



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Temporary Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday & Wed.
& Thursday: 8 a.m.

Resumes Sept. 16, 2020

Confession

Saturday: 4 to 4:45 p.m. at
the gazebo behind the
Church & by appointment.

Rosary

We encourage everyone to
pray the Holy Rosary in
their home at this time.

Adoration

First Friday of the month
from 3 pm to 7 pm followed
by Benediction & Mass.

Check the bulletin for more
information.

Parish Office Hours:

Mon.—Thur. 10 am to 4 pm

Parish Registration: Call the
Parish Office to register or pick
up a registration form in the
Church vestibule or visit our
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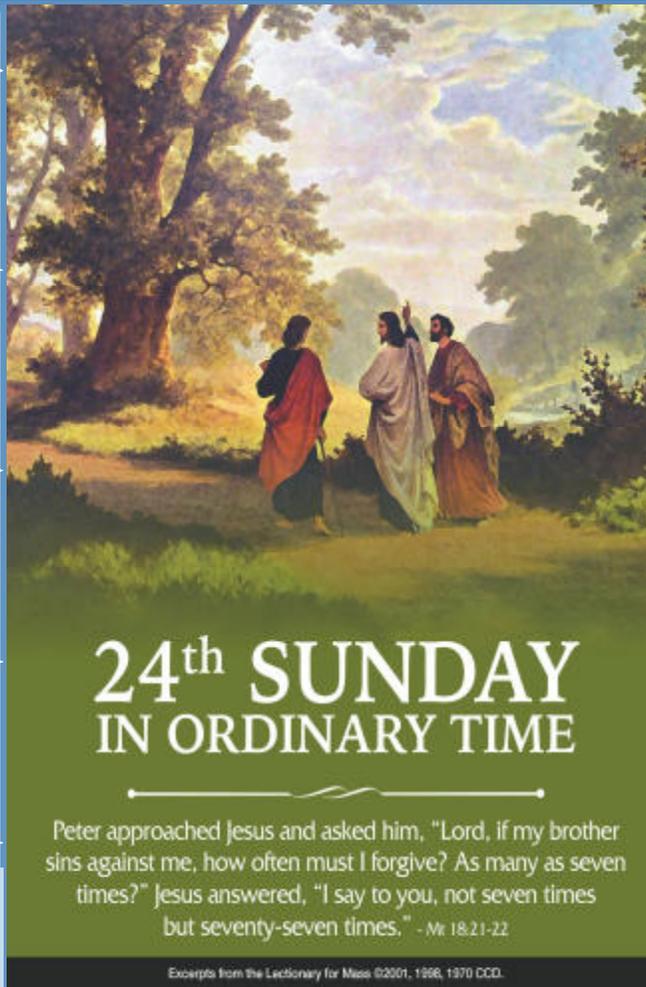
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Parish Staff

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The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to
anger, and rich in compassion.

Sacraments

Baptism: The Sacrament of
Baptism is celebrated on Sun-
days. Please call the Parish
Office to make arrangements.

**Ministry To the Homebound,
Sick & Dying:** Please contact
the Parish Office to arrange
for Holy Communion and/or
Sacrament of the Anointing of
the Sick as well as Last Rites
for the dying.

FaithFormation: Religious
Education will now take place
on-line due to the recent pan-
demic. For more information
please visit our website.

Matrimony: In accordance
with Diocesan Policy, arrange-
ments for a wedding should be
made at least one year in
advance. To allow ample time
for preparation, please contact
the Parish Office.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults):** Adults inquiring about
the Catholic Church with a
desire to become Catholic are
invited to call the Parish
Office for more information.

Sponsorship: To act as God-
parent for Baptism or sponsor
for Confirmation, the sponsor
must be a baptized Catholic,
received communion,
confirmed, and live a morally
good life; and if married, done
so within Church law. A
Christian who is a non-
Catholic may be a witness for
Baptism together with a
Catholic sponsor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/Sunday, September 12/13

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Rev. Patrick Durkin
People of the Parish

9:30 AM † Rocco M. Gallico
† Marty Lepore

Monday, September 14, 2020

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

† Stanley & Julia Dolywa (Private Mass)

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Our Lady of Sorrows

† Mary Mallet (Private Mass)

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 17, 2020

St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 AM Open Intention

Saturday/Sunday, September 19/20

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Joan Moore
Open Intention

9:30 AM † Robert Veres
People of the Parish

Daily Mass will resume on Wed., Sept. 16 at 8 a.m.

New Daily Mass schedule is:
Monday through Thursday at 8:00 AM

What did Jesus teach us about forgiveness?

For Jesus, forgiveness is of paramount importance. It is the flip side of the love coin. Love ranks first, the top side, heads. Jesus wants us to love one another as He has loved us, and He explained that the way that people will know that we are His disciples is by the love that we have for one another (Jn 15:12,15; 13:35). But our love is imperfect. We damage our relationship with God and neighbor when we sin, the coin flips, tails. To remain in sin and alienation is to be in a tailspin. Forgiveness is the way to turn the coin back to heads and return to love.

Jesus often spoke about forgiveness, forgave those who sinned against others, forgave those who sinned against Him, and asked the Church to continue His healing ministry. Jesus taught, "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you" (Mt 6:14). Peter asked Jesus how often it is necessary to forgive, and Jesus replied, "**Seventy-seven times**" (Mt 18:22), a number to be taken symbolically, not literally, for the never-ending way that we ought to forgive.

Jesus liked to use parables to illustrate various aspects of forgiveness. During His conversation with Peter, Jesus told the parable of the unforgiving servant (Mt 18:23-35). Luke's gospel has a series of five forgiveness parables: the barren fig tree (Lk 13:6-9); the bent over woman (Lk 13:10-13); the lost sheep (Lk 15:4-7); the lost coin (Lk 15:8-10); and the greatest forgiveness parable of all, the prodigal son (Lk 15:11-32).

Jesus was extremely kind and merciful in the way that He forgave those who sinned against others. Jesus told the paralytic, "**Child, your sins are forgiven**" (Mk 2:5); when a sinful woman bathed Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair, Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven" (Lk 7:48); when a woman caught in adultery was brought before Him, He said, "**I do not condemn you**" (Jn 8:11); and as Jesus hung on the cross He told the repentant criminal, "**Today you will be with Me in paradise.**"

Even more compelling is the way that Jesus forgave those who sinned against Him directly. **For Jesus, forgiveness was not an automatic, it was intentional, a conscious choice.** After the Roman soldiers had scourged and nailed Him, Jesus prayed, "**Father, forgive them**" (Lk 23:34). After the resurrection Jesus had every right to be furious. Peter had denied Him. The others had deserted Him. When He entered the Upper Room, they deserved a severe reprimand, but instead, with divine compassion Jesus said not once but three times, "**Peace be with you**" (Jn 20:19,21,26).

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekend of Sept. 5/6 \$

Due to the Holiday, the collection amount will be in next weeks bulletin.

**Thank you for continuing to support
St. Joseph Parish. May God bless all of you
for your generosity.**

PENITENTIAL PRAYER

O blessed Christ, my teacher, my savior, my God: You have commanded me to love others as myself. Yet it is so often easy to see the faults in others, for I see their outside and compare it against what is inside me. I have inflated my goodness and importance in my own mind, but have judged others for the smallest shortcoming, and I am filled by foolish pride.

I vow by this prayer that I will strive to follow Your Word, to forgive all who have injured me, to turn loose the petty resentments and grudges that poison the world with hatred, and to overlook the faults of others; and I ask to be pardoned wherever I have done injury to my brothers and sisters, who are Your beloved children even though they, like me, are sinners. And I vow, when I fall short of Your commandment, to seek out and confess my wrongdoing. Forgive me, Holy Christ, and help me to ever amend my life; this I pray, with faith in the grace You have promised to the penitent sinner. Amen

September 13, 2020 † 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

You may request a Mass be offered for a living or deceased loved one. You may also request a Mass be said for a "special intention." Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements & to receive a Mass card. The offering is \$10.00.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

All are welcome to donate flowers for the sanctuary of our Church. Flower can be donated in honor of a deceased loved one, or someone living, for an anniversary or special intention. Call the Parish Office to donate.

CONFESSION

Confession will be heard in the gazebo behind the Church on Saturdays from 4 pm - 4:45 pm and by appointment. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements with Father James.

SANCTUARY LAMP You may have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of a love one or for someone living. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office. The offering is \$10 per week.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for:

Our Faith Formation Leader & All of the Faith Formation Teachers.

Congratulations to the 2nd group of Second graders who made their First Holy Communion on **Sept. 12**. May they always know the peace of Jesus and the light of His love within them.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Our Lady of Sorrows, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. We ask for your intercession for the sick of our Parish:



Vincent Scarponi, Dagmar Clancy, Alan Schultz, Mark Mueller, Joseph, Baby Leilynn, Rita Sheehan, Gloria Almind, Billy Almind, James, Vanessa Adamczyk, Karen Moore, Josephine Parmese & Jason Reilly.

First Friday Adoration will return on Friday, October 2, 2020 3pm-7pm

"When a friend does something wrong, don't forget all the things they did right!"

FOOD FOR FAMILIES Next weekend, **Sept. 19 & 20** we will be collecting for the Food Pantry. You can drop off your donations, in the Church entrance way, **anytime** during Office Hours, Mon-Thursday 10am to 4pm. The Pantry is in need of the following items: **laundry detergent, paper towels, coffee, sugar, beef, lentil & pea soups, canned spinach, canned carrots, apple juice & crunchy peanut butter.** May God bless you for helping those less fortunate!



SAVE THE DATES

Confirmation

September 25 & October 12
6:30 pm

Live-Streamed



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CONGRATULATIONS

To our Week #6 Winner

(will be listed in next week's bulletin)

You still have time to mail in your dues for the second half to the Parish Office. Drawings are every Sunday, until 12/13/20, then 10 winning names will be drawn! Good luck to everyone!

The 40 Days for Life Campaign begins Sept. 23 until Nov. 1. Offer time to peacefully pray and/or fast during this Campaign. There will be an opening rally on **Sunday, Sept. 20** from 2:30 - 4pm outside the Planned Parenthood at 66 East Washington Ave., Washington NJ. For more information, contact Jen English at amjadopt@comcast.net.



"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"

- St. John Paul II

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