

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Parish

Over a Century of Catholic Presence

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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

FIRST FRIDAY:

8:00 AM

ST. PEREGRINE MASS

*Second Thursday of the month
at 7:00 PM*

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:
11:00 AM

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.

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 more information.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2015



PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	July 26
MONDAY	July 27
TUESDAY	July 28
7:00 PM	Baptism Class, church hall
WEDNESDAY	July 29
THURSDAY	July 30
FRIDAY	July 31
8:00 PM	A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
SATURDAY	August 1

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, I thank You for the gifts You have given me, especially for life, love, family and friends. Help me to see and understand the path You open for me. Help me choose a life's work which will be in response to my potential and Your love for me. If I am being invited to follow You as a priest, brother, sister, give me a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow You wherever You lead me. 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.

A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Almighty God, Creator of all things, we place our request for world peace into Your hands. Continue to be our refuge and our strength as we undertake this challenge.

Bless with Your divine protection our servicemen and women. Let their faith and trust in You never weaken. Bring them safely home to their loved ones. Let Your heavenly wisdom direct our world leaders to seek peace. Through their actions, may harmony and justice be secured.

We pray for people of all nations. Fill their hearts with the desire to ensure justice and equality for all. We ask that You watch over those exposed to the horrors of war. Let Your compassion shine on all who dwell in these war-torn areas.

Guide our daily path to the way of peace. Let us all, in some way, be an instrument of Your peace. Heavenly Father, let peace reign throughout the world. 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. . . Dorothy Grace



Worship pleasing to God can never be a purely private matter, without consequences for our relationships with others: it demands a public witness to our faith. Evidently, this is true for all the baptized, yet it is especially incumbent upon those who, by virtue of their social or political position, must make decisions regarding fundamental values, such as respect for human life, its defense from conception to natural death, the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman, the freedom to educate one's children and the promotion of the common good in all its forms (230). These values are not negotiable. Consequently, Catholic politicians and legislators, conscious of their grave responsibility before society, must feel particularly bound, on the basis of a properly formed conscience, to introduce and support laws inspired by values grounded in human nature (231). There is an objective connection here with the Eucharist (cf. 1 Cor 11:27-29). Bishops are bound to reaffirm constantly these values as part of their responsibility to the flock entrusted to them (232). —*Sacramentum Caritatis*, Pope Benedict XVI

God our Creator, we give thanks to You, Who alone has the power to impart the breath of life as You form each of us in our mother's womb. Grant, we pray, that we, whom You have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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.

You are invited to attend a **Laudato Si' Prayer and Discussion Event** this Thursday, July 30, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the St. Isidore Field of Holy Family Parish (corner of Throop and Townsend St.), New Brunswick. Rain location: Sacred Heart Church at Holy Family. Sponsored by Catholic Charities Solidarity Team. All are welcome! For additional information, call 732-545-1681.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading ~ 2 Kings 4: 42-44

Second Reading ~ Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel ~ John 6: 1-15

Feeding the World

With today's two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord's hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three, and seven. The core of it is the word "one" expressed seven times. Three of these describe the Church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the Church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders worked by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and "feed" others as the Church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love, and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we "feed" the Church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to "feed" the world in the literal sense; but our mission as Church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34; Mt 13: 31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33: 7-11, 34: 5b-9, 28; Mt 13: 36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34: 29-35; Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10 :38-42
Thursday: Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38; Mt 13: 47-53
Friday: Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13: 54-58
Saturday: Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Mt 14: 1-12
Sunday: Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; Jn 6: 24-35

SACRIFICIAL GIVING **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

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...Recall the words of Jesus: "There is more happiness in giving than receiving." -Acts 20:35

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER!



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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.

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in the faith, prayer, and all the virtues. They have the duty to provide as far as possible for the physical and spiritual needs of their children.—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2252

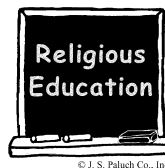
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

2015-2016



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

ST. JOSEPH PREP REGISTRATION



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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.

BACKPACK and SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

The *St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph Church* is once again holding its annual **Backpack and School Supplies Drive**. Last year's drive was a great success due to the generosity of our parishioners. We ask you once again to please show that giving spirit that makes this Parish so special. Supplies needed include: backpacks, colored markers, calculators, glue sticks, 3 subject notebooks, 3 ring binders, erasable markers, looseleaf paper, and scissors.

There will be members of the Society in the narthex, after Mass, on the weekends of **August 1-2 and August 8-9**, to accept your donations. They will gladly accept monetary donations as well. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

FIRE UPON THE EARTH

A New Evangelization Course for All Catholics

Participants will experience the process of evangelization first hand while being introduced to methods and practical tools that they can use to evangelize. Classes begin in September and run through May, one Saturday per month, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon (*Sept. 26, Oct. 31, Nov. 14, Dec 12, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 19, April 23, May 14*). Location: St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Registration is required. For additional information visit: www.diometuchn.org/evangelization or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1634.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE PAPAL MASS

The Diocese of Metuchen has made arrangements for bus transportation to the public Mass to be celebrated by Pope Francis, on Sunday, September 27, on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. For those interested in reserving a bus seat, there are a limited number of seats still available leaving from the following locations: *St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bridgewater; St. Cecelia, Iselin; St. John Neumann Center, Piscataway, Our Lady of the Mount, Warren; St. Joseph, Washington.*

Online registration is strongly recommended. Visit www.diometuchen.org/WMOF. You may also register via phone by calling 732-562-1990 ext. 1543 during the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All payments will be by credit card only.

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. Helena'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

You at Least Try to Console Me

On Saturday, *August 1*, World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd., Washington, NJ, invites all to join in honoring Our Lady's plea of December 10, 1925, requesting five consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. *Blasphemy of Alienating Children from Devotion to Mary* will be explained this month. Confessions - 10:00 a.m.; Rosary w/15 minute meditation by Fr. R. Murphy - 11:30 a.m.; Holy Mass with homilist Fr. R. Murphy - 12noon; Confessions - 2:00 p.m.; Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: "*And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?*" For information visit www.bluearmy.com or call 908-689-1700.

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 ltoomey@diometuchen.org. Additional information can be found at: www.diometuchen.org/evangelization.

Upcoming Pilgrimages from St. Andrew Church

Germany/Switzerland: November 9-19, 2015 ~ \$3,079

Ireland: 11 days - March 1-11, 2016 ~ \$2,300

Lourdes, Avignon, Nice, Florence, Assisi, Rome with Papal

Audience: October 31 - November 10, 2016 ~ \$3079

Call St. Andrew's Church at 732-534-4355 for details and reservations or visit www.standrewparish.com

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

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

Leisure and Spirituality - Summer is a special time to lay back and relax with God. Explore the ways leisure invites us into a deeper way of prayer. *August 12, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.* \$20 - \$30 - as you are able.

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.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	July 25
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
MONDAY	July 27
8:00 AM	Sylvia Alexander
TUESDAY	July 28
8:00 AM	Deceased relatives of Lidia Candelario
WEDNESDAY	July 29
8:00 AM	Jose Betanzos
THURSDAY	July 30
8:00 AM	Alejandro C. Yap
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
FRIDAY	July 31
8:00 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Onofrio Alongi
SATURDAY	August 1
8:30 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sulo and Family
5:00 PM	Paul Cassitta
SUNDAY	August 2
8:00 AM	Maureen Molarz
10:30 AM	Ann Heider
12:00 PM	Dale Caliguari
1:30 PM	Parishioners

CANDLE INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF ~ JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

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

The **Pieta Lamp** burns for those who are called to consecrated life.

The **Saint Joseph Lamp** burns for the protection of all human life, born and unborn.

SPEND SOME QUITE TIME WITH THE LORD!

In the words of St. Faustina, a Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child, on earth receives a new effect of God's graces!

Eucharistic Adoration, closing with Benediction, is held each Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., in the Church Chapel. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company!

There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many? -John 6: 9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All-powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of Your creatures. You embrace with Your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of Your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in Your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards Your infinite light. We thank You for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love, and peace. Amen. -by Pope Francis

CONFESSIONS are heard on Saturday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Church.

Five Steps to a Good Confession

1. Examine your Conscience
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. Do the penance the priest assigns.

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because I have offended You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

A Prescription for Inner Peace: Forgive others totally. Forgive everyone who has ever hurt us. Take a leap of faith and trust and love. Thank God. Choose to experience peace rather than conflict. Choose to experience love rather than fear and guilt. Choose to be a love finder, rather than a fault finder. And choose to be a love giver, rather than a love seeker.