

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Anyone of you who  
does not renounce  
all your possessions  
cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### PARISH CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 8</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 9</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 10</b>
6:00 PM	Catechist Meeting, school
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 11</b>
7:15 PM	Late PREP Registration, PREP Office
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 12</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 13</b>
8:00 PM	A/A, Alanon, Alateen, church hall
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 14</b>

## FOR OUR TROOPS

*Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Please place a hedge of protection around each and everyone. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. 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; *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.

*“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

### PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

*Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the Church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy Name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.*

*In tribulation, immediately draw close to God with confidence. You will receive strength and enlightenment.*

### 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 of 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](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 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* - Wisdom 9: 13-18b

*Second Reading* - Philemon 9-10, 12-17

*Gospel* - Luke 14: 25-33

### **Post-summer Challenges**

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with Him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

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### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Col 1: 24 - 2:3; Lk 6: 6-11  
**Tuesday:** Col 2: 6-15; Lk 6: 12-19  
**Wednesday:** Col 3: 1-11; Lk 6: 20-26  
**Thursday:** Col 3: 12-17; Lk 6: 27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14; Lk 6: 39-4  
**Sunday:** Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1: 12-17;  
Lk 15: 1-32 or 15: 1-10

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

<b>August 25, 2019</b>	\$5878	\$5703 (2018)
<b>September 1, 2019</b>	\$5467	\$4965 (2018)

*Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ -Galatians 6:2*

*Dear Fr. McGuffey and parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, On behalf of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, especially those serving in the foreign missions, I would like to thank you and your people for the kind assistance given to us during our recent Mission Appeal.*

*Your openness to our needs and your gracious response fill us with gratitude. We assure you of our prayers, and ask that you continue to remember us as well.*

*Kindly convey these sentiments to your people. Please tell them it has been our privilege to be among them, sharing something of the riches of Christ.*

*In the Heart of Christ,  
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart*

## **PREP OPENING MASS**

**Wednesday, September 11 - 6:15 PM**

**There is still time to register your child/ren**

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. Our PREP year begins with Opening Mass this Wednesday, **September 11**, at 6:15 p.m., in the School. **Late Registrations will be accepted following Mass.** Registration Forms are available on the counter in the narthex, at the Parish Office, the PREP Office, or on the PREP website at [www.stjosephprep.net](http://www.stjosephprep.net)

### **PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed as catechists, substitutes, aides, and assistants. If not enough volunteers respond, there may be a limit to the number of students that can be accepted. Volunteers will be asked to complete the Protecting God's Children Program and submit their fingerprints through a mandated program to ensure the safety of our children. Training will be provided. If interested, call the PREP office at 732-969-8767.

### **WE REMEMBER. . . September 11, 2001**

When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

**-Psalm 27: 2-5**

### **A PRAYER FOR PEACE**

*Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created. Amen.*

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## **BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST**

We Christians are followers of Christ. We have been baptized into a discipleship of Jesus. There are people who will be part of our lives this week, who may only come to know Jesus and His love for them because of the way we touch their lives. Invite them to join us at an Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions DO NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Faith family. Inquiry sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Faith. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited. For more information, call the PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

## **LIVING ROSARY**

The Fr. Carey Columbiettes and the Carteret Specials invite you to a very special *Prayer Service for World Peace* to be held at Danielle's Garden, Carteret Waterfront Park, on Saturday, **September 28**, at 10:00 a.m. (rain location: Fr. Carey Knights of Columbus Hall, 164 High St.) Special intention - Chappy Thatcher and Joseph Pluta. For additional information, call 732-969-2744.

All are invited to attend the **HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS** on Friday, **September 20**, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, as we come together to celebrate Hispanic heritage in the Diocese of Metuchen. For more information, please call 732-243-4573.

**Choices Matters - A Critical Life Conference** will be held on Saturday, **November 2**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio, at 8:30 a.m., at St. Peter the Apostle University Church, New Brunswick. The Conference begins at 10:00 a.m. at Rutgers University, 126 College Avenue, in New Brunswick. General registration is \$25; Student registration is \$10. To register, visit [www.rutgerscatholic.org](http://www.rutgerscatholic.org) and click on Choices Matters. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please call 732-562-1543.

*The Metuchen Cursillo Movement* will hold their **Women's Cursillo Weekend - An Encounter with Christ** on **November 14 - 17**, at the Blue Army Shrine, Asbury, NJ. For details and to download an application, log on to [www.metcursillo.org](http://www.metcursillo.org) or you may contact Lori at 732-738-1796. Space is limited. Submit your registration ASAP.

**One-day, 9-mile Walking Pilgrimage "The Way of St. Juan Diego"** - In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, you are invited to participate in a Walking Pilgrimage on Saturday, **September 21**, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (rain or shine). The walk will begin and end at Immaculate Conception Parish, Annandale. **Registration is required by September 13**. Visit [www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage](http://www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage) for details or to register. Cost: \$25.

## **The Word of God: Celebrated and Lived**

On Saturday, **September 14**, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Worship is offering a formation opportunity for those who serve as Readers. This is an opportunity to learn and explore more about this ministry and discover the practical means of preparing and ministering. Call 732-765-6438 or visit [www.diometuchen.org/liturgy-workshops](http://www.diometuchen.org/liturgy-workshops) to learn more or reserve a space.

The *Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life* is sponsoring a **Program for Men and Women Seeking Healing from Separation or Divorce** which is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel, and clarity. This 12-week program **begins October 8**, and meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, please contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947 or 908-470-0678.

## **St. Thomas Aquinas High School STA/AHR STAR SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Thursday, **October 3**. Service begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 6:30 p.m., in the STA/Bishop Ahr High School Cafeteria, One Tingley Lane, Edison. Adults/\$10; Students/\$7; Children under 12/\$4. Proceeds benefit Elijah Patino, born with a rare autoimmune disease; and Andrew Yarus, born with a rare chromosome deletion. For tickets or additional information, call 732-549-1108 ext. 648.

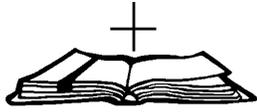
## **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY AND SICILY NOVEMBER 2-13, 2020**

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo, including Sicily (Palermo, Agrigento, Siracusa, Mt. Etna, Taormina, Massina) and Rome with a Papal Audience. \$3479 - includes superior hotels, most meals, professional guides and tour escort, and daily Mass. Hosted by Father David Kosmoski. Call St. Andrew Church, Avenel, for a full color brochure at 732-634-4355.

## **Independent Victim Compensation Program**

As announced in February, the Diocese of Metuchen – along with the four other Roman Catholic Dioceses in New Jersey (Newark, Trenton, Camden, and Paterson) – established an *Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP)* to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Diocese. The IVCP began accepting claims on June 15 and will conclude on December 31, 2019. Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to [www.njdiocesesivcp.com](http://www.njdiocesesivcp.com) and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

## Mass Intentions



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 7</b>
5:00 PM	Savino Cardillo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 8</b>
8:00 AM	Frank Colonna
10:30 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
12:00 PM	Michael Gilligan
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 9</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 10</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 11</b>
8:00 AM	Jayceryll Malabuyoc de Chavez and all the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 12</b>
8:00 AM	Janet Fritz
11:30 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
7:00 PM	Those whose names have been placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 13</b>
8:00 AM	Helen Pletterer
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 14</b>
8:30 AM	Ralph and Maryann Giachetti
5:00 PM	Helen Butler
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 15</b>
8:00 AM	John and Anna Panko
10:30 AM	Deceased members of the Aliszewski Family
12:00 PM	Lillian Csaki
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

### CANDLE INTENTIONS ~ SEPTEMBER 8-14

The St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp burns for the *innocent unborn*.

The Pieta Lamp burns in loving memory of *Samuel and Madeline Russo*; requested by their son, Anthony Russo.

The Saint Joseph Lamp burns for an *increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life*.

The Saint Joseph School Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of *Rose Panza*; requested by Roseann Johnson.

There are still a few 2019 Masses available for intentions. To reserve a Mass in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please stop by the Parish Office.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Thursdays - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Church Chapel**  
In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." -Pope Benedict XVI

### PERPETUAL MASS GUILD

Enrolled in August :

<i>Charles L. Thatcher</i>	<i>Jason Olm</i>
<i>Mary Pfass</i>	<i>Florence Camicia</i>
<i>Rueben Pereira</i>	<i>Daniel Wilson</i>
<i>Zion Rhyme</i>	



The St. Peregrine Healing Mass will be celebrated in our Church on **Thursday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.** Following the Mass, there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing and healing prayers. We invite you and anyone you know that is suffering from a serious illness, to join us for this special Mass. *If you would like to have the name of a loved one placed before the Shrine of St. Peregrine prior to Mass, you may obtain a Spiritual Bouquet Card in the Gift Shop or at the Parish Office.*

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For September

That politicians, scientists, and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



"Conception is the beginning of human life. From the time that an ovum is fertilized a new life begins that is neither that of the father nor of the mother. It is rather the life of a new human being with his own growth. It would never become human if it were not human already." -**Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith Declaration on Procured Abortion, 1974**

### 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. Amen.*

The WALK FOR LIFE, benefitting Life Choices Resource Center, will be held on Saturday, **October 12**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm. (rain or shine). Youth Groups, Families, CCD Students, and anyone who loves babies and God's people are welcome to come and make our event a success! To register, call 732-516-0822. Your participation will make a difference in the life of a family and their unborn child.