



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**AUGUST 9, 2020 | NINETEENTH 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)



## Parish Staff

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 10, 2020

St. Lawrence

7:00 PM No Mass

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

St. Claire

7:00 PM No Mass

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

St. Jane Francis de Chantal

7:00PM No Mass

Saturday/Sunday, August 15/16

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Rev. Lawrence Smith  
8:00 AM People of the Parish  
9:30 AM (L) Vincent Scarponi  
11:00 AM † Olga Kertesz

Our new weekend Mass Schedule is  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. &  
Sunday morning Mass at 9:30 a.m. & 11a.m.  
Check our website for changes to this schedule.



Jesus helping the disciples on the Sea of Galilee in our Gospel was not just an event that happened once in the past. That event was included by Matthew in his Gospel to teach us that Jesus is with us as a Church and as individuals in every trial. Just because as a Church and as individuals we endure a crisis it does not mean that we have been abandoned by God. **God is with us especially when our faith is tested.** The words of Jesus in the Gospel are words that He addresses to men and women in every trial, **“Courage. It is I. Do not be afraid,” “O you of little faith, why did you doubt.”**

When we endure a testing, the important thing is to learn from it and grow and mature from it. If we don't learn from a crisis the first time, then perhaps the Lord will allow us to experience that same trial a second time to make sure that we mature and grow. Imagine the disciples battling against a headwind during the fourth watch of the night the following week and seeing Jesus walking towards them on the water. We would not expect them to take fright or cry out in fear because they would have learned the previous week that Jesus was coming to rescue them during a storm.

Life is a journey to God, a journey of growth and maturation and there is often more growth and maturation in the valleys than on the mountaintops. **Trials are an opportunity to grow closer to God.** So when a trial comes our way some of the questions we can ask ourselves are, “Are you trying to say something to me, God, during this trial?” “What are you trying to teach me during this crisis, God?” “What do you want me to learn, God?” Trials are opportunities that help us to succeed spiritually and really grow close to the Lord.

When a trial comes our way, can we learn to trust God? Are we allowing grace to do in us what we cannot do by nature? During our trials do we allow the Lord to say to us, **“Courage. It is I. Do not be afraid,” “O you of little faith, why did you doubt.”** Can we learn to rely on the Lord as Peter did and so grow to become monumental?

Heavenly Father, thank You that  
You are in control of every single  
circumstance of life, and no matter  
how difficult, dangerous or distressing  
such times may become. Keep my heart  
from doubting Your Word and help  
me to trust You in all things,

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Weekend of Aug. 1&2

\$1,441.-

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



## CONFESSION



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

## 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 Poor Souls in Purgatory.**

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

St. Lawrence, who loved Christ and His words, may you intercede for the sick of our Parish & grant them the grace they are seeking, we pray for:

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



Faith  
can  
move  
mountains,  
  
Doubt  
can  
create  
them!

## PARISH WEBSITE



Don't forget to visit the parish website at [www.sjchb.org](http://www.sjchb.org) every now and again for some updated information pertaining to St. Joseph Church. You might also be interested in some of the other topics on the website, such as, developing a prayer life, the importance of Mass, why confession is important and more. There are also some interesting websites listed under the Helpful Website tab. Check it out today!

## RUN FOR LIFE REMINDER

**You may still sponsor Run for Life 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 Parish Office. The two organizations, Friendship Center for New Beginnings and Life Choices, will be pleased to receive our donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to our Respect Life Committee members, Fred Loozen & Maria Furka!

## FOOD FOR FAMILIES



The next collection of food/ personal & hygiene products will take place on **next weekend!** You may drop off your items in the Church entrance way.

**"There is more happiness in giving than receiving."**  
~Acts 20:35

## FAITH FORMATION

Let us keep all the First Holy Communion & The Confirmation Class in our prayers as they prepare to receive their sacraments soon.

May God fill you with the Holy Spirit and make you one with Christ in peace and love.  
Amen



## K CLUB

The Week #1 winner is:

**Mark Kucharski**

Congratulations!



You still have time to mail in the \$40 for the second half of the 2020 K-Club to the Parish Office. Drawings will run 20 weeks with a \$50 winner each Sunday, now through the week of Dec. 13 at which time we will pull 10 winning names!


**Good luck to everyone!**

## St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Born in France, Jane Francis married & had 6 children. When her husband died, she sought to find the spiritual dimensions of her suffering. With the help of her spiritual advisor, St. Francis de Sales, she founded the Congregation of the Visitation for women who wished to live a religious life. She was committed to working with the sick and the poor. One way Jane shared her blessings was by giving bread and soup personally to the poor who came to her door. Often people who had just received food from her would pretend to leave, go around the house and get back in line for more. When asked why she let these people get away with this, Jane said, "What if God turned me away when I came back to Him again and again with the same request?" During a part of her religious life, Jane Frances had to undergo great trials of the interior anguish, darkness, and spiritual dryness. Her feast day is August 12. She is the Patron Saint of widows and parents separated from their children.



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