

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

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2020



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday February 29

5:00pm +Kim Polhemus Hill
r/o *Mom and Dad*

Sunday March 1
First Sunday Of Lent

7:30am +Deceased Members of the
Kovacs Family
r/o *Bobby & Mary Kovacs*

9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am Holy Spirit Wisdom Matthew Pryor
r/o *Dan Pryor*

Monday March 2

9:00am +Andy Drysdale
r/o *Bob & Debbie Smolar*

Tuesday March 3
Saint Katherine Drexel

9:00am +Benjamin Campione
r/o *Nina Crivello*

Wednesday March 4
Saint Casimir

9:00am +Dr. Muralidhar Reddy
r/o *Bob & Debbie Smolar*

Thursday March 5

9:00am +Fran Bosher
r/o *Bob & Maureen Ball*

Friday March 6

9:00am +Catherine Hogan
r/o *Mary Zvirblys*

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
<u>Weekend of February 15 / 16</u>	\$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)
<u>Weekend of February 22 / 23</u>	\$5,587.68
Electronic Giving	612.00
Bingo Income	978.00
Other Income	559.00
Total	\$7,736.68
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$659.38)

This Week in Our Parish.....

Sunday, March 1

9:45-10:45am Choir Practice / Choir Room
7:00pm Bingo / Parish Center

Monday, March 2

1:00pm Altar Rosary Society / Community Room
6:00-7:00pm Children's Choir / Church
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting / Knights Room
7:15-8:30pm Bell Choir / Church

Tuesday, March 3

Religious Education

5:30-6:30pm Grades 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a
7:00-8:15pm Grades 6a, 7a, 8a
7:00pm **PARENT MEETING** for **CONFIRMATION**
Community Room

Wednesday, March 4

Religious Education

5:30-6:30pm Grades 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b
7:00-8:15pm Grades 6b, 7b, 8b
7:00pm Baptism Preparation Class / Community Room
7:15-8:00pm Confessions

Friday, March 6

9:30am Stations of the Cross / Church
5:00pm -7:00pm K of C Fish Fry / Community Room
7:00pm Stations of the Cross / Church
7:00-9:00pm Spanish Ministry / Choir Room

Saturday, March 7

9:30am-1:00pm Hispanic Ministry Faith Formation /
Choir Room
1:00pm 8th Grade Confirmandi Day of Prayer followed by
the 5:00pm Mass
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

Tickets are on sale now for \$30.00 per person

LENT

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>

40 CANS FOR LENT

The Youth Leadership Circle is sponsoring a non-perishable food drive during Lent to benefit the Washington Community Food Pantry.

During the Lenten season, parishioners are asked to donate 40 cans of food, which can be left in the narthex on a weekly basis. The goal this year is 1,000 pounds of food.

FROM THE PASTOR



I hope that you have all made a good start to the holy season of Lent and that the weeks ahead will be a time of spiritual renewal and conversion for all of you as we journey toward the great feast of Easter.

Mark your calendars now to come and celebrate our parish's patron saint on **St. Joseph's Day**. The Solemnity of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church (and of our parish) is Thursday, March 19. On that day we will have a special Mass at **7:00PM** in the church followed immediately by light refreshments in the Narthex consisting of coffee, soft drinks and St. Joseph Pastries. *Please note that there will be no 9:00AM Mass that day* so that we can all celebrate together as a parish family in the evening. Please plan to be here and join us.

Have a blessed week ahead filled with the joy of this Lenten season. I hope your resolutions for Lent are helping to bring you closer to God.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, March 7

5:00PM

Lector: Chris Cannavo

Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Haliscak, Jim McAloon

Servers: Nicholas Carucci, Tyler Altmann

Sunday, March 8

7:30AM

Lector: Mary Jane Lusardi

Extraordinary Ministers: Susan Oravetz, Steve Oravetz

Server: Olivia Camporini

9:30AM (SPANISH)

Lector: Fernanda Balan, Luis Ramirez

Extraordinary Minister: Diego Zamora

Server: Natalie Velasquez

11:00AM

Lector: Cynthia Magno

Extraordinary Ministers: Kerry Pflugh, Colette Soletto

Servers: Amelia Roberto, James Soletto

PALM CROSSES

The Youth Leadership Circle will be selling palm crosses, beginning on Sunday, March 8 at the gourmet coffee. The palm crosses are \$10 each and all orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 22.

Crosses will be distributed after all Masses the weekend of March 28 / 29 in time for Palm Sunday, April 5.