

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



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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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
February 2, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	February 1 <u>Conversion of Saint Paul</u>
5:00pm	The Marrello Family
r/o	Marie Marrello
Sunday	February 2 <u>The Presentation of the Lord</u>
7:30am	Maureen Hammond
r/o	The Torres Family
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	Sarah Pryor Holy Spirit Wisdom
r/o	Dan Pryor
Monday	February 3 <u>Saint Blaise, Saint Ansgar</u>
9:00am	Catherine Phifield
r/o	Ann Krouse
Tuesday	February 4
9:00am	Deceased Members of the Hudock Family
r/o	Maryellen Hudock
Wednesday	February 5 <u>Saint Agatha</u>
9:00am	Knights and Dames of the M.O.C.
r/o	Fr. Guy
Thursday	February 6 <u>Saint Paul Miki and Companions</u>
9:00am	William & Kathleen Melious
r/o	Family
Friday	February 7
9:00am	Nora Sackley
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, Ann Krouse, 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



<u>WEEKLY OFFERING</u>	
WEEKLY COSTS:	
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
Weekend of January 18 / 19	
Electronic Giving	\$4,508.00
Bingo Income	1,302.00
Other Income	863.20
	1,012.50
Total	\$7,685.70
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$710.36)
Foundation for Catholic Education	\$493.00
Weekend of January 25 / 26	
Electronic Giving	\$6,696.00
Bingo Income	602.00
Other Income	1,023.00
	225.00
Total	\$8,546.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	149.94

<u>This Week in Our Parish</u>.....
<u>Sunday, February 2</u> Bingo will not be held this evening Superbowl Sunday 9:45am Choir Practice / Choir Room
<u>Monday, February 3</u> 6:00pm Children's Choir / Church 7:15pm Bell Choir / Church
<u>Tuesday, February 4</u> <u>Religious Education</u> 5:30-6:30pm Grades 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a 7:00-8:15pm Grades 6a, 7a, 8a
<u>Wednesday, February 5</u> <u>Religious Education</u> 5:30-6:30pm Grades 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b 7:00-8:15pm Grades 6b, 7b, 8b Confessions will not be heard this evening
<u>Friday, February 7</u> 7:00-9:00pm Spanish Ministry / Choir Room
<u>Saturday, February 8</u> 11:30am Baptisms / Church 4:00-4:45pm Confessions 5:00-7:00pm Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner / Parish Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded during the Spring. High school and college age students are eligible to apply. Applications can be downloaded from www.council5170.org Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2020



Lord God, you showered heavenly gifts on the virgin Agatha. Hear the prayers of those who recall her devoted life and who ask her to intercede for them in their necessity. (Mention your intention here...) Help us to imitate her virtue during our earthly life and enjoy eternal happiness with her in heaven. Amen

THE CRY ROOM

The church was designed to have a Cry Room at the back of the church so that there would be a place for families with crying or unruly children to sit and still be able to see and hear the Mass without a problem. It is, essentially, provided for those with young children and infants to have a place to sit.

Increasingly, it has been noticed that many people are sitting there who do not have children with them.

A reminder that the Cry Room does not exist for those who come to Mass late, or don't like sitting near others, or who want to sit as far back as possible. If you do not have young children or infants with you please be considerate of your fellow parishioners and do not sit in the Cry Room. Please leave those places free for those who need them.

FLU SEASON

As we have done in the past, and as many parishes around the country also do, during cold and flu season we will try to help prevent people from getting sick, especially those with weakened immune systems. For the time being we will discontinue the distribution of Holy Communion under both species. Many people are conscious of trying not to spread germs at this time of year. Those who wish to avoid shaking hands during the Sign of Peace at Mass may simply greet one another verbally at that time of the Mass.

SCRIP/GIFT CARDS

At the January 16 meeting of the Parish Council it was decided to discontinue the SCRIP/Gift card Program until further notice. This is because of an extremely low level of participation in the program.

Very few of our parishioners have been participating to the point that we aren't making any significant money for the parish and are actually close to merely breaking even. Since this is supposed to be a parish fundraiser that sort of defeats the purpose.

In addition, it has become increasingly difficult to get a sufficient number of parishioners to volunteer to take orders and sell the gift cards after Masses on the weekends.

As a result, the Parish Council advised, and I have concurred, that the program will be discontinued for the present. Perhaps, at some point in the future, we can reinstate the program. The discontinuation is effective as of February 9, 2020.

FROM THE PASTOR



Hello from Catania, Sicily! After a brief stop in Geneva to visit with some friends we have all continued on to Catania for the Feast of Saint Agatha. The Archbishop kindly invited me to concelebrate the Mass for the Presentation of the Lord (aka Candlemas) with him in the great cathedral. Later in the week there will

be many other festivities honoring the patron saint of the city: St. Agatha.

Today, the Feast of the Presentation reminds us that Christ, the Light of the World, also calls each of us who follow him to be a light in the darkness. Flames give off both light and heat. The Lord asks us to follow Him in such a way that we give off far more of the former and not too much of the latter.

By ancient tradition, this is also the day when the Church blesses candles to be used in the liturgy and in personal devotion as well. You should always keep a blessed candle in the house. It is to be lit whenever a priest comes to visit the sick or if a deacon or extraordinary minister visits bringing Holy Communion. In addition, it is a Catholic custom to light a blessed candle during a storm as a sign of prayer for protection.

Have a Blessed Week!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, February 8

5:00PM

Lector: Jim McAloon

Extraordinary Ministers: Joanne Cuff, Barbara Ward

Servers: Sean Altmann, Tyler Altmann

Cantor: Elisha Stenger

Sunday, February 9

7:30AM

Lector: Pete Roslund

Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Jane Lusardi, Steve Martinko

Server: Olivia Camporini

9:30AM (SPANISH)

Lector: Sonia Arevalo, Adelina Delacruz

Extraordinary Minister: Diego Zamora

Server: Natalie Velasquez

11:00AM

Lector: Bob Oakley

Extraordinary Ministers: Yvonne De Lorenzo, Kerry Pflugh

Servers: Gabriel Escobedo, Amelia Roberto

Cantor: Rachel Kohansby

THANK YOU to the donors who participated at last weekend's annual blood drive.

32 pints of blood had been donated. Your support is greatly appreciated.