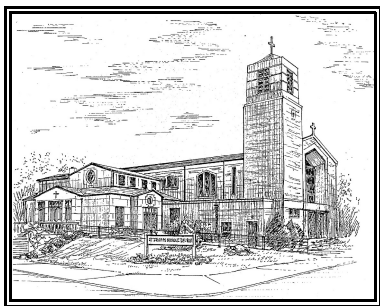


ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



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

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Youth Ministry Office	732-969-8767
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WEBSITES:

Parish: www.stjosephparishfamily.com
PREP: www.stjosephprep.net
School: www.sjps.net



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

Confessions

Saturday: 11:00 AM

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.

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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2015



PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	August 2
MONDAY	August 3
TUESDAY	August 4
WEDNESDAY	August 5
THURSDAY	August 6
FRIDAY	August 7
8:00 PM	A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
SATURDAY	August 8

*“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, Barbara Sewing
a time to die. . . Bruce M. Elliott

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Almighty God, our Source of strength and courage, we ask Thee to guide the leaders of nations in the ways of peace and justice and enduring freedom for the peoples of the world.

In these times of peril and war against terrorism listen to our prayers for the men and women serving in our armed forces, our military leaders, and our allies. Protect them all from harm as they go into battle on land, in the sea and in the air.

Take away whatever fear from their hearts and enable them to overcome swiftly and decisively the violence and cruelty of the enemy.

Protect them from the hatred of others and bolster their personal pride of being American as they rid our world of the works of darkness and weapons of mass destruction.

Console their loved ones and family members who remain on the home front. Gently dry the tears of those who mourn for the wounded in battle and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Oh God, bless them with Thy presence. Grant us homeland security. May Thy Peace, the fruit of justice, truth and mercy, reign in America and throughout the world. 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 Czapiak*, grandson of Carol Knittel.

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank You today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our Nation once again becomes a Nation with liberty and justice – not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



In “The Gospel of Life,” Saint Pope John Paul II put it this way: “The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind, in behavior and even in law itself, is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil, even when the fundamental right to life is at stake. Given such a grave situation, we need now more than ever to have the courage to look the truth in the eye and to call things by their proper name, without yielding to convenient compromises or to the temptation of self-deception. In this regard the reproach of the Prophet is extremely straightforward: “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness” (Is 5:20). Especially in the case of abortion there is a widespread use of ambiguous terminology, such as “interruption of pregnancy”, which tends to hide abortion’s true nature and to attenuate its seriousness in public opinion. Perhaps this linguistic phenomenon is itself a symptom of an uneasiness of conscience. But no word has the power to change the reality of things: procured abortion is the deliberate and direct killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his or her existence, extending from conception to birth.” (EV n. 58)

A WONDERFUL PRO-LIFE WEBSITE

Family of the Americas Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating and strengthening women and families worldwide. Their website is a great source of information. Visit www.familyplanning.net

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, You so loved the world that You sent Your only Son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe in Him. I join Him in His prayer for laborers in Your harvest. May Your Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen generous men and women to continue His mission in the world. May this same Spirit make known to me Your will in my regard. Where You lead, I will follow. Let it be done to me according to Your word. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading ~ Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Second Reading ~ Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

Gospel ~ John 6: 24-35

God's Work

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one He sent" (John 6:29).

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11: 4b-15; Mt 14: 13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12: 1-13; Mt 14: 22-26 or 15: 1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13: 1-2, 25—14: 1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Mt 15: 21-28

Thursday: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1: 16-19; Mk 9: 2-10

Friday: Dt 4: 32-40; Mt 16: 24-28

Saturday: Dt 6: 4-13; Mt 17: 14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19: 4-8; Eph 4: 30—5: 2; Jn 6: 41-51

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

July 26, 2015 \$5880 \$5853 (2014)

So we though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them. -Romans 12: 5-6

Our *St. Vincent de Paul Society* extends sincere thanks to all who contribute to our **GOLDEN JAR**, placed in the narthex each weekend. Your generous donations allow us to help many families in Carteret. God bless all of you for your generosity.

Our **FOOD PANTRY** is in need of all non-perishable food items. Please help us to continue to serve those families in need by placing your food donations in the Food Barrel located in the narthex. To make a monetary donation, please place your donation in an envelope marked *Food Pantry* and place it in the collection basket. Thank you.

The way we treat others, perhaps more than anything else, is the measure of our union with God and our continuous practice of loving prayer.

GOING AWAY!



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.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION



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 2015-2016 Registration Packet from our website at www.sjps.net

PREP NEWS

ST. JOSEPH PREP REGISTRATION

Registration Forms for the **2015-2016** *St. Joseph PREP* year are now available. Re-registration Forms were sent home with last 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, **this weekend and next weekend**, to accept your donations. They will gladly accept monetary donations as well. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

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

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? RETROUVAILLE is sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen, to help couples through difficult times in their marriages. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in not only saving hurting marriages, but also in bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or even divorced. For confidential information about the September program beginning with a weekend on September 18-20, call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1705 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. To register call Tom & Pat McTague (evenings) at 732-583-4468 or Rich & Annette Colasuonno (days) at 732-236-0671.

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.

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.

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	August 1
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
MONDAY	August 3
8:00 AM	Drake McGuffey
TUESDAY	August 4
8:00 AM	June Paiva
WEDNESDAY	August 5
8:00 AM	Lena Marinelli
THURSDAY	August 6
8:00 AM	Michael Gilligan
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
FRIDAY	August 7
8:00 AM	Joseph Barany
SATURDAY	August 8
8:30 AM	Bridie Lambe
5:00 PM	John R. Sabol
SUNDAY	August 9
8:00 AM	Adriana and Raffaele Nigro
10:30 AM	Peter Policastro
12:00 PM	Michael Mustillo
1:30 PM	Parishioners

CANDLE INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF ~ AUGUST 2 - 8

The Saint Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of *Peter J. Sica* at the request of Barbara and Family.

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

The Saint Joseph Lamp burns for *a special intention*.

SPEND SOME QUIET WITH THE LORD!

I understand that, each time we contemplate with desire and devotion the Host in which is hidden Christ's Eucharistic Body, we increase our merits in Heaven and secure special joys to be ours later in the beatific vision of God."

- St. Gertrude

Eucharistic Adoration, closing with Benediction, is held each Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., in the Church Chapel. Come join with us in prayer for ourselves, family and friends, our Parish, the needy, our Country, and the entire world. This is an opportunity for tremendous graces for ourselves, as well as for those for whom we pray.

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.



A ST. PEREGRINE HEALING MASS is celebrated in our Church on the **second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m.**

Following the Mass, there is an opportunity for individuals to receive a blessing and healing prayers. We invite you, your family and friends, or anyone you know that is suffering from a serious illness, to join us for this special Mass. The next St. Peregrine Mass will be held on Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Church. *If you would like the name of a loved one placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine prior to this Mass, you may obtain a Spiritual Bouquet Card in the Gift Shop or at the Parish Office.*

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.



PERPETUAL MASS GUILD

A Mass is offered on the 19th of each month for the intentions of individuals or families, living or deceased, who have been enrolled in the *Perpetual Mass Guild*. Members share in the spiritual benefits of these Masses for as long as the grace of God is needed. The names of new members will be entered into a register and will appear monthly in our Sunday bulletin. Forms are available at the Parish Office or Gift Shop. With each returned requisition you will receive a leatherette folder containing a membership certificate.