

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

Jesus said,  
“My sheep  
hear my voice;  
I know them,  
and they follow me.”

*John 10:27*

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MAY 12, 2019

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### PARISH CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 12</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 13</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 14</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 15</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 16</b>
7:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., church hall room
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 17</b>
8:00 PM	A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 18</b>
9:30 AM	Food Pantry, church hall

### PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

*Father You call each one of us by name and ask us to follow You. Bless Your Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know You, and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.*



**A mother's love is the protection, nourishment, affection, and care that a mother bestows on her child. A mother is said to be God's servant. She can sacrifice a lot of things in life so that her child gets the best out of it all.**

### A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Good and gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of the world who have joined with You in the wonder of bringing forth new life.*

*You Who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to love and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family, and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to You for help when they need it most. 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, deacon or religious; 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

#### ParishSchool

55 High Street 865 Roosevelt Avenue  
Carteret, NJ 07008 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 732-541-6003

Parish Website: [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)

PREP Website: [www.stjosephprep.net](http://www.stjosephprep.net)

School Website: [www.sjps.net](http://www.sjps.net)

### PARISH SERVICES

**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, and 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.

## SUNDAY READINGS

*First Reading* - Acts 13: 14, 43-52

*Second Reading* - Revelations 7: 9, 14b-17

*Gospel* - John 10: 27-30

### **Shepherds like Jesus**

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises His sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of My hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on His shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 11: 1-18; Jn 10: 1-10  
**Tuesday:** Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Jn 15: 9-17  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12: 24-13; 5a; Jn 12: 44-50  
**Thursday:** Acts 13: 13-25; Jn 13: 16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14  
**Sunday:** Acts 14: 21-27; Rv 21: 1-5a;  
Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35

## PERPETUAL MASS GUILD

### **Enrolled in the month of April:**

<i>Norma DiLiegro</i>	<i>Milagros Pena</i>
<i>Eric Odel</i>	<i>Giuseppe Altamura</i>
<i>Dr. G. Edward Reahl, Jr.</i>	<i>Audrey Phillips</i>
<i>Maria Moraglia</i>	<i>Domenico Gisodni</i>
<i>Nicholas DiBiasi</i>	<i>Eileen Fullam</i>

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## PRAYING THE ROSARY

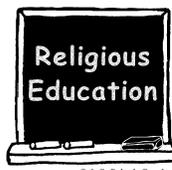
The month of May is a special time to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother. We honor Mary in our prayers and devotions to her, especially in our recitation of the Holy Rosary.

... for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son. There can be no doubt that whatever we say in praise of the Mother gives equal praise to the Son. -**St. Bernard of Clair Vaux**, Father and Doctor of the Church

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**April 28, 2019**      \$5,874      \$6,460 (2018)

*Charge them to do good, be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have. -1 Timothy 6:18*



## PREP REGISTRATION ~2019-2020

The goal of the *St. Joseph Parish Religious Education Program* is not only to prepare your child to receive the sacraments of First Penance, Holy Communion, and Confirmation, it is also to assist you in helping your child learn more about our Catholic faith. **It's time to register your children for the 2019-2020 PREP year**, especially children who received their First Holy Communion this past May and children who will be entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in September. Registration Forms can be found on the counter in the narthex, at the Parish Office, and at the PREP Office. You can also download a PREP Registration Form at [www.stjosephprep.net](http://www.stjosephprep.net)

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-2020



*The legacy of a Catholic education is more than the knowledge imparted to our students; it is the development of a deep and abiding sense of faith, the realization of the value of moral character, and the inspiration of a life-long journey of learning. -Cardinal Daniel DiNardo*

**Saint Joseph School offers an exceptional values-based education.** To learn more about enrolling your student in St. Joseph School for the next school year, visit [www.sjps.net](http://www.sjps.net) or call the School Office at 732-541-7111. We would be happy to schedule a School Tour or provide you with additional information. ***A smarter start starts with enrolling your child in St. Joseph School.***

## **St. Joseph School's SPRING TRICKY TRAY**

### **THIS COMING SUNDAY, MAY 19**

### **Have Your Purchased Your Tickets Yet?!**

Doors open at 12 noon; first number called at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the School Office: advance tickets/\$12; purchased at the door/\$14. Bundle Packs of Prize Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$50 each (a \$70 value). Each ticket comes with a goody bag that includes a sheet of tickets for the middle table prizes. Any questions, call the School Office at 732-541-7111, contact St. Joseph School HSA at [hsa@sjps.net](mailto:hsa@sjps.net) or call Dana Sutkowski at 732-207-5592.

## SERVANTS OF MARY NEWS

Grateful thanks to all who came to the **Easter Vigil Reception**, following the Easter Vigil Mass. Thank you to those who brought something to share and all who helped set-up and clean up. God is good!

You are invited to the **Servants of Mary Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, **May 19**. The Crowning of Mary will take place before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Breakfast will follow Mass, at Oliveras Restaurant. The cost of the breakfast is \$20. Tickets can be purchased today, after Mass, in the narthex. For additional information, call Danielle at 732-910-0790 and leave a message.

*The Servants of Mary Group is collecting **Baby Items**: blankets, sweaters, hats, booties, lap blankets, and scarves. Please bring these items to the Servants of Mary meetings held the first Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., in the church hall, or drop them off in plastic bags at 80 Heald Street. Thank you.*

## AWAKENING YEAR

### A Personal Consecration Opportunity

Looking to develop a deeper relationship with Our Lord? Want to grow in holiness, but are too busy? ***Set aside just 15 minutes a day for nine days during this Awakening Year to deepen your faith and make a consecration on a personal level to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe.*** Read, reflect, and pray daily with the story of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego. On the ninth day, you are invited to pray the personal consecration prayer, committing yourself to be an active Catholic and sharing your Catholic faith with others. This consecration is easy to fit in your schedule! Just pick the nine days to do this individually or get a small group together! Personal Consecration Booklets are available for \$3 each plus shipping. To order a book call 732-529-7932. To find out more about this personal consecration and to access the resource, go to [www.lightingheartsonfire.org](http://www.lightingheartsonfire.org), click on prayers, select Personal Consecration, and begin today!

### A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

will take place at St. Patrick's Church, in Belvidere, NJ, on *June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6 and December 4*. Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. For information, call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or send an email to: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com)

## PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE TOUCHED BY ADDICTION OR LOSS

On **May 14**, at 7:00 p.m., the Diocese of Metuchen will host a Prayer Service for those touched by addiction or loss at St. Helena Church, 950 Grove Ave, Edison.

Any person or family whose life has been touched by the pain of addiction or loss, or who seeks the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the struggle to recovery is welcome. Refreshments and fellowship to follow in St. Helena Parish Hall.

## MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

### MONDAY, MAY 27 ~ 10:00 A.M.



Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano, will celebrate an outdoor Memorial Day Mass at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, May 27, rain or shine, on the grounds of **Resurrection Cemetery, Hoes Lane and Park Ave., Piscataway**. At the same time, Rev. Msgr. John Fell will celebrate Mass at **Holy Cross Cemetery, 840 Cranbury South River Road, Jamesburg**. A wreath laying ceremony will also be held. All are welcome. For additional information, contact the Cemeteries Office at 800-943-8400 or [cemeteries@diometuchen.org](mailto:cemeteries@diometuchen.org) or visit the website at [www.diometuchen.org/cemeteries](http://www.diometuchen.org/cemeteries).

All are invited to attend an **All Night Pentecost Vigil** from **Saturday, June 8 through Sunday, June 9**, at the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi**, 548 Main St., Metuchen. The Vigil will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m., on June 8, and end with Benediction at 6:30 a.m., on June 9. Adoration will be available throughout the night. The Vigil will include speakers, music, prayer, and opportunities for Confession. There is no obligation to stay for the entire Vigil, so come at any time and stay as long as you wish. Coffee and refreshments will be available. For additional information, please call 732-562-1543, visit [www.diometuchen.org/Pentecost](http://www.diometuchen.org/Pentecost), or send an email to [youth.ministry@diometuchen.org](mailto:youth.ministry@diometuchen.org)

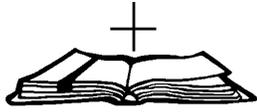
### Catholic Charities Connections Program is Seeking VOLUNTEER MENTORS

Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. *Do you have a minimum of three hours a week to offer to a child; like having fun; reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township; want to make a difference in a child's life?* Then contact Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or [jcullen@ccdom.org](mailto:jcullen@ccdom.org) for more information.

### Annual NJ Catholic Rally at Great Adventure

**May 19**, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Six Flags-Great Adventure, Jackson. The Rally is open to scouts, junior high and high schools students, young adult ministry, and parish/school athletic programs. The day will include entrance to the park, Mass, and a concert by Matt Maher. Admission is \$50 for park access and food. Food only is \$20 if you have a season pass. For tickets and details, email [jglynn@diometuchen.org](mailto:jglynn@diometuchen.org) or visit [www.diometuchen.org/nj-youth-rally](http://www.diometuchen.org/nj-youth-rally)

## Mass Intentions



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 11</b>
5:00 PM	All living and deceased Mothers of our Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 12 ~ Mother's Day</b>
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, 1:30 PM	All living and deceased Mothers of our Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 13</b>
8:00 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Onofrio Alongi
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 14</b>
8:00 AM	Alfredo Benson
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 15</b>
8:00 AM	Elissa Davis Boehm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 16</b>
8:00 AM	Trinidad Maldia de Chavez
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 17</b>
8:00 AM	Jose Betanzos
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 18</b>
8:30 AM	Lena Marinelli
5:00 PM	William Butler
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 19</b>
8:00 AM	Helen and Robert Petrie
10:30 AM	John Mihalko
12:00 PM	Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

### INTENTIONS~ May 12-18

The **Altar Bread and Sacramental Wine** have been donated in loving memory of *Margaret Kammerer, Amelia Gervino, Virginia Taglieri, Noreen Pucci.*

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the intentions of *Lisa Pastelak* and her daughter, *Jen.*

The **Pieta Lamp** burns for *an increase in vocations to consecrated life.*

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

### JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

*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!

## THE PEOPLE OF LIFE



It is wondrous enough that someone rose from the dead by His own power. But the Lord Jesus, in rising from the dead, does not just conquer His death; He conquers ours. He overturns the entire kingdom of death. The entire ministry of the Church is focused on bringing us – and all humanity – the eternal life that flows from Christ and His Resurrection. This is the sense in which He is the Good Shepherd. Not only does He keep us from danger in this life; He shepherds us through death itself to the life that knows no end.

*God of life and love, You created us in Your image and sent Your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception to natural death. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. 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 Mary Wagner, Fr. John Morley, Anthony Lamotta, Susan Hernandez, Eileen Starsiak, Chappy Thatcher

***a time to die...*** Fr. Michael Driscoll, Janet Fritz, Dell Simeone, Marybeth Coder

**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.

### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

*Heavenly Father, please hold our servicemen and women in Your strong arms. Cover them with Your sheltering grace and Your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also pray for the families of our troops. We ask for Your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray Your peace, provision, hope, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our Armed Forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*