

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.

**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
April 5, 2020**



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday April 4
Saint Isidore

5:00pm +Richard Bruno
r/o Marie Marello

Sunday April 5
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30am +Laura Macarone
r/o The Cruz Family

9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Doreen Yarussi-Kraycirik
r/o The Kadi Family

Monday April 6
Monday of Holy Week

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

Tuesday April 7
Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00am Catherine Onuska
r/o Family

Wednesday April 8
Wednesday of Holy Week

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

Thursday April 9
Holy Thursday

7:00pm Priests Throughout the World

Friday April 10
Good Friday

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

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, 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 March 28 / 29	\$4,870.00
Electronic Giving	1,342.00
Easter Flowers	275.00
Total	\$6,487.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,909.06

This Week in Our Parish.....

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED AT THIS TIME

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.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The Bishop has directed the suspension of all public Masses and devotions to extend through Holy Week and Easter as well. Please be aware of the following:

HOLY THURSDAY: there will be no public Mass or devotions.

GOOD FRIDAY: There will be no public Liturgy of the Passion -OR- Stations of the Cross. **YOU ARE STILL OBLIGATED TO FAST AND ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON GOOD FRIDAY!**

HOLY SATURDAY: there will be no blessing of Easter food and no Great Vigil of Easter. The Paschal Candle will be blessed and lit privately.

EASTER SUNDAY: At present we hope to live stream Mass at 11:00AM on Easter Sunday morning.

The church building will be closed all through Holy Week and even on Easter Sunday because no one is allowed in the building while we are live streaming the Mass.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Washington Community Food Pantry is running low on supplies. Our parish normally donates at least a thousand pounds of food during Lent as part of the *40 Cans for Lent* campaign. To assist our neighbors in need we ask that parishioners drop food off to the St. Joseph Church Narthex on TUESDAY, APRIL 7 from **9 AM until 1 PM**.

Please use the entrance that faces the north parking lot (*NOT THE SIDE FACING THE CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY*) Please place your items in the shopping cart or on the ground next to the cart. Also, please ensure that donated items do not have an expiration date prior to January 1, 2020. We ask you, please, to be as generous as possible and not to socialize with anyone and maintain appropriate social distancing.

Thank you and may God bless you.

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE

Because it is not possible for us to have a safe way to distribute the candy purchased from Gertrude Hawk and remain in compliance with the directives from the Governor of New Jersey the distribution of the candy will take place at a later date.

We know this is a great disappointment for the 37 families who ordered candy this year. The candy that you ordered will be delivered and you will receive what you purchased. However, similar to the situation with the blessed palms the candy you ordered will have to be distributed at a later date.

We have arranged with the people at Gertrude Hawk to have the candy delivered after the isolation and social distancing restrictions have been lifted. We know this is definitely a big inconvenience and we apologize but the circumstances are genuinely unusual.

FROM THE PASTOR



By far, brothers and sisters, this is the most bizarre Holy Week of my life coming up. I'm sure many of you feel the same way. Twice, in my adult years, I have had to miss the Sacred Triduum because I was too ill to go to church but both of those occasions occurred before I

became a priest. Similarly, in my previous assignment at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Raritan, which is not a parish church, we had no Holy Week liturgies. So, I have some experience with unusual Holy Weeks. Nevertheless, the one coming up takes the cake!

The palms that are being blessed on Palm Sunday will **not** be available until after the Pandemic Restrictions have been lifted. However, at some point in the future they will be made available.

The church remains closed except on Sundays when it is opened from *10:00AM until 1:00PM* for private prayer. If you do choose to come to pray please maintain safe distances from each other while doing so.

On Easter Sunday the morning Mass at 11:00AM will be live streamed via our Facebook page.

We have had some inquiries about the Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale. The candy will **NOT** be available to be picked up prior to Easter. Unfortunately, because we could not safely distribute the candy and maintain the safe practices mandated by the Governor the delivery of the candy will take place at another time in the future and be made available then.

The events commemorated in this coming week were real and really happened but are far removed from us by time. This year, the annual observance of recreating them is also removed from us by circumstances. But the truth of Christ's passion, death and resurrection remains as poignant and relevant as ever. Easter ceremonies are being cancelled or seriously modified but Easter joy is **NOT** being cancelled!

Instead, we are being asked to do something most of us in the modern world have become very unfamiliar with doing. Namely, making a sacrifice for a greater good. Our celebration of Easter will still take place but we have to change the way we do it this year in order to help protect the health and safety of others. God understands this. By now all of us should be making a good effort to understand it as well.

This year we will have to look to the great feasts of Pentecost and Corpus Christi which we will reach in June and, hopefully, be back together in church to celebrate then. In the mean time please stay safe and healthy and, as much as you can, have a prayerful Holy Week.

God Bless You!

