

# 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.

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**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.*

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 30, 2020**



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

**Saturday August 29**  
**The Passion of**  
**Saint John the Baptist**

5:00pm +Oseas Gomez  
r/o Ileana Hannema

**Sunday August 30**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

7:30am +Adrian Stefanczyk  
r/o The Haber Family

11:00am +Rose Plakotaris  
r/o Yvonne & Family

**Monday August 31**

9:00am +Alphonse Zvirblys  
r/o Mary Zvirblys

**Tuesday September 1**

9:00am +Robert Milletich  
r/o Wife, Maureen

**Wednesday September 2**

9:00am +Patti-Sue Rolak  
r/o Family

**Thursday September 3**  
**Saint Gregory the Great**

9:00am +David Harold Langsett  
r/o Anthony & Phyllis Lamberto

**Friday September 4**

9:00am +Jan Opdyke  
r/o Helen Perricone

**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 Waaner, Daniel Walker, Bill Warain, Emma



**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**WEEKLY COSTS:**

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage) \$8,396.06

**Weekend of August 15 / 16** \$4,136.00

Electronic Giving 3,417.00

Feast of the Assumption 232.00

Total \$7,785.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) (\$611.06)

**Weekend of August 22 / 23** \$3,797.00

Electronic Giving 1,642.00

Other Income 450.00

Total \$5,889.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) (\$2,507.06)

**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](mailto: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



It was good to go away to break up the routine but, as always, it is even better to be back home.

We hear about the necessity to take up our own cross and follow Jesus. This is a good thing for us to apply to the present situation due to the Covid crisis. A lot is being asked of us. There are many sacrifices to make. Some have to endure hardships. Others have had to endure physical suffering and illness.

In each of these instances we have our own small share in suffering; in the cross. It might be helpful to see those moments as an opportunity to unite our own suffering to the suffering of Christ in order to feel closer to Him. In that way we can also see whatever it is we must endure in these days as the fulfillment of what Jesus talks about in this week's gospel. We are taking up our cross.

That burden can be too great to bear if we try to do it all alone. With the help of Christ, to Whom we unite ourselves through what we must endure, any burden becomes one that we can shoulder.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

