

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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



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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

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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.

TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	August 22	<u>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
5:00pm	+John H. Melious	r/o Family
Sunday	August 23	<u>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak	r/o Knights of Columbus Council 5170
11:00am	+Jake Irwin	r/o Muzyk Family
Monday	August 24	<u>Saint Bartholomew</u>
9:00am	+Vera	r/o A Parishioner
Tuesday	August 25	
9:00am	+David Harold Langsett	r/o Chrissy & Frankie LoPresti
Wednesday	August 26	
9:00am	+All Souls	r/o A Parishioner
Thursday	August 27	<u>Saint Monica</u>
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the Hartmann Family	r/o Deacon Ed Hartmann
Friday	August 28	<u>Saint Augustine</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak	r/o Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr. Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Frances Wadnik, Woody Waagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Warain, Emma



WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of August 9 / 10</u>	\$3,515.00
Electronic Giving	1,412.00
Other	30.00
Total	\$4,957.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,439.06)
<u>Weekend of August 15 / 16</u>	\$4,136.00
Electronic Giving	3,417.00
Feast of the Assumption	232.00
Total	\$7,785.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$611.06)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION UPDATES

The postponed celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 1:00PM.

There will be a "refresher class" for all children receiving First Communion on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30PM in the classroom building and at the same time a Parents' Meeting with Fr. Guy in the Church also at 6:30PM.

First Communion Practice will be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30PM in the church.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will resume on Saturday, September 12 at 7:00AM in the Community Room (**please wear a mask**). We will be considering the Mystery of the Incarnation, and how to enter more deeply into it. The meeting lasts for one hour. The group meets every other Saturday. Participants may attend as their schedule allows. For more information contact Terry Finnegan at finneganterence@msn.com

TAKEOUT DINNERS WITH THE SAINTS

Beginning on Saturday, September 19, the Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will sponsor a monthly takeout dinner in honor of a saint whose feast day is celebrated during the month.

The first dinner will honor Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and will feature Filipino cuisine.

Ordering information and pricing will be published in a future bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

In light of the Covid crisis and a great deal of uncertainty about the resumption of school we have made the following decision about Religious Education Classes for the 2020-2021 academic year:

We will be offering remote learning in the Fall from October until December and in-person classes will not begin until January of 2021.

This was not an easy decision but given the amount of uncertainty and anxiety about having students return to classes we wanted to try and take some pressure off of families by allowing them to do their Religious Ed. from home and postpone returning in person until, hopefully, the situation with the pandemic improves.

The online licensing and other materials necessary to proceed with the Religious Education program still has costs incurred for the Parish so the usual Religious Education fees remain in effect. To do even online learning we have to pay for the materials. Just because it is online doesn't mean it's free.

While the registration deadline has already passed we are establishing a new deadline for those who have not yet registered a child. **All children must be registered and all fees must be paid by SEPTEMBER 6.** Failure to register AND to be fully paid up will result in your child having to skip this year entirely and continue in the Fall of next year at their same grade level.

While online remote learning will be offered until the end of December you may not "opt out" of the Fall and still have your child attend in-person classes in January. Registration is for the entire school year.

Attendance at either the online live-streamed Mass on Facebook -OR- attendance at one of the two Sunday Masses in person will be required until churches have fully opened up again. Grades 7 & 8 will still be required to write a summary of the weekly homily and keep an up-to-date notebook throughout the entire school year.

Further details about the procedure for logging on to the online program and emailing assignments to Catechists will be forthcoming from our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Joyce Rock. ***Any and all questions should be directed to Mrs. Rock in the Religious Education Office at 908-689-0093.***

We hope that working remotely for the time being and putting off in-person classes until the situation with the pandemic stabilizes will assist families with continuing their children's religious formation while at the same time helping them to stay safe and healthy.



FROM THE PASTOR



I suppose that most people try to take some of their vacation in the summer months. Most years I try to avoid travel in the summer. I don't like the heat or the crowds that one usually encounters whenever traveling during "tourist season". Each year I do usually go away for just a few days to visit

with some old and dear friends from my College days in Pittsburgh. But, with the Covid Crisis this year that, like a lot of other things, got postponed.

I know I'm not alone in that. I know that for many people their cherished time of vacation when they can relax and recharge their batteries, or spend some time with beloved family members or dear friends, had to be put off this year because the restrictions of the pandemic make traveling unsafe or very inconvenient. We are asked, once again, to make another sacrifice of the things that we have become accustomed to and I know that's hard.

I also know that, necessity being the mother of invention, a lot of people, having been given lemons, are trying to "make lemonade" out of it by getting away for short day-trips or quick overnight excursions just to give themselves or their family a break from the monotony and the chance to relax even for just a bit.

I'm no exception there. I haven't been away from the parish since last February so this week I'm going to see some old friends from my days in the monastery. It will be a quick trip; just a chance to get away for a bit. No long flights or exotic destinations on this one but just a road trip to visit some monks and enjoy some time to put my mind on "relax" mode.

Masses will be celebrated as usual this coming week. On the days when I'm not here there will be a visiting priest. Please be as kind and hospitable to them as you always are. The priests who occasionally cover for me here always remark on how nice everyone is in this parish. Thanks for that.

Please pray for me while I'm gone that my quick trip is safe and has uneventful travel. Also, even though I will be away from the parish for an overnight or two that doesn't mean that you will ever be far from my thoughts or out of my prayers. I will continue to pray for all of you and your families and all of your intentions while I'm away.

In the words of Anne Osdieck: "Who has known your mind, O God? Who has been your counselor? All things are from you and through you and with you. We are on earth to glorify you in the depths of your riches and wisdom and knowledge! Let us do that, please."

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

Have a Blessed Week ahead!