



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 | TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

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
website to join.

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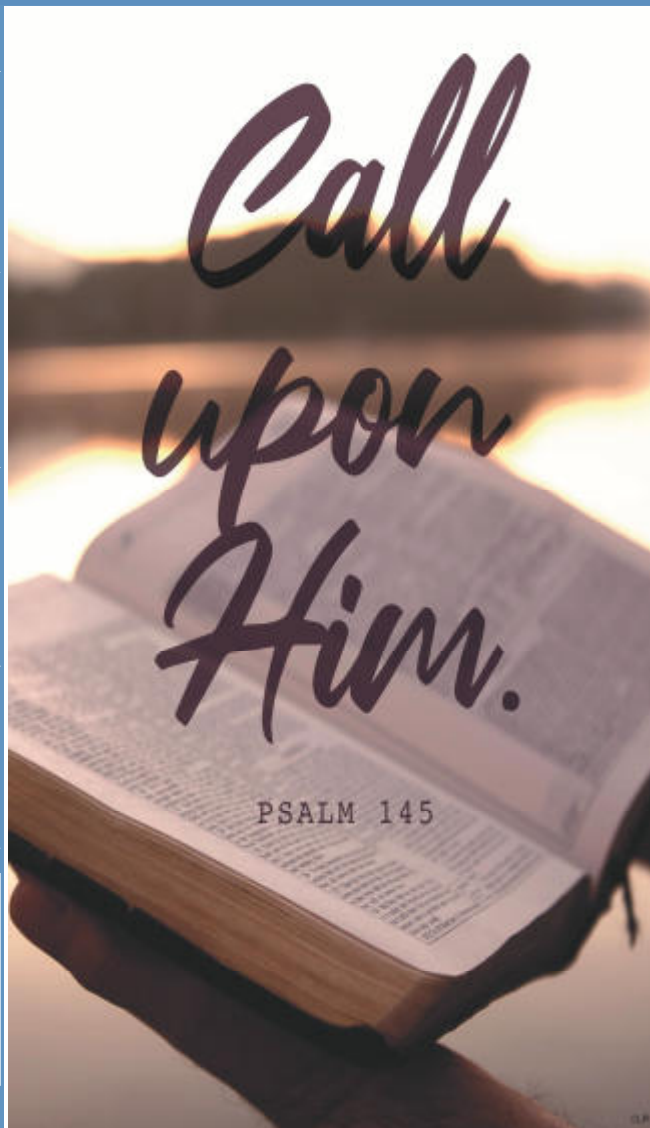
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Sacraments

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.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday/Sunday, September 19/20

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM (L) Joan Moore
(L) Michele Henning
9:30 AM † Robert Veres &
People of the Parish

Monday, September 21, 2020

St. Matthew

8:00 AM † Donald Sebold Jr.

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

8:00 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 AM † Brigette Sullivan & Family

Thursday, September 24, 2020

8:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday/Sunday, September 26/27

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM People of the Parish &
(L) Jacob & Judy Cole & Family
† Robert Veres
9:30 AM † Bernadette Bac &
† Isabel Doggett Gorski

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.

Pope Benedict said, "*The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death.*"

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Bible Study, 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Friday, September 25, 2020

Confirmation, 6:30 pm, Church, live-streamed

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekend of Sept. 5/6	\$2,695.-
Weekend of Sept. 12/13	\$ 935.-
Peter's Pence Collection	\$ 181.-

May God bless you for your generosity.

Living In Our Own Blessings

Have you ever been jealous? Have you ever watched as someone else received the recognition or reward that you expected to get? You had to smile and congratulate someone who *you knew* didn't deserve this prize any more than you did, while inside you were wishing *you'd* been the one getting the pats on the back. Been there? Sometimes, life just isn't fair. Sometimes we have to watch as someone else gets what we think *we* should be getting, and it's no fun. Our human nature wants to see the pie divided evenly. We want everyone to be treated fairly, but we especially want to be treated *more* fairly than anyone else and when we have to stand aside and watch someone else get the glory, or the money, or the nice house or the new car, it gives us pain. We get what the Greeks called the "evil eye", that green-eyed monster, envy, ruins our joy.

We've been learning from Jesus what it means to belong to the Kingdom of God. Following Jesus means confronting those who have wronged us, and it means forgiving over and over again, far beyond the expectations of reasonably polite behavior. This week, we get another lesson in Kingdom living, as we listen in on another conversation between Jesus and His disciples. Only this time, Jesus isn't teaching us how to resolve problems we have with others in the Kingdom of God. This week, Jesus teaches us how to solve a problem every one of us must face at some point, a problem we have with *ourselves*, being jealous.

Envy is a particularly deadly sin. Even if it is never expressed, it eats away at us from the inside. It prevents us from noticing the many ways God blesses us, because we are always comparing our blessings to someone else's, and that comparison creates resentment and anger inside us. Envy prevents us from living the abundant life Christ promises to us and if we aren't living an abundant life, we can't possibly invite others to share in it. Instead of directing our full attention on God and His goodness, we become self-centered, bitter, and at odds with God's intent for us.

Last week, Jesus told us to stop counting how many times we must forgive someone else. This week, He teaches us to stop counting someone else's blessings, so that we can start living into our own blessings. Remember when we receive God's grace, there is no room for envy. Christ calls us to make disciples, not comparisons. Instead of whining about what used to be or what some other person has, Christ calls us to work in His vineyard, for "**the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.**" Matthew 9:37

September 20, 2020 † 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary this week are for :



**The Intentions of the
Krawchuck Family**

LIFE CHAIN The annual Life Chain will be held in Flemington at the Circle from RT 31 to Main Street on **October 4 from 2-3:30 pm**. It is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of individuals praying for our nation, for an end to abortion, and for an end to all violence. If you have any question, call 638-6740. Please consider participating.

ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

You are invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary by receiving a congratulatory message from Bishop Checchio. Registration is required to receive your message by mail. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact amarshall@diometuchen.org. **Registration will close on October 15, 2020.**



PRAY FOR THE SICK:

St. Padre Pio, help us to pray without ceasing, certain that God knows what we need even before we ask Him, please heal the sick of our Parish. We pray for:

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

A Special Thank You

Mrs. Shirley Scarponi & daughter, Tara would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, concerns and Masses said for Vincent Scarponi. He is doing better and for that they are very grateful.



SAVE THE DATE

Confirmation

Sept.25 & Oct. 2

Both will be live-streamed on our Facebook page!

The Holy Hour for Life will resume on the third Thursday of the month beginning October 15 7pm - 8 pm



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:



Jacob & Judy Cole
in Celebration of their
55th Wedding Anniversary.



K-CLUB

Congratulations

To Our Week #6 & #7 Winners

Tom Corrado & Kevin Loughney

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!

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 today, **Sunday, Sept. 20** from 2:30 – 4pm outside the Planned Parenthood at 66 East Washington Ave., Washington NJ. For more information, contact Jen English, amjadopt@comcast.net.




AWESOME

Because of your generosity, 128 lbs. of food/personal items were donated to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry. Thank you for helping those less fortunate. Reminder, you can drop food off any day during Office Hours!

Jealousy is when you count someone else's blessings instead of your own.

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