

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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Website----- stjosephwashingtongj.org

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday **April 18**
Saturday within the Octave of Easter

5:00pm **+Jean Vanderhoof**
r/o **Fred & Karen Graf**

Sunday **April 19**
Second Sunday of Easter

7:30am **+Sandy Kale**
r/o **Bob & Debbie Smolar**

9:30am **People of the Parish**
(Spanish)

11:00am **+Jean Vanderhoof**
r/o **Adrienne Dietl**

Monday **April 20**

9:00am **+John Russian**
r/o **Bob & Debbie Smolar**

Tuesday **April 21**
Saint Anselm

9:00am **+Holy Souls in Purgatory**
r/o **Bob & Debbie Smolar**

Wednesday **April 22**

9:00am **+Violet Donato**
r/o **Emily Savarese**

Thursday **April 23**
Saint George
Saint Adalbert

9:00am **+Anthony Zvirblys**
r/o **Mary & Family**

Friday **April 24**
Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

9:00am **+Violet Donato**
r/o **Mary Beth & Frank Nickolauk**

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 Hensel, Jane Jenkins, 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, Glen

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage) **\$8,396.06**

Weekend of April 4 / 5 **\$4,309.00**

Electronic Giving **1,102.00**

Total **\$5,411.00**

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) **(\$2,985.06)**

Weekend of April 11 / 12 **\$12,135.00**

Electronic Giving **2,282.00**

Total **\$14,417.00**

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) **\$6,020.94**

10,000 VOLUNTEER HOUR PROGRAM

Reminder ~ We should be tracking all our Volunteer hours for the month of March and ready to submit those hours soon. The box for the form return is in the Narthex with additional forms in the side pocket.

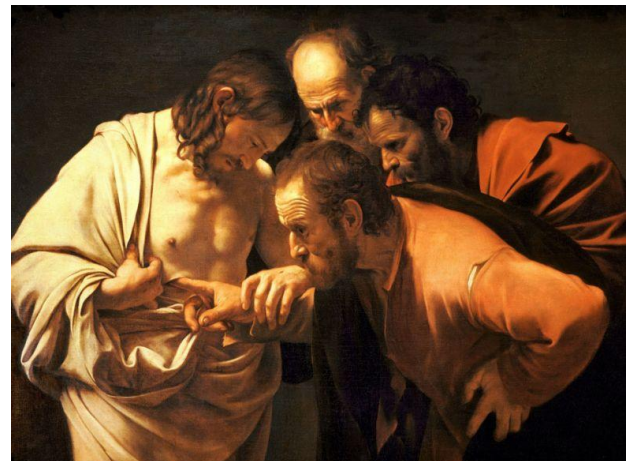
The Volunteer form is also posted on our website stjosephwashingtonnj.org

If you have any questions, please call Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765 or kbradunas@comcast.net

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please take note that because of the Pandemic restrictions the celebration of First Holy Communion is being postponed. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 11:00AM.

Please note this in your calendars and plan accordingly. We regret that this may cause an inconvenience for some of you but it is unavoidable.





WHEN WILL WE BE COMING BACK TO CHURCH?

That is certainly a question on everyone's mind. The simple answer is that we simply don't know yet at this point. Pandemic Restrictions and social distancing are certainly going to remain in place throughout the rest of April and probably well into May. The NJ Schools aren't set to re-open (at least for now) until May 15. It is our sincere hope that by the middle of May we will be able to resume normal parish activity. But, we will keep you posted.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has so far pledged \$16,683.00 and has so far paid \$14, 843.00 toward our parish goal of \$27,000.00.

We just have a little over \$10,000.00 to go!

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

We certainly hope that you have been making use of the Parish Facebook Page (St. Joseph's Catholic Church) and also using the Parish Website www.stjosephwashingtonnj.org in order to keep up with what's going on at the parish.

Fr. Guy has been live-streaming Mass on Sundays at 11:00AM. In addition, every few days Fr. Guy also posts a live chat from his office in the Rectory just to stay in touch and offer some words of encouragement and some thoughts for reflection.

FROM THE PASTOR



Surrexit Dominus! Alleluia The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!

We keep repeating this refrain because the celebration of Easter is not just one day but **fifty days!** We have reached the Easter Octave, which is also observed as "Divine Mercy Sunday" and our celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death continues for another forty-two day more until we reach Pentecost Sunday; the fiftieth day.

It is my sincere hope that by Pentecost we will be back together in church for Mass and so I am looking forward to that day in particular, on May 31, as a kind of "make up" for the fact that we couldn't be together on Easter Sunday. Pentecost already is, after Easter and Christmas, the third most important feast in the Church year. Yet, it never seems to quite measure up in solemnity with the other two. Perhaps this year we can remedy that?

I hope that all of your families are safe and that you are all coping well with the social distancing, lockdown conditions and pandemic restrictions with which we have all had to contend.

In today's gospel we hear of how, even after the resurrection, the disciples continued to keep themselves locked away and apart from everyone else. Still, Jesus came to them and was in their midst. So, too, for us who are still locked away and separated from each other Jesus still comes to us and is with us wherever we may be. This Sunday we hear the story of "doubting Thomas". Jesus challenges him (lovingly and gently) to have greater faith. Maybe at this point we might also be having some doubts about our present situation? That same gentle and loving challenge is given to us all: have greater faith. Believe that God is alive and with us even when we don't have the consolation of coming to church for Mass.

Nothing, not even a global pandemic, will keep Christ from us because He dwells within us. That should certainly make us echo the words of the Psalmist today: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love is everlasting!"

A word of **THANKS** for your tremendous kindness and generosity in last week's Easter collection which, as of this writing, had totaled over \$15,000.00! Thanks, too, for those participating in the Bishops Annual Appeal. We are more than halfway to our Parish Goal of \$27,000.00. God love you, bless you and reward you all for your generosity.

Remember that I am praying for you all. Please in your kindness spare a prayer for me too. When I celebrate Mass in addition to the particular intention of that Mass I remember to pray for all of your needs and intentions. Have a good week ahead. ***I miss you all.***

Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia!