



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

AUGUST 2, 2020 | EIGHTEENTH 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

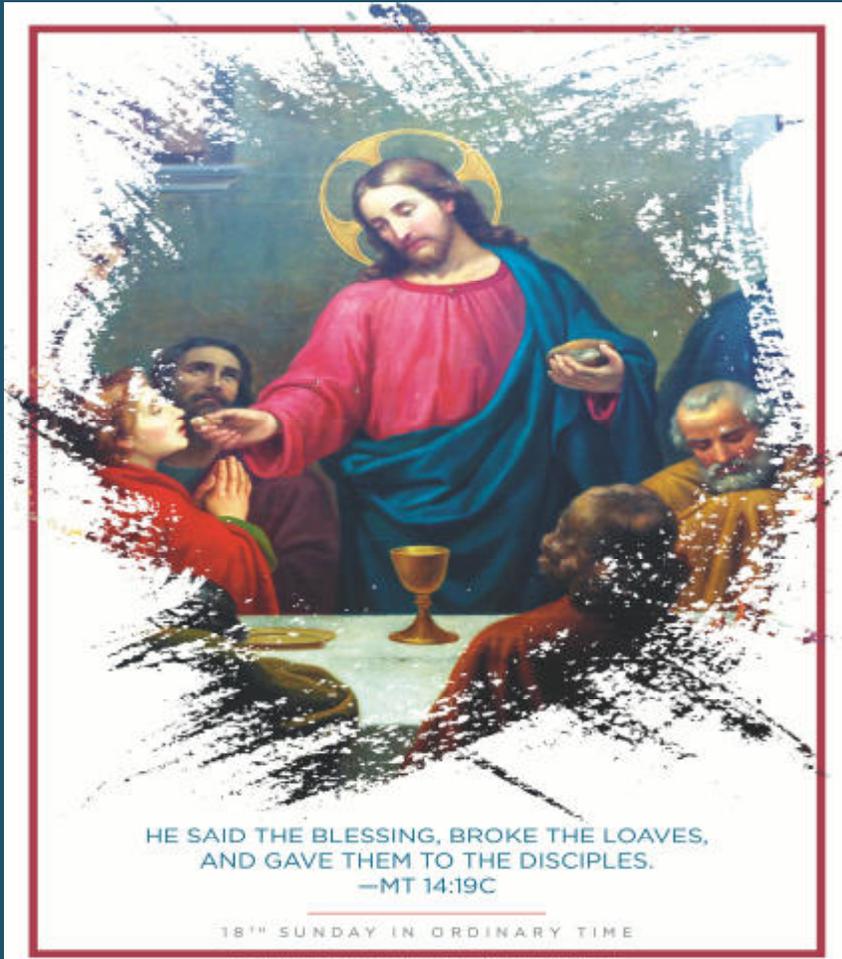
Monday through Wednesday
6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
(TBD when it will resume)
Saturday: 4 to 4:45 p.m.
& by appointment.

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. (cancelled)



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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 3, 2020

7:00 PM NO MASS

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

St. John Vianney

7:00 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

7:00PM NO MASS

Saturday/Sunday, August 8/9

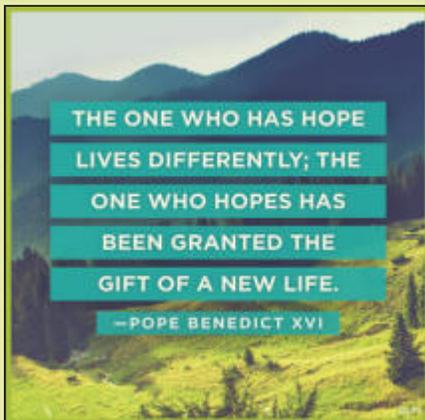
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Donald Sebold Jr.
8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM † Carmela Pesale
11:00 AM † John F. Cryan

Our new weekend Mass Schedule is
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. &
Sunday morning Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Check our website for changes to this schedule.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Weekend of July 25/26 \$1,332.-

On-Line Giving (past 2 weeks) \$3,200.-

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church.
May our Heavenly Father watch over all of you.



The Transfiguration of
Our Lord
Thursday, August 6, 2020

The disciples had left everything to follow Jesus: Peter and Andrew “immediately abandoned their nets and became His followers.” “James, Zebedee’s son, and his brother John... abandoned boat and father to follow Him” (Matthew 4:18-22). In dedicating their lives to the carpenter’s Son from Nazareth, they at times must have had doubts about this Jesus who had been sent by His Father to bring us salvation and eternal life. For ordinary men, most who were hardworking fishermen, it must have been difficult to understand all that Jesus taught and did. The moment of the Lord’s Transfiguration was an extraordinary confirmation that, indeed, they had given their lives to the Son of God. As with any joyous moment, we want it to last. So, Peter very naturally says to Jesus: “Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” (Mark 9:5).

But this was not to be the case. Jesus had to complete His earthy mission. The apostles had to come down from the mountain, and to accept the challenges that would be theirs as disciples commissioned to continue Jesus’ work and proclaim the Gospel.

This account of the Transfiguration is a beautiful description of the dynamic of faith and religion. Our faith, our belief in Jesus, is not an escape from the responsibilities and challenges that confront us daily. Faith gives us the strength, the courage and the insight needed to do what must be done, even to accept the words of Jesus: “Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my footsteps” (Luke 9:23). The disciples, except for the beloved disciple, John, did sacrifice their very lives for the proclamation of the faith.

Often in our lives, it is difficult to profess our faith amid a culture not necessarily inclined to hear or accept the message of Christianity or the truths of our Catholic faith, but because we believe that Jesus is a true gift to us and that He uplifts and dignifies our humanity by making us sons and daughters of His Father, we wish to share His message even in the most challenging situations. This is especially true in our defense of human life embracing all the stages and circumstances of humanity, from the child in the womb, to the foreigner and the refugee, the “tired, and the poor,” and the sick, disabled and elderly. We stand in awe of God’s noblest creation, the human being, and we realize that God’s law is the basis for all law, teaching us to love the Lord and our neighbor as we love ourselves.

We, too, at every Mass ascend the Mountain of Transfiguration where we hear those words: “This is my body; this is my blood.” At that extraordinary moment of union with Christ in Holy Communion, we are Peter, James and John experiencing the transfigured Lord, come to us to nourish us. Then we depart to live our lives knowing that Jesus is with us. We must return to our work, the duties of our vocations, to our responsibilities; we cannot flee from them, but we know that He is with us even unto the end of time (Matthew 28:20). God bless.

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 & 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 Equal Rights for all Babies in the Womb.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

O St. Rita, worker of miracles, turn thy merciful eyes upon those in need of our prayers. We pray especially for:

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners are invited to request a particular Mass be offered for a living or deceased loved one. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements and to receive a Mass card. The offering for 1 Mass is \$10.

"If we knew the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, how much greater effort we would put forth in order to assist at it!" ~St. John Vianney



HOPE

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being
able
to
see
that
their
is
light
despite
all
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darkness.

RUN FOR LIFE

Our parishioners have not been able to sponsor the two members of the Respect Life Committee for their run in this the **30th year** of this event. However, **Marie Furka** and **Fred Loozen** have done their part. Marie has done a lot more by running 172 miles (!) in multi days. **You may still sponsor them by writing a check to Church of St. Joseph**, putting Run for Life at the bottom left of the check, and placing it in the black mailbox in back of the rectory. The two organizations, Friendship Center for New Beginnings and Life Choices, will be pleased to receive our donations. Thank you for your participation.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



For the month of July, **120lbs.** of food/hygiene products was donated to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry. **Way to go!!!** The next collection of food/personal & hygiene products will take place on **August 15 & 16**. You may drop off your items earlier in the Church entrance way, if you'd like.

"For it is in giving that we receive."
~St. Francis of Assisi

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DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR



DID YOU KNOW? Improbable as it is for snow to fall during August, history tells of a snowfall that seemed more impossible, namely in Rome, Italy. **August 5**, 352, snow fell during the night in Rome.

There lived in the Eternal City a nobleman, John and his childless wife, who had been blessed with much of this world's goods. They chose the Mother of God as the heir to their fortune, and at the suggestion of Pope Liberius, prayed that she might make known to them how to do this by a particular sign.

In answer, the Virgin Mother during the night of **August 5**, appeared to John and his wife and also to the Holy Father, Pope Liberius, directing them to build a church in her honor on the crown of the Esquiline Hill and what would be the sign that John and his wife had requested?

"Snow will cover the crest of the hill."

Snow rarely falls in Rome, but the flakes fell silently during that night, blanketing the peak of the historic hill, in August! In the morning the news quickly spread and crowds gathered to throng up the hill and behold the white splendor. The snow had fallen in a particular pattern, showing the outline of the future church. When it became known that the snow was a sign from Mary, the people spontaneously added another to her long list of titles, **Our Lady of the Snows**.

The church built there is now known as **Saint Mary Major**. It is the focal point of devotion for many of Mary's millions of children, one of the most popular churches in the world. There, Mary has been pleased to secure various and many blessings as numerous and varied as the flakes of snow that fell that August night.

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