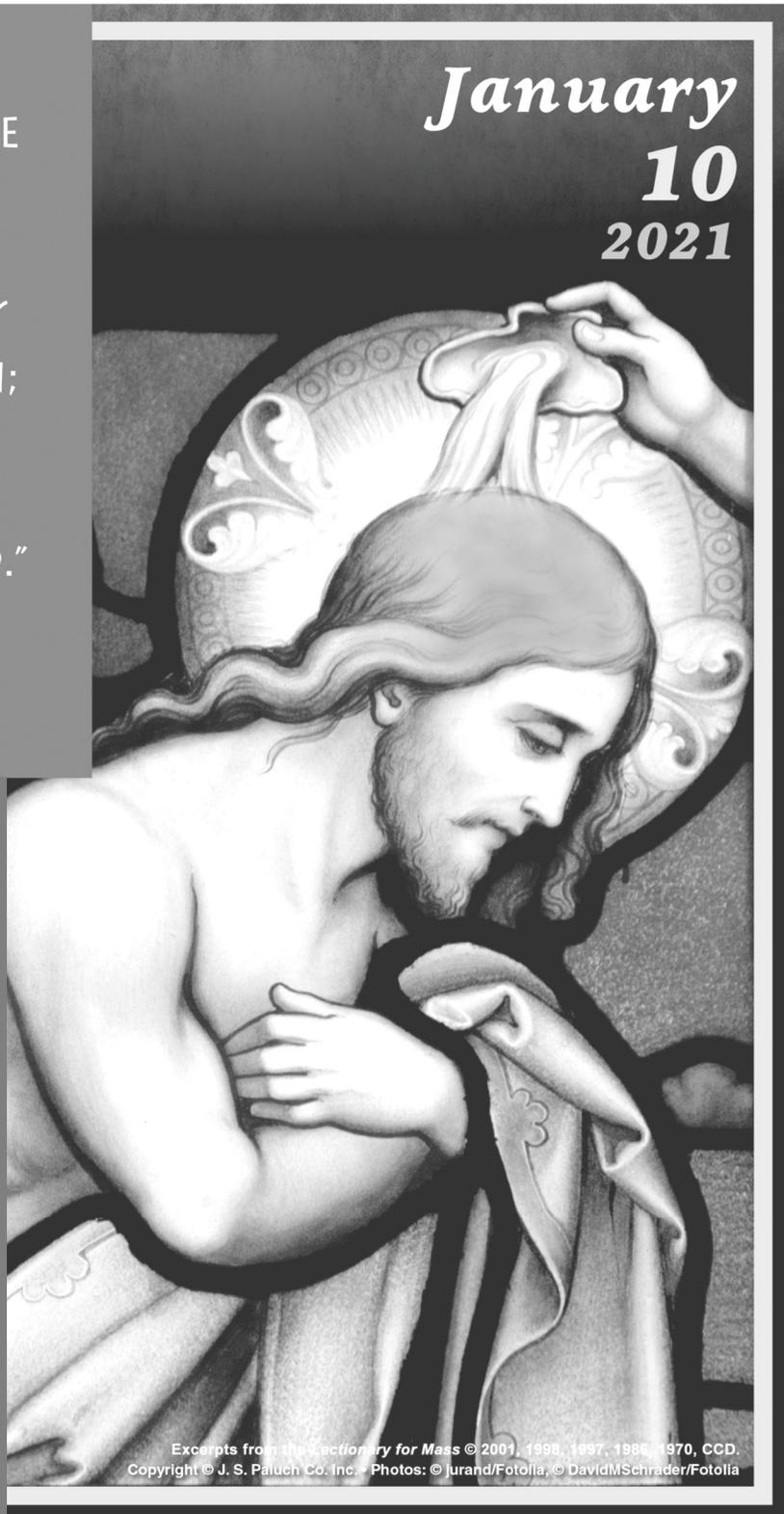
ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

A VOICE CAME
FROM THE
HEAVENS,
"YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU
I AM
WELL PLEASED."

Mark 1:11

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 10, 2021

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 - Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., in the Church Chapel.

CONFESSIONS - 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 in the Lord! Please be reminded that every Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the School parking lot, 865 Roosevelt Avenue, Communion is distributed as you arrive by car with a brief blessing prayer prior and a copy of the bulletin to take home. This affords an opportunity to receive the sacrament for those who feel unable to physically attend our weekend Masses during this time of health alert.

January 22 is the anniversary of the Supreme Court abortion ruling of Roe vs. Wade, which the Catholic Church and individuals of all religions and backgrounds are seeking to overturn. Since the annual March for Life will not be held this year in Washington DC due to restrictions, here in Carteret we will hold a candlelight 'Walk for the Unborn' on Friday, January 22, at 5 p.m. beginning at Divine Mercy Parish, 140 Emerson Street (in front of Church building) and ending at St. Joseph Parish, 55 High Street, with Mass. Please try to join in this event where we will witness to our deepest values of protecting and proclaiming life's dignity from the first moment of conception. (Social distancing will be observed as we walk and pray).

Remember, all ushers of the Parish are scheduled to meet for a continuing formation session, Wednesday, January 13, at 7 p.m. in the Church.

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

Parish

7 Locust Street
Carteret, NJ 07008

School

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 x108

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 55:1-11

Second Reading ~ 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel ~ Mark 1:7-11

The Waters of Baptism

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for Baptism, He “knit” Himself to what had come before Him. By going to the Jordan, He made Himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove Himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the Baptism of repentance, Jesus identified Himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of Baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto His Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of Baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

PERPETUAL MASS GUILD

Enrolled during the month of December:

Barbara Palughi

David Roome Copp

Laura Schofer

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

PRAYER TO HEAR GOD’S CALL

You gift me with all the good gifts that make me the person You created me to be. Help me to know and find Your will and to trust that You will help me to understand the path You call me to journey in life. Where there is doubt give me courage. Give me a heart open to Your quiet voice so I can hear Your call to me. Help me to know Your faithfulness and help me to be faithful to that which You call me to. Amen.

*“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 James Failace*

DRIVE-UP RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Due to the current pandemic, many of our parishioners have been unable to receive the Eucharist sacramentally for many months. For those unable to attend Mass, we are offering Drive-up Reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, on **Thursdays, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the parking lot of St. Joseph School, 865 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret.**

YEAR TO ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis has proclaimed December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021, a “Year of Saint Joseph.”

An image of St. Joseph has been placed on a pedestal in the sanctuary of the Church, with a candle lit, placed in a baptismal shell symbolizing the care of our lived faith as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father in Baptism and interceded for by the guardian of the universal Church and the Patron of our Parish.

The following prayer will be recited at each Mass as we observe this special year announced by Holy Father, Pope Francis: *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. 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.

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANK YOU for your donations to The Giving Tree!

Your generosity meant so much during this Christmas season. 196 gifts cards totaling \$5,025.00 were given out to our Food Pantry Clients. Everyone was grateful to receive your gifts during these uncertain times.

We feel honored and blessed to be part of such a *thoughtful, charitable, and loving Parish*. May you have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,
The Giving Tree Committee

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.

December 20	5:00 p.m.	\$1032	
	8:00 a.m.	\$368	
	10:30 a.m.	\$970	
	1:30 p.m.	\$782	
	Online Giving	\$617	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3769</u>	(\$5407 2019)
December 27	5:00 p.m.	\$479	
	8:00 a.m.	\$300	
	10:30 a.m.	\$758	
	1:30 p.m.	\$597	
	Online Giving	\$437	
	By Mail	\$3088	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$5659</u>	(\$4500 2019)
January 3	5:00 p.m.	\$1472	
	8:00 a.m.	\$324	
	10:30 a.m.	\$796	
	1:30 p.m.	\$765	
	Online Giving	\$502	
	By Mail	<u>\$1288</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$5147</u>	(\$6201 2020)

You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of my followers, will certainly receive a reward. -Matthew 10:37-42

Save Your Aluminum Can Tabs

St. Joseph School students continue to collect aluminum can tabs found on soup, soda, cat food, etc. **To date, with your help, they have collected 793,631 tabs leaving 206,369 more to reach their goal of one million!** Help them reach their goal by collecting your tabs and placing them in the container located on the counter in the narthex. Your efforts, along with the efforts of the students of St. Joseph School, help families who need assistance when a child is very ill.

Do you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Invite them to an **RCIA Inquiry Session**. Invited are: all who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but has never received both sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. No commitment is expected – just inquiries about the Catholic faith! For more information, call our Religious Education Office at 732-969-8767.

Catholic School 2021-2022 Tuition Assistance

Online Application Process

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2021. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

Religious Awards for Catholic Girl Scouts

Since there will not be an annual *Gathering Day for Girl Scouts* in person this year, the Catholic Girl Scout Committee has designed a series of virtual meetings so that Girl Scouts can continue to make progress toward their Religious Awards. If you are interested, email domgirlscouts@gmail.com and provide the following information: name, Parish, Girl Scout level, Religious Award of interest, and whether you have started to work on the Award. Someone will contact you.

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you the tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Attend from the comfort of your home, via Zoom, for eight evening sessions on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, ***January 20 to February 14***. Call Tony & Linda Massimo at 302-220-9833 for an application and information, or visit www.wmme-delmar.org

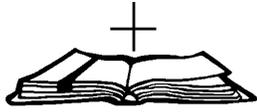
This year, the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi Choir Christmas Concert** is available virtually. To view, visit www.diometuchen.org or www.stfranciscathedral.org. The concert will also be made available on the Diocese of Metuchen's social media pages: @diocesemetuchen and on the St. Francis Cathedral Concerts Facebook page.

CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICES

For those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

Through a statewide partnership, *Catholic Charities of New Jersey* is providing crisis counseling to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. If you or anyone you know needs to speak with someone, call: 732-204-6510.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	January 9
5:00 PM	Giuseppantonio DiMartino
SUNDAY	January 10
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
10:30 AM	Helen Kitz
1:30 PM	Estevan Soria Vicuna and Justina Picon de Soria
MONDAY	January 11
8:00 AM	Ralph Chirico
TUESDAY	January 12
8:00 AM	Henry Kolodzieski
WEDNESDAY	January 13
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory
THURSDAY	January 14
8:00 AM	RoseMarie Carnevale
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Those who names have been placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine
FRIDAY	January 15
8:00 AM	Vocations to Consecrated Life
SATURDAY	January 16
8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
5:00 PM	The Sanctity of All Human Life
SUNDAY	January 17
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
10:30 AM	Wilfred and Julia Yeo
1:30 PM	Angel Santos

CANDLE INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 10-16

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

The **Pieta Lamp** burns for *the sanctity of all human life, born and unborn.*

The **Saint Joseph Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Frank Curto*; requested by William and Maryanne Boone.

SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH OUR LORD
Eucharistic Adoration, closing with Benediction, is held each Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., in the Church Chapel. It's amazing how a simple act of committing to even a short time of regular Adoration makes such a huge difference to the rest of your life. You can carry that moment of being in His presence with you long after you've left the Church. His grace sustains you in every moment, especially in moments of temptation. Temptation becomes easier to resist when you're spending more time in Adoration.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Our Lord's Baptism better enables us to understand our own reception of this great sacrament of initiation into Christian life and salvation. Baptism is a grace which we accept and in which we grow through a life of perseverance in prayer and worship in body, mind, and spirit.



"...after Baptism man needs to pray continually in order to enter Heaven; for though sins are remitted through Baptism, there still remains the inclination to sin which assails us from within, and also the flesh and the devil which assail us from without."

-St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, q. 39, a. 5



A wide spectrum of issues touches on the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. As Saint John Paul II has reminded us: "Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good" (The Gospel of Life, no. 87)

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

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. 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. We ask and pray that You grace and protect all unborn children with Your ever caring love. Though Christ our Lord. Amen.

CANDLELIGHT WALK FOR THE UNBORN

Since the annual *March for Life* will not be held this year in Washington DC, due to restrictions, St. Joseph Parish together with Divine Mercy Parish here in Carteret will hold a candlelight *Walk for the Unborn* on Friday, **January 22**, beginning at 5 p.m. at Divine Mercy Parish, 140 Emerson Street (in front of the Church building) and ending at St. Joseph Parish, 55 High Street, with Mass. Please try to join in this event where we will witness to our deepest values of protecting and proclaiming life's dignity from first moment of conception. Social distancing will be observed as we walk and pray.

The Parish Office is now located at 7 Locust Street (the Rectory address). Parking is available behind the Church in the Locust Street parking lot.