

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

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	February 6 <u>Saint Paul Miki and Companions</u>
5:00pm r/o	+William & Kathleen Melious Family
Sunday	February 7 <u>Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am r/o	+Patti-Sue Rolak Family
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am r/o	+Mary Lou Petro & Family Maryellen Hudock
Monday	February 8
9:00am r/o	+Mary Daugert Ann Daugert
Tuesday	February 9
9:00am r/o	Jennifer Jean Lee Ann Marie Le
Wednesday	February 10 <u>Saint Scholastica</u>
9:00am r/o	+Pat Cole Maryellen Hudock
Thursday	February 11
9:00am r/o	+John S. Cusmano Andy & Adele Loigu
Friday	February 12
9:00am r/o	+Isabel Giugliano Marie Walker

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
Weekend of January 23 / 24	\$3,092.00
Electronic Giving	1,137.00
Total	\$4,229.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,167.06)
Weekend of January 30 / 31	\$4,984.00
Electronic Giving	1,335.00
Total	\$6,319.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,077.06)

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, February 6 at 7:00AM in the Community Room (**please wear a mask**).

We will be reading and considering the Life of Saint Joseph and His World. 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

In response to the many inquiries we have received we are reminding you that, as had already been announced, there will be no blessing and distribution of ashes this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

PRESIDENTS DAY

Monday, February 15 is Presidents' Day. The Rectory Office will be closed that day in observance of the federal holiday.



SCHEDULE IN FEBRUARY

Until the First Sunday of Lent:

NO public Mass on Saturday Evening
No public Masses on Sunday

Live-streamed Mass Saturdays at 5:00PM

Holy Communion distributed Sundays 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 9:00AM

Confessions Saturdays from 4:00-4:45PM

Church open daily for private prayer.

NOTE: The bathrooms in church are **CLOSED**.

FYI

To keep you in the loop about some of our extraordinary expenses; the expenses over and above our weekly operating costs, at present extraordinary expenses that require attention include:

-Repairs and replacement of the lights in the Narthex to LED lights: \$6,075.00

-Repairs to the masonry of the chimney of the Rectory: \$11,800.00

In addition, at the urging of the Diocese our parish has applied for the second round of Federal PPP loans. It is unknown if that means we will qualify. Our parish did not apply for the first round of loans and has not received any federal money so far.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Our monthly collection of food for the Washington Food Pantry will take place this weekend, February 13 & 14. Non-Perishable food items may be dropped off in the Church Narthex on Saturday and Sunday only, please.

TAX INFO

Those of you who would like a summary of the donations you have made to the parish during the past year in order to file your income taxes **PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR REQUEST** and a summary will be mailed to your home. Please, kindly, do not come into the office to make your request expecting to receive it right away. If you call us with your request we are happy to send you one but we cannot stop and prepare one on demand. Thank You!

FROM THE PASTOR



It feels this week like we're all living in the Disney film "Frozen"! I hope and pray that you are doing well and staying safe after this incredible snow we've had this week.

This coming week we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11. This is also designated each year as the "World Day of Prayer for the Sick". Not only do we recommend all those who are ill or infirm to the intercession of Our Lady who, by her miraculous apparition in the little village of Lourdes in the French Pyrenees, has helped to bring about the cure of many sick people but it is a good day to be mindful not only of all the world's sick but of those people in our households, our neighborhoods and our families who are ill or infirm.

The pandemic makes it hard to reach out to them in person because social distancing and isolation have become of paramount importance for those who are already ill. Nevertheless, you can pray for them, give them a phone call, have a virtual visit online, send them a small present or some flowers or do any little thing to let them know they are remembered and that you are thinking of them and praying for them.

In addition, those who are ill or homebound have one thing that many of us lack: some more time to give over to prayer. So, while it is of paramount importance that we pray for them and serve their other needs you can also ask those who are troubled by illness to pray for you as well. In this, and even in the midst of their illness, they can also find some purpose, some meaning and the ability to stay connected to their loved ones and the rest of the world. Illness often brings with it a sense of isolation - now moreso than ever because of the pandemic - so asking for their prayers helps them to feel a sense of connection to others.

I would also mention again that in just two more weeks we will be returning to our full schedule of masses in person each weekend in addition to our daily Masses. Starting the weekend of February 20 & 21, which is the first weekend of Lent, we will have weekend Masses on Saturday at 5:00PM (which will continue to be live-streamed on our Facebook page as well) and on Sunday at 7:30AM, 9:30AM in Spanish and 11:00AM. Capacity for these Masses will be **110** people and the public restrooms remain **CLOSED**.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

