

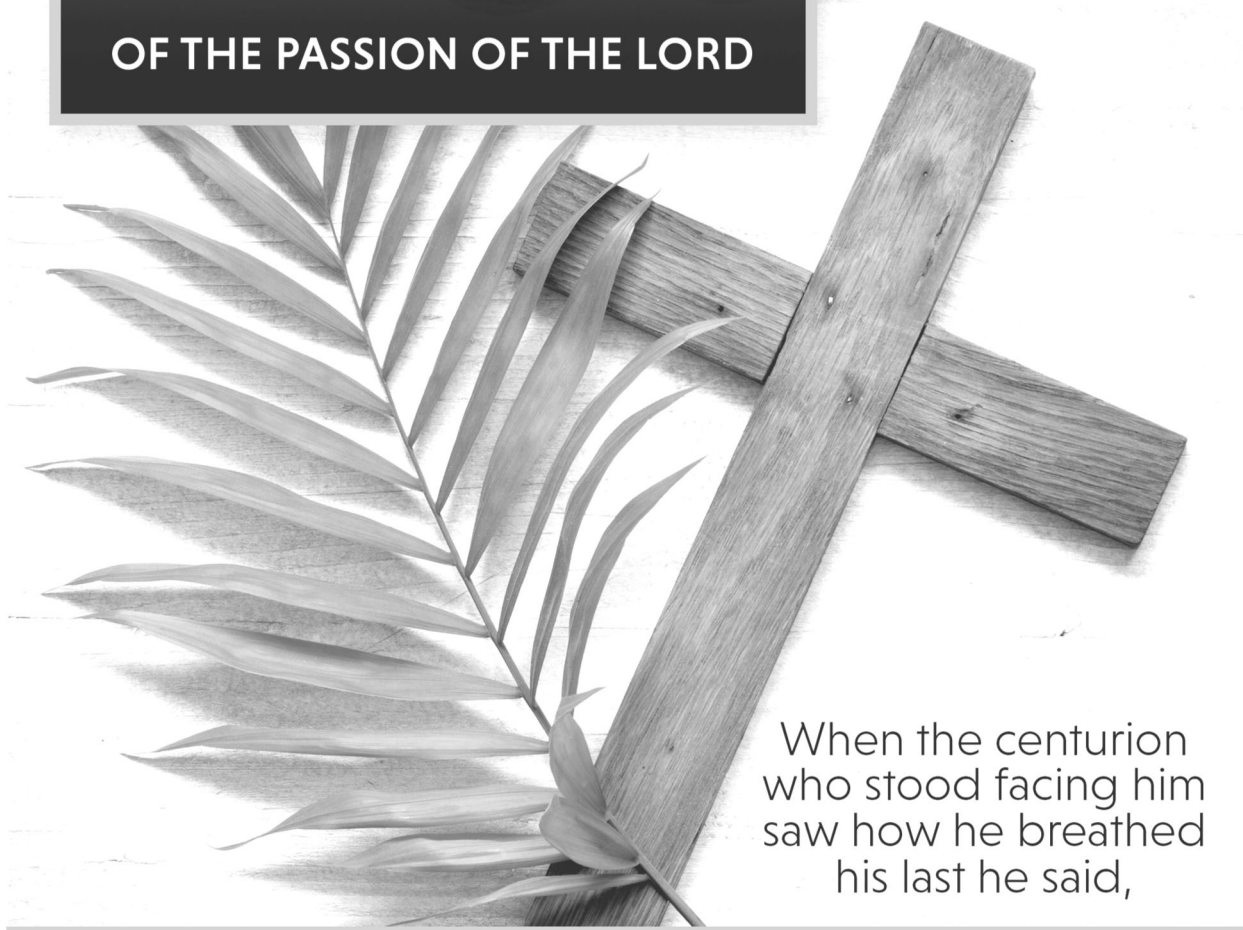
ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



When the centurion
who stood facing him
saw how he breathed
his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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Mark 15:39

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

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 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

Friday - 6:30 PM (during Lent)

Saturday - 8:30 AM

Daily Masses are held in the Church.

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

CONFESSIONS - Saturday mornings, from 11:00 a.m. until noon, in the Church.

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 enter Holy Week! Please see the schedule that is announced for our observances during these most blessed days of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection listed in the bulletin. We should be able to accommodate our attendance at each of the services, so please prior to entering Church find the seating that is open in order to avoid any lack of social distancing.

Confessions will be additional on Wednesday of Holy Week prior to 6:30 p.m. Mass and immediately following the Mass, as well.

Thank you for your donations for Easter flowers. The Church will be decorated and tapestries hung by our volunteers who attend the weekly Adoration and by our Hispanic community.

Thank you to all the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and music ministry for the extra effort during these days in order to make our worship special and meaningful.

Please remember Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence and we are meant to keep a spirit of prayerful reflection on the final sufferings of Our Savior as He dies on the Cross.

Thank you, as well, for returning your 'Rice Bowl' donation cartons with the monies gathered in support of the world's hungry. All proceeds will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services and their international efforts.

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

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MAILING ADDRESS

<u>Parish</u>	<u>School</u>
7 Locust 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 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.

WEBSITE: www.stjosephparishfamily.com

EMAIL: www.stjosephchurch@sjsps.net

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading ~ Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading ~ Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel ~ Mark 14:1 — 15:47 or 15:1-39

Holy Week

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing His sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with Him through these days.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12: 1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Holy Thursday: *Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Good Friday: Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1—19:42
Holy Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a;
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Ex 14:15—15: 1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18- 28;
Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7

Special Reminder - Ushers will be present for Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass in order to assist in utilizing our available seating within the pews. Thank you for your support in filling in our capacity while observing social distancing during these most popular moments.

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

God, our Creator, life is Your gift to me. Through Baptism, You invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. I Ask Lord, "Who will be Your Priest, Deacon, Brother, Sister, Missionary, Lay Minister? Is it I?" Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. Give those You have called to the married and the single state the graces their lives require. I pray especially for those who serve You as Religious. Keep them close to You. Amen.



Among important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is always gravely immoral (The Gospel of Life, no. 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice. **-Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life** (2001)

Prayer for the Protection of Human Life

Father we praise You for the work of Your hands. For human life made in Your image, for the gift of Your Son Who saved our nature, for the Power of Your Spirit, Who fills our hearts, for all You bestow upon us. Help us to protect the life You gave us; support the aged, guide the young, lift up the failing, and heal the sick. To all people grant Your truth in its fullness. May those who are yet unborn soon see the light of day and live to give You glory through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven. . ."

a time to heal... for those in our Parish who are ill and especially for Anthony LaMotta, Charles Alongi, Angelina Virola, Ted Szczesny, Alice Benson, Josie Gibbs

If you are unable to attend Mass due to the pandemic, 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.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR MILITARY

Thank You, Lord, for the courage and selfless service of our Military. Thank You for their dedication in the face of difficulties and challenges. I pray that all of our servicemen and servicewomen will experience Your mercy each day, and that You will provide for their every need. Let them feel Your presence with them, and Your everlasting love. 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.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION
2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Your Children are part of our Parish Family.
Consider joining our School Family!

Visit www.stjosephparishfamily.com and **take a Virtual Tour of our School** to see all the exciting things we have to offer your student. For more information or to register, call the School Office at 732-541-7111. Registration Packets are also available online.

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.factsmgt.com/aid> **All Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by March 31.** Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families needing assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer should contact their school.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

For Private Recitation

It is recorded in St. Faustina's Diary that Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena that should begin on Good Friday (April 2), and end on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11).

Jesus gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena.

- DAY 1 Good Friday** - All mankind, especially sinners.
- DAY 2 Holy Saturday** - The souls of priests and religious.
- DAY 3 Easter Sunday** - All devout and faithful souls.
- DAY 4 Easter Monday** - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him.
- DAY 5 Easter Tuesday** - The souls of separated brethren.
- DAY 6 Easter Wednesday** - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children.
- DAY 7 Easter Thursday** - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy.
- DAY 8 Easter Friday** - The souls who are detained in purgatory.
- DAY 9 Easter Saturday** - The souls who have become lukewarm.

Citywide Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion

Sunday, **April 11**, 3:00 p.m., at Divine Mercy Parish, 140 Emerson St., Carteret. The Chaplet, Litany, Blessing with Relics, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be shared for all among the parishes of our city. Please join in this most special moment that promises to renew our hearts with the teaching of Sr. Faustina and the spirituality of Pope St. John Paul II.

Holy Week and Easter Offerings on EWTN

Learn more about your Faith during the holiest time of the year with EWTN's first-rate movies, documentaries, children's programs, and much more. Join in the celebration of Mass at St. Peter's Basilica or at the majestic Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Get program details at www.ewtn.com. To find your channel visit www.ewtn.com/channelfinder

2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Transformed by Christ Body and Blood - Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church

The Diocesan ministries supported by the Bishop's Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Joseph Parish, as well as, many people throughout our Diocese. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth, and young adults. To learn more about the impact of your gift, view the Appeal video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA> or scan the QR code.



Life-Giving Wounds Virtual Retreat

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life will sponsor a *Life-Giving Wounds Virtual Retreat* for anyone over the age of 18 whose parents are no longer together. The Retreat will be conducted over the course of 3 Saturdays: **April 17, April 24, and May 1.** On the first 2 Saturdays, participants will attend via Zoom, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and on the 3rd Saturday, a Mass will be celebrated for all adult children of divorce. For additional information or to register, please visit: www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** gives you the tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Attend from home, via Zoom, for eight evening sessions, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from **April 11 to May 4.** For an application or information, call Tom or Ruth DeFalco at 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

On October 8, 2020, **The Reproductive Freedom Act (RFA) S3030** was introduced in the New Jersey State Senate. If passed, the RFA would codify into New Jersey law the findings of Roe v. Wade, meaning that abortion would remain legal in New Jersey even if the case were overturned by the Supreme Court. For updates and to receive action alerts, sign up on <https://njcatholic.org/reproductive-freedom-act>

CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICES

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	March 27
5:00 PM	Hank Heintjes
SUNDAY	March 28 - Palm Sunday
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
10:30 AM	Patricia O'Donnell
1:30 PM	Jose Ferrer
MONDAY	March 29
8:00 AM	Deceased family of Cerna Rodriguez
TUESDAY	March 30
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY	March 31
	<i>No morning Mass</i>
6:30 PM	George Strangos
THURSDAY	April 1 - Holy Thursday
7:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish <i>Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
FRIDAY	April 2 - Good Friday
12:00 PM	<i>Living Stations of the Cross</i> , presented from front steps of Church in Spanish
3:00 PM	<i>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i>
SATURDAY	April 3 - Holy Saturday
8:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish <i>Easter Vigil</i>
SUNDAY	April 4 - Easter Sunday
	8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

[Christ Jesus] humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

-Philippians 2:8

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

-We will not have *Eucharistic Adoration* from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday.

-*Good Friday* is a day of fast and abstinence. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection.

-The *Parish Office* will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday.

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your will by becoming man and giving His life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering, and make us worthy to share in His resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY ~ March 29

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM

TUESDAY ~ March 30

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM

11:00 AM - *Chrism Mass* for the Priests of the Diocese at the Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen

WEDNESDAY ~ March 31

No Morning Mass

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - *Confessions*

6:30 PM - *Mass*

Confessions - Immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY ~ April 1

7:30 PM - *Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper*

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 2

12 Noon - *Living Stations of the Cross*

Presented from front steps of Church in Spanish

3:00 PM - *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 3

12 Noon - *Blessing of Food*, Church Hall

8:00 PM - *Solemn Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass*

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 4

Mass Schedule:

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 1:30 PM Spanish Mass

CONFESSIONS are heard on Saturday mornings, from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Church, and after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. In addition, on this Wednesday of Holy Week, Confessions will be heard prior to 6:30 p.m. Mass and immediately following the Mass, as well.

The Christian community in the Middle East struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection. The **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land** will help the Church continue parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines, and operate refugee centers in the area. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Envelopes for this Collection are included in your Church envelop packet - or you may use a plain white envelope marked *Good Friday Collection*. Thank you.