

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

200 CARLTON AVENUE • WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07882

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father." —Matthew 10:32



Parish Office/Rectory----- 908-689-0058

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Open Monday - Friday...

9:00 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

Parishioner on the Move
Please notify the Parish Office.

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

(Rt.) Rev. Guy W. Selvester, M.Div., M.A.----- *Pastor*

Rev. J. Michael Venditti, M.Div. ----- *In Residence*

Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.-----*Deacon*

Sylvan H. Webb -----*Deacon*

Laura A. Torres----- *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Joyce Rock----- *Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL)*

Shirley A. Firling ----- *Director of Sacred Music*

James Mc Aloon----- *Pastoral Council Chairperson*

Mary Jane Lusardi ----- *Trustee*

Patti-Sue Rolak ----- *Trustee*

Anthony Tomeski ----- *Web Master*

Bob Opdyke----- *Finance Council Chairperson*

Jose Santiago-----*Cemetery Committee Chairperson &
Hispanic Committee Chairperson*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / 908-689-0093

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6a, 7a, 8a

Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1b, 2b, 4b, 5b

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6b, 7b, 8b

SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY / 908-689-0058

12 Jackson Valley Road • Washington, New Jersey

SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm

Sunday-----7:30 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass----- 9:30 am

Daily Mass ----- 9:00 am

Holy Days ----- 9:00 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Expectant parents are requested to attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to the birth of the child. Please pre-register with the parish office. The sessions are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room. Baptisms are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:30 am at the church.

Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated on Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 pm and Wednesday from 7:15 to 8:00 pm in the reconciliation chapel.

Sponsorship/Eligibility Forms

Only registered and practicing Catholics can receive a letter attesting to their sponsorship eligibility. One must request the form from the parish office prior to being a sponsor. The form will then be mailed or picked up at the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning marriage are requested to make an appointment with the Pastor. Arrangements should be made one year in advance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of Saint Joseph Church, are brothers and sisters in Christ. Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the nourishment of the sacraments, we are called to love and serve in His name. We will promote the Kingdom of God to all, through education, witness, service and worship, by giving of our time, talents and treasures.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 2020



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday February 22
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

5:00pm +Gloria May Hourihan
r/o The Polhemus Family

Sunday February 23
Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am +Thomas Helmstetter
r/o Saint Joseph Outreach Ministry

9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Sr. Mary Claire Weber, OP
r/o The Beaumont Family

Monday February 24

9:00am +John T. Goleskie
r/o The Torres Family

Tuesday February 25

9:00am +John & Mary Hudock
r/o Ann Daugert

Wednesday February 26
Ash Wednesday

7:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am +Leo Kim
r/o The English Family

12:10pm Midday Prayer Service

7:00pm People of the Parish

Thursday February 27

9:00am +Benjamin Campione
r/o Grace Scodari

Friday February 28

9:00am +George Harzold
r/o Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Denise Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Peter Garon, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Josie Kaspereen, Dave Lewis, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, John W. Mulvenna, Eddie O'Donnell, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Margaret Ricci, Charles Roseberry, Barbara Russian, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr. Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Frances Wadnik, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Jamie Zimmerman, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage) \$8,396.06

Weekend of February 8 / 9 \$5,611.00

Electronic Giving 602.00

Bingo Income 847.00

Other Income 454.53

Total \$7,514.43

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) (\$881.53)

Weekend of February 15 / 16 \$5,701.00

Electronic Giving 1,302.00

Bingo Income 884.00

Other Income 282.75

Total \$8,169.75

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) (\$226.31)

This Week in Our Parish.....

Sunday, February 23

9:45-10:45am Choir Practice / Choir Room

7:00pm Bingo / Parish Center

Monday, February 24

6:00-7:00pm Children's Choir / Church

7:15-8:30pm Bell Choir / Church

Tuesday, February 25

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry / Rectory Meeting Room

Religious Education

5:30-6:30pm Grades 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a

7:00-8:15pm Grades 6a, 7a, 8a

Wednesday, February 26

Religious Education

5:30-6:30pm Grades 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b

7:00-8:15pm Grades 6b, 7b, 8b

Friday, February 28

9:30am Stations of the Cross / Church

7:00pm Stations of the Cross / Church

7:00-9:00pm Spanish Ministry / Choir Room

Saturday, February 29

7:00-8:00am Men's Spirituality Group / Community Rm

4:00-4:45pm Confessions

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 14 ~ IRISH NIGHT

6:00PM-11:00pm in the Parish Center

Traditional Irish dinner, music, dancing and fellowship

Details to follow!

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Ash Wednesday is **February 26**.

Ashes will be distributed at **7:00AM Morning Prayer; 9:00AM Mass; 12:10PM Midday Prayer Service with Ashes and 7:00PM Mass**

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent after the 9:00AM Mass AND at 7:00PM in the church

Confessions

Every Wednesday from 7:15-8:00PM; every Friday in Lent from 6:30-7:30PM AND every Saturday from 4:00-4:45PM. On Wednesday, April 1, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with five priests available to hear Confessions from 7:00-8:00PM in the church. These will be the last Confessions prior to Easter.

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

The following are the Lenten Obligations as they currently stand for dioceses in the USA:

1. The days of strict fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 26) and Good Friday (April 10).
2. All other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation to fast applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. In the Catholic tradition fasting means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals. The two smaller meals combined together should not be equal to a normal full meal. The idea is to experience being hungry during the day.
4. The obligation of abstinence (not eating meat) applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. There is no upper limit. After age 14 the obligation to abstain on Fridays in Lent lasts for life.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join the upcoming global effort February 26 – April 6 for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Offer time to peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood here in Washington. For more information contact Jennifer English ajmadopt@comcast.net 973-525-6692 or visit <https://40daysforlife.com>

FROM THE PASTOR



Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday** which signals the coming of Lent on the following Sunday. Please note the schedule for the distribution of Blessed Ashes on Ash Wednesday. Also remember that Ash Wednesday is **not** a holy day of obligation. You are not required to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday.

I had two very productive meetings with Mr. Tom Smith, the Diocesan Director of Development this past week to discuss forming a more comprehensive plan concerning raising funds and also addressing some capital projects in our parish like repairing the roof of the classroom building and also an updating of the lighting system in the church. I will be sharing the results of those meetings with all of you in the very near future.

This Lent please consider not only the practice of giving something up as a form of sacrifice but also of trying to do a little something extra in your spiritual practices and/or your charitable giving. Sometimes, being pro-active can be a good form of sacrifice as well.

Have a Blessed Week and a Holy Lent!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, February 29

5:00PM

Lector: Ann Marie Lee

Extraordinary Ministers: Joanne Cuff, Barbara Ward

Servers: Sean Altmann, Tyler Altmann

Sunday, March 1

7:30AM

Lector: Jeff Wiessler

Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Jane Lusardi, Steve Martinko

Server: Olivia Camporini

9:30AM (SPANISH)

Lector: Jocelyn Balan, Eddy Delacruz

Extraordinary Minister: Edgar Balan

Server: Edward Velasquez

11:00AM

Lector: Gavin Wallace

Extraordinary Ministers: Angela Wallace, Steve Wallace

Servers: Louis Desrosiers, William Desrosiers

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY FUNDRAISER

Our annual candy fundraiser has begun! All orders must be **returned by Monday, March 2.**

Remember, no order is too small.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

