

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

THIRD SUNDAY OF *Easter*

Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
“Simon, son of John,
do you love me
more than these?”

John 21:15

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MAY 5, 2019

Rev. James W. McGuffey - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafonuti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
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Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Coordinator of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant
Dr. Thomas Juneau - Director of Music

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2019



*“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, Marybeth Coder
a time to die... Mary Calabria*

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	May 5
MONDAY	May 6
TUESDAY	May 7
6:00 PM	PREP, school
7:00 PM	Choir, church
WEDNESDAY	May 8
6:00 PM	PREP, school
7:00 PM	Choir, church
THURSDAY	May 9
6:00 PM	Adult Confirmation class, parish center
FRIDAY	May 10
3:30 PM	First Communion Practice, church
8:00 PM	A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
SATURDAY	May 11

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

God, our Father, in Baptism You called us by name making us members of Your people, the Church. We ask You to strengthen us to live in love and service to others after the example of Your Son, Jesus. Father, look upon Your Church with love and bless Your people with generous single men and women, with loving husbands and wives, with understanding parents, with trusting children, with dedicated priests, sisters, deacons, and brothers. Help us to see our vocations as a journey toward You. You have called us, not to set us apart, but to bring us together with others who need our love. Make us faithful signs of Your presence in their midst. Amen.

CONFESSION ~ Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon
*The grace of the Sacrament helps us to avoid even venial sins,
and frequent examination of our failings helps us to resolve to
do better in the future.*

If you are discerning a call to the Priesthood, you are invited to contact the Diocese of Metuchen Office of Vocations at vocations@diometuchen.org or call Fr. Jason Pavich, Vocation Director, at 732-562-2453.

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

<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	732-541-6003

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 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 5: 27-32, 40b-41

Second Reading - Revelations 5: 11-14

Gospel - John 21: 1-19 or 21: 1-14

Lifelong Service

"I am going fishing." What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess "Grandpa" or "Uncle Fred," or admit, "I said that last summer!" But it is a Bible quote, from today's Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Yes, it's Peter! So today's announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper, "Lord, you know that I love you," and Peter's apostolic calling clearer, "Tend my sheep." Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, "We must obey God rather than men." As Revelation proclaims, "Worthy is the Lamb"—to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6: 8-15; Jn 6: 22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7: 51 – 8:1a; Jn 6: 30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn 6: 35-40
Thursday: Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6: 44-51
Friday: Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6: 52-59
Saturday: Acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6: 60-69
Sunday: Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Rv 7: 9, 14b-17;
Jn 10: 27-30

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For May

The Church in Africa, a seed of unity – *That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.*

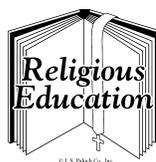
OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 21, 2019 (Easter) \$14,678
April 28, 2019 \$4,767 \$6,143 (2018)

Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind. -Hebrews 3: 16

Thank You for Your Support!

Our *St. Vincent de Paul Society* extends sincere thanks to all who contribute to our **HOPE CHEST**, 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.



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 1st 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 Registration Form from the PREP website at www.stjosephprep.net

Benefits of a Catholic School Education

Academic Excellence
Emphasis on Catholic Values
Healthy Social Relationships
A Supportive Environment

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019- 2020

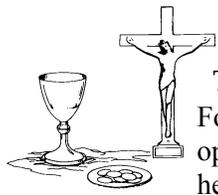
Saint Joseph School offers an exceptional values-based education. To learn more about enrolling your student in St. Joseph School for the next school year, visit www.sjps.net or call the School Office at 732-541-7111. We would be happy to schedule a School Tour or provide you with additional information.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

The *Servants of Mary Group* is collecting the following **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.

SPRING TRICKY TRAY ~ SUNDAY, MAY 19

St. Joseph School's HSA will host their *Annual Spring Tricky Tray* on **May 19**. 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.

The HSA is asking for your unwanted items, gifts, and gift cards for their Spring Tricky Tray. Donations can be brought to the School Office or left in the barrel in the Church narthex. For additional information, contact the HSA at hsa@sjps.net or call Dana Sutkowski at 732-207-5592.



The **St. Peregrine Healing Mass** will be celebrated in our Church on **Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.** Following the Mass, there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing and healing prayers. We invite you, your family, 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

A *Holy for Priests* will be held on Sunday, **May 5, at 3:00 p.m.**, in the Chapel at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. For information, visit www.diometuchen.org/evangelization and click on "Intercessors for the Shepherds" or call 732-562-2457.

AWAKENING YEAR

A Personal Consecration Opportunity

Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed? 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, 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 and email to: 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.

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@ccdcom.org for more information.

SAINT PETER'S GIANNA CENTER, located in New Brunswick, is dedicated to offering truly prolife women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. For additional information, please visit <http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/> or call 732-565-5490.

COURAGE is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching about same-sex-attraction and discipleship. *Courage* members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship, and moral support. *Courage* meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain.

EnCourage is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-attraction.

For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups, call 732-562-2476 for Courage (email: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCourage. Also visit the national website at www.Couragerc.org. All contacts are confidential.

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 or visit www.diometuchen.org/nj-youth-rally

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	May 4
5:00 PM	Mike Gervino <i>First Communion</i>
SUNDAY	May 5
8:00 AM	Charles S. Panko
10:30 AM	Irene Vernachio
12:00 PM	Walter J. Hayko, Jr.
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
MONDAY	May 6
8:00 AM	Maria and Giovanni DiMartino
TUESDAY	May 7
8:00 AM	Miss White
WEDNESDAY	May 8
8:00 AM	Mary Calabria
THURSDAY	May 9
8:00 AM	souls in purgatory
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Those whose names have been placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine
FRIDAY	May 10
8:00 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tomchak
SATURDAY	May 11
8:30 AM	the innocent unborn
2:00 PM	<i>First Communion</i>
5:00 PM	All living and deceased Mothers of our Parish
SUNDAY	May 12 ~ Mother's Day
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, 1:30 PM	All living and deceased Mothers of our Parish

INTENTIONS~ May 5 -11

The **Altar Bread and Sacramental Wine** have been donated in loving memory of *Mike Gervino*.

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Mike Gervino*.

The **Pieta Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Elizabeth and Julius Vasvary*.

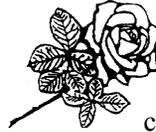
The **Saint Joseph Lamp** burns for *the sanctity of all human live, born and unborn*.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, closing with Benediction, is held *each Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.*, in the Church Chapel. in moments of temptation. Temptation becomes easier to resist when you're spending more time in Adoration.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER

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.

PRO-PEACE AND PRO-LIFE



“On receiving the Nobel Prize for Peace, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta had the courage to say to the leaders of political communities: ‘If we let a mother kill the fruit of her womb, what is left to us? It is the principle of abortion that endangers peace in the world.’ It is true! There can be no true peace without respect for life, especially if it is innocent and defenseless as is that of the unborn child. Elementary coherence requires those who seek peace to safeguard life. No pro-peace activity can be effective unless attacks on life at all its stages, from conception until natural death, are as energetically opposed.” - **St. John Paul II**, to the members of the Italian Pro-Life Movement on May 22, 2003

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Thank You, Lord, for the courage and selfless service of our Troops. Thank You for their dedication in the face of difficulties and challenges. Thank You for their families. I pray that all of our servicemen and servicewomen will experience Your mercy each day, and that You will provide for their every need. Let them feel Your presence with them, and Your everlasting love. In Christ's name. Amen.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

MONDAY, MAY 28 ~ 10:00 A.M.



Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano, will celebrate an outdoor Memorial Day Mass at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, May 28, 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 more information, contact the Cemeteries Office at 800-943-8400 or cemeteries@diometuchen.org or visit the website at www.diometuchen.org/cemeteries.