

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 2015



PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY August 9
MONDAY August 10
TUESDAY August 11
WEDNESDAY August 12
THURSDAY August 13
FRIDAY August 14
8:00 PM A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
SATURDAY August 15
9:30 am Food Pantry, church hall

PERPETUAL MASS GUILD

Enrolled during the month of July:

Sharon Benson	Gail Povlick
Alessio Sciancalepore	Ernesto Chan
Xavier Tineo	Vito Lanzo
Lena Bocchino	

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 will 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. Enrollment Forms are available at the Parish Office or in our Gift Shop.

PRAYER FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TROOPS

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of Our Armed Forces. Give them courage, hope, and strength. May they ever experience Your firm support, gentle love, and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To You be all glory, honor, and praise, now and forever. 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.

“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



In his June 2009 encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict XVI reminds the world that poverty will not be eradicated unless we rediscover and protect the sanctity of life at every level. Dismissing the unborn as less than human and allowing abortion impedes the work of social justice. He points out with urgency, “While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks, on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human” (n. 75).

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.

Take Action to Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide

S382, a bill authorizing assisted suicide, was released by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on December 15, 2014, and could be voted on by the full Senate at any time. An identical bill, A2270 was passed by the General Assembly on Thursday, November 13, 2014, by a vote of 41 to 31. Please contact your Senator and ask them to vote "No" on S382 - the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act. As faithful citizens, we must continue to educate our legislators about the dangers of Physician-Assisted Suicide and try to STOP its passage in the State of New Jersey. To let your voice be heard, send an email to: <https://votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/37618/Respond>

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and eternal God, in Your unfailing love You provide ministers for Your Church. We pray for those whom You call to serve the Church as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve Your people. May their lives and service call Your people to respond to the presence of Your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading ~ 1 Kings 19: 4-8

Second Reading ~ Ephesians 4: 30—5: 2

Gospel ~ John 6: 41-51

The Beginning of Everything

Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything."

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread—too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers Himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives His flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9: 6-10; Jn 12: 24-26

Tuesday: Dt 31: 1-8; Mt 18: 1-5, 10 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34: 1-12; Mt 18: 15-20

Thursday: Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18: 21—19: 1

Friday: Jos 24: 1-13; Mt 19: 3-12

Saturday: Rv 11: 19a, 12: 1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15: 20-27;
Lk 1: 39-56

Sunday: Prv 9: 1-6; Eph 5: 15-20; Jn 6: 51-58

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

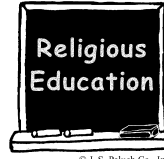
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The measure of your own free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you. -Deuteronomy 16:10

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.

PREP NEWS



REGISTRATIONS are being accepted for the 2015-2016 *St. Joseph Parish Religious Education* program year. Parents can register their child at the PREP Office in St. Joseph School (the phone number is listed on the front of the bulletin) or in the Narthex after the weekend Masses on August 29 and 30. Parents of new students must present a copy of their child's Baptismal certificate at the time of registration. No registrations will be accepted on the first night of classes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Catholic Schools are one of the great success stories in the Church. The combination of religious and moral values, strong academics, and a disciplined environment simply cannot be surpassed. Catholic Schools are a sacrifice. But the sacrifice is well worth it.

—Most Rev. Frank J. Rodimer, J.C.D.

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

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!

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 show you how it works.

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

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.diometuchen.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/WMOE. 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.

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.

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.

*Thursday, August 13, **Celebrate the Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima** at the World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ. Experience the 150 acre scenic beauty and serenity of the outdoor Shrine. 10:30 a.m. - Confessions; 12 noon - Outdoor Rosary Procession; 12:30 p.m. - Speaker: Rev, Michael Venditti; 1:00 p.m. - Holy Mass with Celebrant: Most Rev. Frank Caggiano; 3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet. Visit the Holy House USA with largest piece of tree upon which Our Lady stood, altar from Tuy, stone from Loreto. Visit the Angel Tabernacle carved according to the description of the Angel of Portugal by the Fatima seers. For additional information visit the Shrine's website at www.bluearmy.com 908-689-1700.*

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

Support the **AHR STAR SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND-RAISER** for Tyler Eimont, 1½ years old, who has Dravet Syndrome, and Frankie Gagliano, 2½ years old, who was born with congenital anomalies. Thursday, *October 1*, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (service begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 6:30 p.m.), in the Bishop Ahr High School Cafeteria, One Tingley Lane, Edison. Adults - \$10; Students - \$7; Children (under 12) - \$4. For tickets or information, call 732-549-1108 ext. 648.

Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords, is sponsoring a **Classic/Custom Cruise Night** on Saturday, *September 12*, at their Parish Center, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission is free and there will be great food, a live Disc Jockey, vendors, and some beautiful classic and vintage automobiles.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	August 8
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
MONDAY	August 10
8:00 AM	Frances and James Lenahan
TUESDAY	August 11
8:00 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Onofrio Alongi
WEDNESDAY	August 12
8:00 AM	Michael Hornack
THURSDAY	August 13
8:00 AM	Simeon A. Syjongtian
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Those whose names have been placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine
FRIDAY	August 14
8:00 AM	June Paiva
SATURDAY	August 15
8:30 AM	Sean Gordon
5:00 PM	Michael Burns
SUNDAY	August 16
8:00 AM	Helen Zimmerman
10:30 AM	Theresa Policastro
12:00 PM	Patricia Bell
1:30 PM	Parishioners

CANDLE INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 9 - 15

The **Saint Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death.

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

The **Saint Joseph Lamp** burns for an increase in vocations to consecrated 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 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.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday, August 15



Almighty and everlasting God, You have taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son. Grant, we beseech You, that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory. Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Since the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday this year, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Our regular Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m.



The **St. Peregrine Healing Mass** will be celebrated in our Church **this Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m.** Following the Mass, there will be 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. *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.*

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES' ADVICE ON MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION

Don't be afraid.

"Sin is shameful only when we commit it; when it has been converted by confession and repentance it becomes honorable and salutary."

Think of Jesus.

"Imagine that you are on Mount Calvary at the feet of Jesus Christ crucified and that His precious Blood drips down on every side to cleanse away your iniquities."

Be honest.

"Be sure to state everything with candor and sincerity."

Listen.

"Listen to the advice and commands of God's minister and say within your heart, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.'"

Confessions are heard each Saturday at 11:00 a.m., in the Church.