

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office Hours:

Weekdays: 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Parish Registration:

New parishioners are welcome. Please call the parish office to register. Please inform 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:

Servants of Mary (Woman's Group), Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Ministry to the Poor, Ministry to the Sick & Elderly, RCIA Team, Food Pantry, Hispanic Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home School Association, Athletic Association, Catechetical Instruction.

Sponsorship:

To act as a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, confirmed, had communion, and live a morally good life; if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily the sponsor must be at least 14 years old. A Christian who is a non-Catholic may be a witness for Baptism together with a Catholic sponsor.

Rev. James W. McGuffey, Pastor

Rev. Lauro C. Sedlmayer,

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Sean G. Winters,

In Residence

Deacon Ramon Torres,

Hispanic Ministry

Deacon George Kimball,

Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Roseann Johnson, Principal

Mrs. Marcelle Doherty,

Coordinator of Religious Education

Pastoral Assistant

Dr. Thomas Juneau, Director of Music

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 AM

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:

**5:00 (Saturday evening), 8:00, 10:30,
12:00 and 1:30 PM (Spanish)**

Weekday:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick

Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The Rite of Baptism is celebrated on the second weekend of the month: Saturday at 1:00 PM. 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: Specific times are set for the celebration of marriage during the year. 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, deacon or religious: or phone the Office of Vocations at 732-562-1990 Ext. 1700 for additional information.

Mailing Address:

Parish

55 High Street, Carteret, NJ 07008

School

865 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008

Parish Office. 732-541-8946

Parish Office Fax. 732-541-0500

Religious Education/Pastoral Office. 732-969-8767

School. 732-541-7111

St. Vincent de Paul Society. 732-541-6003

Parish Website. www.stjosephparishfamily.com

PREP Website. www.stjosephprep.net

School Website. www.sjps.net

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 2015



PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	July 19
MONDAY	July 20
TUESDAY	July 21
WEDNESDAY	July 22
THURSDAY	July 23
FRIDAY	July 24
8:00 PM	A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
SATURDAY	July 25

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.

"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 Margaret Kvidahl, Martha Gilbert, Anthony Gordon, Irene Hornack

a time to die. . . Theresa Giovenco

God, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember in your prayers the members of our Armed Services, especially: *Thomas Rapp* and *Kenneth Siano*, grandsons of Jane Miller; *Carmelo J. Waters*, grandson of Benny and Geraldine Waters; *Fred Feliciano*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feliciano; *Marcial J. Garcia*, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Little; *JonPaul Brown*, godson of Elizabeth Melo; *Michael Starsiak*, son of Michelle and grandson of Eileen Starsiak; *Justin Molarz*, grandson Susan Molarz; *Christopher Czapik*, grandson of Carol Knittel.



"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, USCCB 2001

PRO-LIFE PRAYER

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, we praise You, we thank You, and we bless You. 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.

LAUDATO SI'

The first Papal Encyclical devoted to the environment has now been released. Start reading Pope Francis' document at www.vatican.va and take up the Pope's urgent call for dialogue on the future of our common home. Visit the diocesan website at <http://diometuchen.org/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si/> for related information.

Take Action Today

Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide

As faithful citizens, we must continue to educate our legislators about the dangers of Physician Assisted Suicide and try to stop the passage of Senate bill number S382 - *Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill*. Here's what YOU can do today:

- Learn how each Assembly member voted on A2270 by visiting the New Jersey Right to Life website at <http://njrtl.org>. Then, call and email both Assembly members in your district to make your voice heard on this issue, thanking those who voted 'No' on A2270.
- Contact your State Senator and urge him/her to Vote 'No' on S382. If you don't know who your State Senator is, you can call the Office of Legislative Services at 1-800-792-8630 or go to <https://votervoice.net/NJCC/home> and enter your zip code for contact information. You can send a prewritten email on S382 to your Senator by visiting the Faith in Action Center of the New Jersey Catholic Conference website: <https://votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/37618/Respond>.
- Contact Governor Chris Christie and urge him to veto A2270/S382 if it reaches his desk. Email the Governor at www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/ or call 609-292-6000. Use "health" for the topic and "family health/nutrition" as the sub-topic.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading ~ Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Second Reading ~ Ephesians 2: 13-18

Gospel ~ Mark 6: 30-34

Christ's Presence in the World

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on a mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with Him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as He hears of the kingdom proclaimed in His name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in His name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with Him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

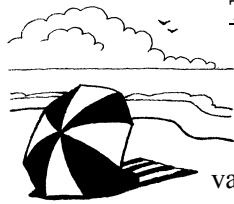
Monday: Ex 14: 5-18; Mt 12: 38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14: 21—15:1; Mt 12: 46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13: 10-17
Friday: Ex 20: 1-17; Mt 13: 18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20: 20-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4: 42-44; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6: 1-15

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

July 5, 2015 \$5706 \$5910 (2014)

July 12, 2015 \$7412 \$6352 (2014)

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more. – Luke 12:48



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TRAVELING THIS SUMMER!

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly donation envelopes to the Parish Office while out-of-town or on vacation during the Summer. As many of you understand, our Parish still has expenses and obligations to take care of so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to all who donated to the Food Drive. In addition to the many food donations, \$660 was raised to purchase food and personal products. We could not continue this service without your generous donations. God bless you all!

St. Joseph Food Pantry

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

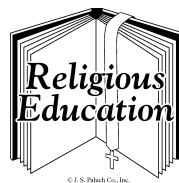
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**Your Children Are Part of Our Parish Family.
Consider Joining Our School Family!**

St. Joseph School offers full day sessions and half day sessions for their Pre-K 3 and 4 Programs. They also offer Before School Care, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and After School Care, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. All registrations are on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the School Office at 732-541-7111 or you can download a registration packet from our website at www.sjps.net

REMINDER: We have a STAIR LIFT, a chair that glides up the back stairwell, on the Locust Street entrance to our Church. If you think this would help you or a family member to enter our Church, just call the Parish Office this week, at 732-541-8946, and tell us which Mass you will be attending so we can have someone there to teach you how it works.

PREP REGISTRATION 2015-2016



Registration Forms for the 2015-2016 *St. Joseph PREP* year are now available. Re-registration Forms were sent home with this year's students. Registration Forms for new students are available on the counter in the Narthex or at the Parish Office. For additional information, please call the PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! – The *St. Joseph Parish Religious Education Program* is in need of classroom and office aides to assist during the 2015 – 2016 PREP year. If you are a High School student who is interested in volunteering for 1½ hours, once or twice a week, please contact the PREP office at 732-969-8767.

Save Your Aluminum Can Tabs

Though St. Joseph School is closed for Summer break, we ask that you continue to collect the aluminum can tabs found on soup, soda, cat food, etc. Please place them in the container located on the counter in the narthex. Thank you!

Baptism Sponsor/Godparent Guidelines

In accordance with Canon (Church) Law, at least one godparent who is of the Catholic faith, is required at Baptism. Normally there are two and must be of different genders. The godparent(s) must be at least fourteen (14) years of age and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Each godparent is required to submit a certificate of eligibility from his/her own parish. The certificate must state that the sponsor is a Catholic in good standing, who attends Mass regularly, and, if married, is in a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. An individual married civilly by a judge, or a mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a godparent.

In the absence of a second godparent, a non-Catholic Christian (never a former Catholic) may serve as a Christian witness. A copy of his/her baptismal record must be submitted beforehand.

Please help us help you. We are only able to provide someone with a sponsor certificate if they are an active, registered member of our Parish and meet all the guidelines. Please be sure to register if you have not already done so.

The *Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities* is sponsoring the **Celebration of Holy Mass** with the opportunity for participants to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, at St. Helen's Church, 950 Grove Ave., Edison, on Saturday, *September 12*, at 11:00 a.m., followed by fellowship and light refreshments. The disabled, their caregivers, and all wishing to participate in this special event are asked to RSVP by Friday, September 4, by calling 732-234-6432 or email catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Open Your Heart and Home to a Foster Child

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or have had multiple out of home placements. The goal for the children in this program is to leave foster care and achieve permanency through reunification with their families, adoption, or independent living. Catholic Charities provides these resilient children with individual and family therapy, assistance with educational and medical needs, and independent living skills to help them reach their full potential. Applicants must have adequate space for a child and complete a home study which includes background checks, references, interviews, and a home inspection. All Catholic Charities licensed families receive initial and ongoing specialized training, 24 hour emergency access to staff, respite services, monthly reimbursement for the child's expenses and support from experienced families. For more information, visit www.ccdom.org or contact Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-HOME (4663) or at mnunez@ccdom.org

Prepare to Lead is a Catholic Bible Study Training Course sponsored by the Office of Evangelization. The course offers a basic introduction to the Sacred Scriptures for people who desire to understand the Bible better and/or may wish to facilitate Bible Studies. The classes lay a foundation in the Catholic approach to reading and interpreting the Word of God. Anybody who is interested in growing in their knowledge and love of the Scriptures is invited to participate. The course will be offered at St. Mary-Stony Hill, Watchung. *Classes begin in September and run through May.* Registration is required. For more information, please contact the Office of Evangelization at 732-562-1990 x1634 or at Itoomey@diometuchen.org. Additional information can be found at: www.diometuchen.org/evangelization.

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs:

Sacred Time, Sacred Space - A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. *August 6*, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.. Bring bag lunch. \$20 - \$30 - as you are able

Week-long Directed Retreat - An experience of personal prayer based on Scripture. Daily Spiritual direction. Atmosphere of prayerful quiet. Adaptable to the needs of each individual. *August 7 - 14*. Fee: \$490/week; non-refundable deposit of \$80.

Registration is required for all programs. For more information about these programs or to register, email msmhope@msmhope.org or call 908-753-2091.

Job Openings at the Diocesan Office of Property and Facilities Management

Day Maintenance Mechanic and/or **Evening Maintenance Mechanic** to: perform routine tasks such as painting, plumbing, electrical wiring and other related activities; maintain facilities, grounds and equipment in a clean, safe and orderly condition; cut lawns using a power mower, trim and edge around walks, flower beds and walls; assist in snow removal by shoveling walkways and driveways; assist with other projects as needed. The ideal candidate must be able to regularly lift and/or move up to 50 pounds, work outdoors, and be able to work an occasional weekend schedule. Interested candidates should forward their resume to hr@diometuchen.org. When applying please indicate Day Maintenance Mechanic or Evening Maintenance Mechanic.

*****Please note: Due to the anticipated high volume of responses, only those candidates who we are interested in interviewing will be contacted. No phone calls please.***

Union Catholic High School Track and Field Camp

For students entering 4th-9th Grade. July 27-30, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. \$250. Instruction for all Track and Field Events. Directed by Coach Mike McCabe. Detailed registration information is available at www.uctrack.com. Questions: call 908-370-7666 or email mmcabe@unioncatholic.org

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	July 18
5:00 PM	Catherine Fierro
SUNDAY	July 19
8:00 AM	Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild
10:30 AM	Joseph Canvan
12:00 PM	Anthony Gulino
1:30 PM	Parishioners
MONDAY	July 20
8:00 AM	Helen Amon
TUESDAY	July 21
8:00 AM	Marla Chummar
WEDNESDAY	July 22
8:00 AM	Marie Tomchak
THURSDAY	July 23
8:00 AM	Dina Manrique
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
FRIDAY	July 24
8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Cardillo Family
SATURDAY	July 25
8:30 AM	Walter and Helen Hayko
2:30 PM	Karolina Dlugosz and Jason Hanes <i>Wedding</i>
5:00 PM	Edward Sabol
SUNDAY	July 26
8:00 AM	Edward Zemanovich
10:30 AM	Jose Romero
12:00 PM	Anthony Gulino
1:30 PM	Parishioners

CANDLE INTENTION ~ JULY 19 - 25

The **Saint Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the protection of the innocent unborn.

The **Pieta Lamp** burns for the souls in purgatory.

The **Saint Joseph Lamp** burns for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, closing with Benediction, is held *each Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*, in the 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. 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.

...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile. -Mark 6: 31

Do you spend time listening for God? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence everyday and ask God what it is He wants you to do. Consider making a retreat this year.

POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES!

The Diocese of Metuchen invites you to participate in a pilgrimage to Philadelphia for the Mass to be celebrated there by Pope Francis on *September 27*. The Holy Father announced last November that he will come to Philadelphia for the eighth World Meeting of Families being held there. He will celebrate a public Mass with a million or more participants on Sunday, *September 27*, on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, in full view of the crowds arrayed from the museum down the Ben Franklin Parkway. No tickets are required for the Mass. No general seating available. The Mass is a standing event.

The Diocese has made arrangements for bus transportation from various locations throughout the Diocese. A number of parishes/groups are also running bus trips to the Papal Mass. The Papal Mass is tentatively scheduled for 4 p.m.. The exact schedule is not yet available from the event planners in Philadelphia, but we anticipate very early departure times. Once we have a clear picture of the number of people who want to participate from each site, we will assign bus coordinators and send confirmation materials with precise details. Prayer and reflection resources will also be provided to enable pilgrims to share a common experience as the Diocesan Church in preparation for and on the day of this special event. The round trip bus reservation and pilgrimage package will be approximately \$55 per person. Each participant is responsible for their own meal costs on that day and also any train/shuttle expenses from the parking lot to the event site and back. Pilgrims should be physically fit and prepared to walk several miles. Reservations for bus seats are limited and will be accepted on a "first-come first-served" basis. For those interested in reserving a bus seat, you may do so starting on July 8th using the preferred online method by visiting: www.diometuchen.org/WMOF. You may also register via phone by calling 732-562-1990 ext. 1543 during the hours of 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday thru Friday, starting on July 8th. All payments will be by credit card only. Space is limited. There will be no refunds. Once the seats are filled, a waiting list will be formed. All participants must make payment and agree to the Trip Terms and Conditions before reservations will be confirmed. Additional details regarding the Pilgrimage will be sent out at the end of the summer.

Bus Trip Pick-Up Locations: Immaculate Conception, Annandale; St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bridgewater; St. Bartholomew, East Brunswick; St. Cecelia, Iselin; St. Augustine of Canterbury, Kendall Park; St. Thomas the Apostle, Old Bridge; St. John Neumann Center, Piscataway.