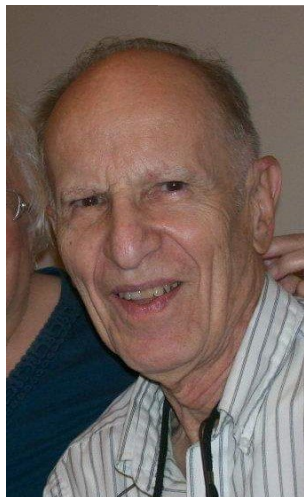




# THE *INTENTIONAL* DISCIPLE

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## Gone but not forgotten...

Only 5 days into 2021, the year Pope Francis has proclaimed in honor of St. Joseph, we have lost our own Corpus Christi saint, Joe Morrongiello. Most parishioners will recognize him serving regularly as an usher at the 10 AM Mass each Sunday, but he was far from a "regular Joe."

Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, he later moved to Queens, NY, before settling in South River in 1962, where he remained until his passing. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 65 years, Theresa, pictured with Joe in the photo below left. A father of five, with many grand, and great-grand children, Joe will be remembered as a loving, caring, and supportive husband, brother, uncle, and friend. Joe was an electrical engineer for 35 years at Bell Laboratories. Among his many accomplishments were the two patents he developed during his tenure there. A Korean War veteran, he was proud to have served our country as a Master Sergeant in the US Marine Corps. During the Korean War he served as a radio mechanic. He was Vice President of Corpus Christi's St. Vincent DePaul Conference for many years. In the picture below center, he is posing with our St. Vincent de Paul President, Henry DuFour, in front of our Conference Aggregation Certificate. Joe unfailingly ran the Souper Bowl food drive every Super Bowl Sunday and also volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank in Perth Amboy. He is pictured there with Ralph Diaz in the photo below right. If there was any good to be done Joe was the man to do it. Those close to him remember him for his sense of humor that stayed with him until the end. He loved to tell jokes and make those around him laugh. In fact, Theresa always recalled that on their first date, he peppered her with lots of jokes! He also loved to talk about history, current events, baseball, old movies, and music – especially Frank Sinatra. Although Joe grew up as a Brooklyn Dodgers fan, he later became an avid New York Mets fan and loved taking his family to Mets games, where they made memories they will always cherish. Rest in peace, Joe, you will be missed by all. \*\*\*\*\*

