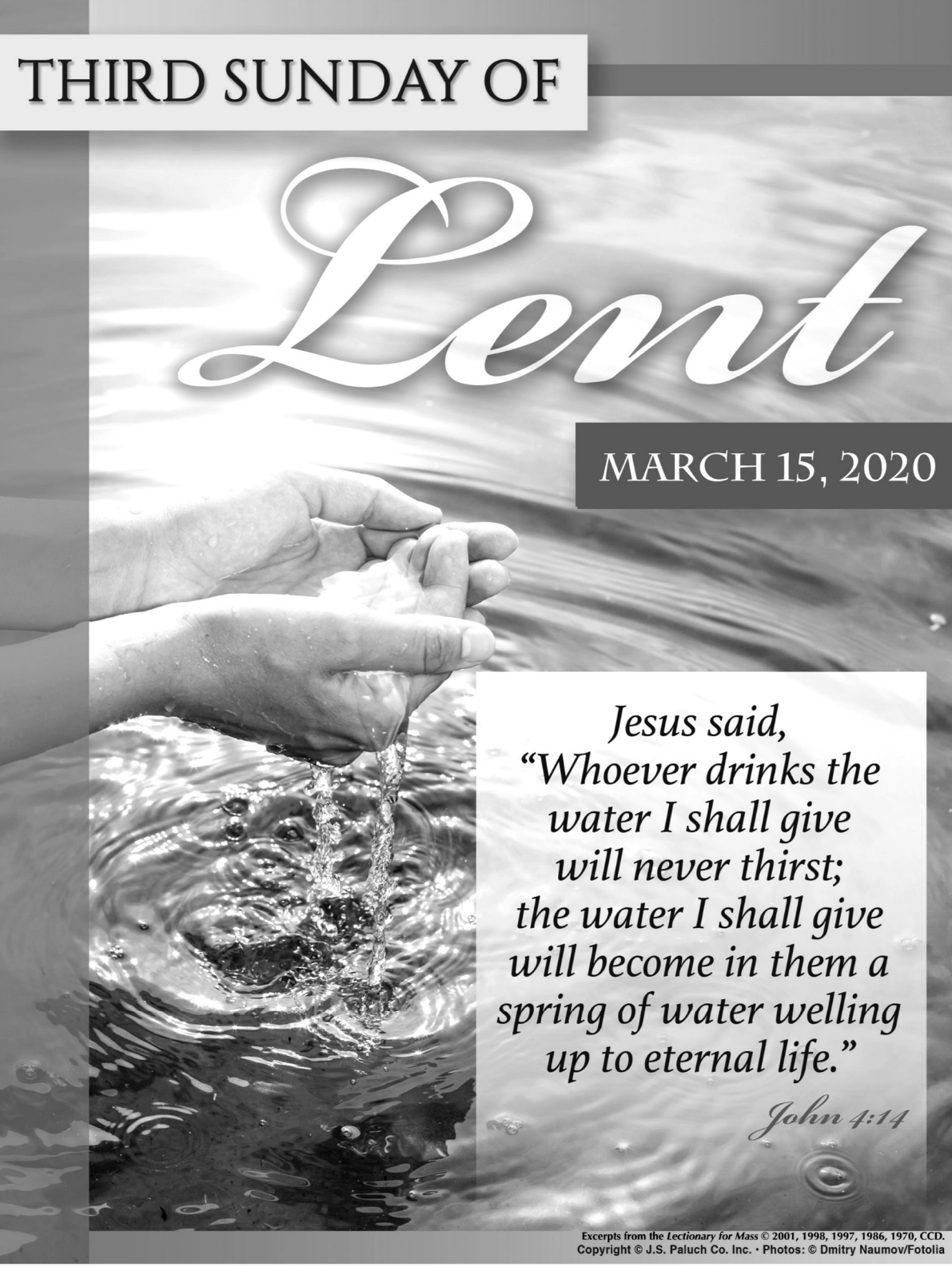


ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 15, 2020



*Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the
water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give
will become in them a
spring of water welling
up to eternal life.”*

John 4:14

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Rev. James W. McGuffey - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2020



“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 Mary Wagner, Anthony LaMotta, Chip Cece, Diane Rosa, Joseph Sabol, William Lenahan, Charles Alongi
a time to die... Adrian “Chip” Cece

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY **March 15**
MONDAY **March 16**
 6:30 PM Athletic Association, gym
TUESDAY **March 17**
 6:00 PM PREP, school
 6:00 PM RCIA Class, school
 7:45 PM Athletic Association, gym
WEDNESDAY **March 18**
 6:00 PM PREP, school
 6:00 PM Adult Confirmation Class, school
 7:45 PM Athletic Association, gym
THURSDAY **March 19**
 7:00 PM HSA Meeting, gym
 7:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., church hall room
FRIDAY **March 20**
 6:30 PM Athletic Association, gym
 8:00 PM A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
SATURDAY **March 21**
 7:00 AM Athletic Association, gym
 9:30 AM Food Pantry, church hall

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.

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. Amen.

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 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, 12:00 PM
 1:30 PM (Spanish)

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM
St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick
Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

MAILING ADDRESS

<u>Parish</u>	<u>School</u>
55 High 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

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

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 Poor, 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. A Christian who is a non-Catholic may be a witness for Baptism together with a Catholic sponsor.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Exodus 17: 3-7

Second Reading - Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel - John 4: 5-42 or John 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Thirst

During this holy season, we examine and reflect upon our lives and call on God for aid. There are times in our lives—and this may be one of them—when we feel alone, abandoned. We may ask, as the Chosen People did when thirsting in the desert, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?” As we grow weary crossing the deserts in our life, let us remember Jesus’ words: “I am with you always.”

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b; Lk 4: 24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a

Friday: Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34

Saturday: Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5: 8-14;
Jn 9: 1-41 or Jn 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

March 8, 2020 \$5582 \$8164 (2019)

For everything is from You, and we only give You what we already have received from You.

-1 Chronicles 29:14-16

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Joseph Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 21/22, which has been designated as *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Our Bishop Checchio has asked us to observe the following practices over his concern over the spread of the Coronavirus.

1) Practice good hygiene by washing your hands, or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.

2) Anyone who is sick or has flu like symptoms should not attend Mass or church gatherings. Mass is broadcast on several TV stations, specifically EWTN, and if you are sick, you can receive a spiritual communion.

3) The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact. We often wave at one another, so just extend this to everyone.

4) We have suspended distribution of the Precious Blood.

5) Reception of the Body of Christ, the consecrated Host, should be on the hand, not on the tongue.

The Diocese will monitor these health concerns, and update us as to the duration of these directives.

And remember, we are to be prepared, and not panic, as the number of cases in the U.S. are very minimal at this time.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. McGuffey

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 19, 2020 – 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

***A Smarter Start Starts With Enrolling
Your Child At St. Joseph School!***

Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year. Packets are available in the School Office or on the School website at www.sjps.net. Call the School to schedule a tour at 732-541-7111.

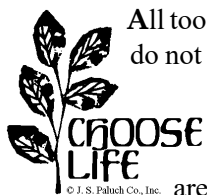
Save the Date!

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL H.S.A
SPRING TRICKY TRAY – MAY 17, 2020**

Details to follow

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Father, in the power of the Spirit, You send us forth to build up Your Kingdom. I pray especially for those whom You are calling to serve the Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers. Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship. The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few. Please provide for us men and women who will help to gather in a great harvest of souls. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



All too often, as we know from experience, people do not choose life, they do not accept the 'Gospel of Life' but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, because they are dictated by selfishness, self-interest, profit, power and pleasure, and not by love, by concern for the good of others. ...As a result, the living God is replaced by fleeting human idols which offer the intoxication of a flash of freedom, but in the end bring new forms of slavery and death. -**Pope Francis** from homily at Mass for 'Evangelium Vitae Day' June 16, 2013

REVERENCE FOR LIFE

Father and Maker of All, You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in Your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your hands, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Healing the Heartbreak of Abortion

Does your heart hurt from a past abortion(s)? Begin the journey towards healing with *Surrendering the Secret*, an interactive program and study of God's Word, hosted by Life Choices Resource Center. The study enables women to release the burden of suffering in silence and find freedom through meaningful group experiences within a confidential, caring small group environment. This powerful redemptive study helps each hurting woman find her personal path to healing. ***Let's walk together on your journey toward freedom.*** Dates: 8-week sessions beginning **April 23rd**, after Divine Mercy Sunday. Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Thursday Evenings. Location: On the Grounds of St. Mary's, Plainfield. To register or have any questions answered, contact Healing@lifechoicersrc.com. All communications are strictly confidential. Visit SurrenderingtheSecret.com for an overview of the program.

Walking with Moms in Need - A Year of Service

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in our Parish Community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. Join this nationwide effort from March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021. Visit www.walkingwithmoms.com for information.

First Diocesan Lenten Retreat Held in Spanish

March 28, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church, 600 Harris Avenue, Middlesex, NJ. Cost: \$12 (includes book and lunch). Space is limited. Register here: <https://hispanic-ministry.abilafundraisingonline.com/retirocuaresma>

Will You Please Share Your Talent. . . ?

As we prepare for upcoming changes (starting September 2020) in our PREP, we ask that you consider helping. There is a great need for Catechists, Classroom Aides, and Substitute Catechists. Please contact the St. Joseph Church PREP Office at 732-969-8767 for additional information.

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.

-**John 4: 13**

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Catholic School 2020-2021 Tuition Assistance

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>. **Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than March 31, 2020.** Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next *Weekend* will be held **April 24-26**. Please apply by April 10, as space is limited. Call 732-904-9636 for an application or visit: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

LENTEN FISH FRY

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Father Carey Council Friday's **now through Friday, April 3**, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Columbian Hall Main Room, 164 High St., Carteret. Enjoy Broiled, Fried, Combo (Fish & Shrimp), Shrimp or Ravioli Dinner with Soup, Salad, Roll, French Fries or Rice. Homemade Desserts. Cost: Fish or Shrimp: \$13.50 Adults; \$12.50 Seniors; \$ 7.50 Child (<12yrs). Combos: \$14.50 Adult Combo; \$13.50 Senior Combo; \$8.50 Child Combo (<12yrs). Ravioli: \$7.50 Adults; \$7.50 Seniors; \$5.50 Child (<12 Yrs). Take out Orders \$1.00 extra.

Scout Day of Recollection

March 21, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at St. Philip & St. James Church, 430 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ. All Catholic Scouts are invited especially those working on their Ad Altare Dei & Pope Pius XII religious emblems. The day will include prayer, talks, Adoration, Confession, and Mass. Lunch provided by Troop 50. To register, call St. Philip & St. James Parish at 908-454-0112 ext. 3, by March 16.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	March 14
5:00 PM	Mary Mihalko
SUNDAY	March 15
8:00 AM	Anna Rotunda
10:30 AM	Frank Colonna
12:00 PM	Jose Manuel Romero
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
MONDAY	March 16
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY	March 17
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Church
WEDNESDAY	March 18
8:00 AM	Vocations to the Priesthood
THURSDAY	March 19
8:00 AM	Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
FRIDAY	March 20
8:00 AM	The innocent unborn
6:30 PM	<i>Way of the Cross</i>
7:00 PM	Thomas and John Connolly
8:00 PM	<i>Hispanic Way of the Cross</i>
SATURDAY	March 21
8:30 AM	Msgr. Donald Endebrook
5:00 PM	Virginia Taglieri
SUNDAY	March 22
8:00 AM	Natalie Nardiello
10:30 AM	Edward P. Casserly
12:00 PM	Hank Heintjes
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

CANDLE INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 15-21

The St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp burns for the sanctity of human life in all its stages.

The Pieta Lamp burns for the souls in purgatory.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Church Chapel

Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, "Ask, and you shall receive" but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace.

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

DURING LENT...

Mass is celebrated in the Church *Monday through Friday* at 8:00 a.m.; *Friday evenings* at 7:00 p.m., and *Saturday* at 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration - *Thursdays* from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., closing with Benediction.

The Way of the Cross - *Friday evenings* at 6:30 p.m.

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Amen.

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

Dear Parishioners,

With joy, you are invited to join in the Celebration of the 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood of Rev. James W. McGuffey at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, here at St. Joseph Church, on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Reception to follow.

RSVP by March 30, 2020

Please place your response in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.

25th Anniversary Mass and Reception

Name _____

Number Attending _____