



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**JULY 26, 2020 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Diocese of Metuchen  
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## Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

## Daily Masses

Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7 p.m.  
(TBD when it will resume)

## Confession

Monday through Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
(TBD when it will resume)  
Saturday: 4 to 4:45 p.m.  
& by appointment.

## Rosary

Prayed every first Monday of  
the month at 7:30 p.m. & 5th  
Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass.

## Adoration

3rd Thursday & First Friday  
of the month.



**17<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/Sunday, July 25/26

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Craig Kelemen Jr.

8:00 AM Open Intention

9:30 AM (L) Vincent Scarponi

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, July 27, 2020

7:00 PM † Janice Ely Private Mass

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

7:00 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

St. Martha

7:00PM NO MASS

Saturday/Sunday, August 1/2

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Abdon Rodriguez

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Protection of Babies in the Womb &  
Their Families

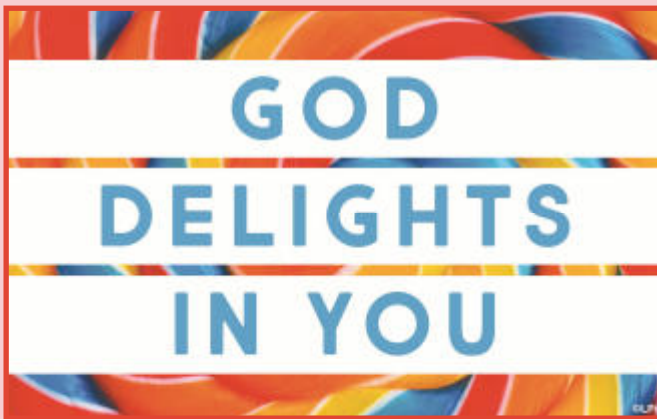
11:00 AM † Jeffrey Ferguson

Our new weekend Mass Schedule is:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. & Sunday morning Mass  
at 9:30 a.m. This may change, check our website for  
updates relating to the Mass Schedule.

All info. will be on the Main Page of the website.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Weekend of July 18/19

\$1502.-

Thank you kindly, for remembering St. Joseph Church and it's financial needs at this time. May Our Father in heaven look graciously upon you.

## HOW TO STIR UP THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES.



Have you ever made your very own homemade chocolate milk? What happens when you pour the Hershey's Chocolate syrup into the glass of milk? If you said, "You get chocolate milk" you are incorrect.

When you pour the Hershey's Chocolate syrup into the glass of milk it just drops to the bottom of the glass. Not until you grab a spoon and vigorously stir the milk will the white milk change into chocolate milk.

This is a great way to help others connect with the way we can live our lives with the Holy Spirit.

You see, as a believer, we have the Holy Spirit inside of us just like the chocolate syrup poured into the glass of white milk. **But unless we call on Him to move in our lives, the Holy Spirit will wait very patiently until the invitation is spoken.** Throughout Scripture, the Holy Spirit has many descriptive names like Counselor, Intercessor, Comforter, Helper, and Giver. Have you been praying and inviting Him to work in your life? Do you need comfort? Intercessory prayer? Counsel? Help?

Have you forgotten or overlooked the power of the Holy Spirit and your relationship with Him? Do you call on the Holy Spirit of God on a daily basis? Are you willing to begin today asking the Holy Spirit to move and stir up within you as you live your life for Christ? Then call on the power of the Holy Spirit!

Just like the chocolate syrup sitting on the bottom of the glass of white milk unless you are willing to take action and stir it up, the power of the Holy Spirit is being ignored. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to move and stir up in our lives on a daily basis so we don't miss the blessings and special opportunities God has planned for each one of us.

Scripture is very clear about how we need to stir up the inner fire within us.

*"Because you have this faith, I now remind you to stir up that inner fire which God gave you at your ordination. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love and a sound mind." ~2 Timothy 1:6*

*"I think it right, as long as I am in this "tent", to stir you up by way of reminder." ~2 Peter 1:13*

May I encourage you today as a follower of Christ to grab a spoon and go ahead and **"Stir up that inner fire!"**

*Dear Holy Spirit,*

*I give you complete permission to move in my life and remind me of the Scriptures I need to know and live out in my life today. Forgive me for ignoring you and doing life on my own. I need you Holy Spirit to intercede for me and guide me through my day and night. Oh Holy Spirit, saturate my soul and move in a mighty way as you fill me from my head to my toes today! Amen!*

## CONFESSION

There will be **NO** Confession during the week at this time. Confessions will **only** be heard in the gazebo, behind the Church, on Saturdays before the 5 pm Mass at 4pm—4:45pm or by appointment!



**Sorry for any inconvenience.**

## SANCTUARY LAMP



If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of a loved one or for someone living please contact the Parish Office. The offering is \$10 per week.

**The lamp will burn this week for  
The Parishioners of  
St. Joseph Church**

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

St. Jude, hear our prayers and heal all those who have lost their health. We pray especially for the following people,



Vincent Scarponi, Dagmar Clancy,  
Fr. James Kyrpczak, Mark Mueller,  
Joseph, Rita Sheehan, Gloria Almind,  
Billy Almind, James, Alan Schultz, Kelly,  
Ruthanne McCue.

**Let us remember our dearly departed,  
Robert Veres, may he rest in peace.**

Dear God,

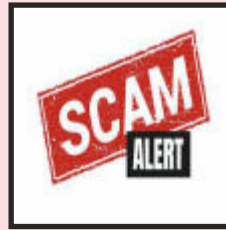
If I'm  
wrong,  
correct  
me.

If I'm lost,  
guide me.

If I start  
to give up,  
keep me  
going!

Amen

## FRIENDLY REMINDER



Father James will never send a text message or an email asking for money or gift cards. If you receive these messages, please disregard them. When in doubt, call the Parish Office at 908 638 6211 and ask. Stay safe! God bless.

## K-CLUB

Please visit our website at: **www.sjchb.org** and click on K-Club 2020-2 for the new form to join the K-Club. If you are already a member, please send in your \$40 to the Parish Office by August 1. Next drawing is on Aug. 2.



**Good luck to everyone.**

## LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS



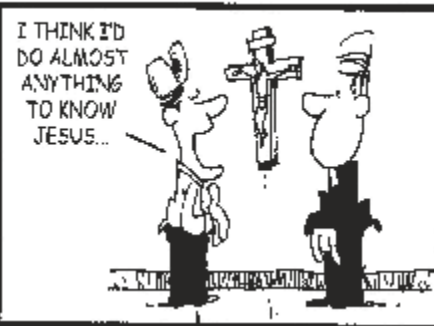
The Living Faith booklets for July/August & September are available in the back of the Church. **Thank you to the Holy Name Society** for providing these excellent booklets for us. Living Faith provides daily reflections based on a Scripture passage from the daily Mass. With readings for daily Mass listed at the bottom of each devotion, this booklet helps us pray & meditate in spirit with the seasons of the Church Year.

## 20/20 PRAYER PROJECT



Father, we thank you for bringing us all together to work on the 20/20 Project. We pray for the babies who are in danger of being aborted, their mothers, families and all victims of the abortion industry. We ask that you provide us the vision, hope and resiliency needed to pass the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" in New Jersey by the year 2020. We offer our work to you and ask that you make it fruitful. Give us the wisdom, humility, and courage to faithfully fight for equal rights for babies in the womb by relying completely on the power of Jesus' death and resurrection. Amen Please join us as we pray to successfully change the law in NJ. Visit [info@BabiesInTheWombFeelPain.com](mailto:info@BabiesInTheWombFeelPain.com) to receive a prayer card today.

1712 SUNDEN IN ORDINARY TIME



## ST. IGNATIUS

Wounded in battle, St Ignatius of Loyola was inspired by the lives of Christ and the saints to serve God. When well, he wandered, prayed, ministered to the poor and sick, and had mystical experiences that form the basis of his book, "Spiritual Exercises." Returning to school, he earned a master's degree from the University of Paris. There he gathered other students for service to Jesus. After ordination, the group went to Rome, where they became the Society of Jesus or Jesuits. Like him, may we learn, "to find God in all things!" **Feast day, July 31**



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