

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.



FROM THE PASTOR



I hope that you are having a good summer so far despite the pandemic restrictions. We have been getting a lot of inquiries in the office lately about various kinds of parish activities. It prompts me to remind you all of something. Even though the Parish Office is now back to being open for its usual hours and we have resumed in-person Masses daily and on Sunday this does **not** mean that life in the parish is "back to normal".

Believe me that I know people are desperate for any small indication of a return to normalcy in their lives. It helps us to cope and it brings us comfort. Something as relatively insignificant as going out to breakfast at a favorite restaurant can make your whole day because it feels good to do a "normal" activity. It's really rather therapeutic.

However, we are not back to normal here at church. In compliance with both the directives from the State government and the directives from the Bishop and the Diocesan Curia we have done what we felt we could do under the current phase of reopening currently in place in New Jersey. That is, we have resumed daily Mass for the public and we do offer Mass twice on Sunday where the public can attend. We also have Confessions available on Saturdays and the Parish Office is open for its usual hours. In all of these circumstances, however, people **must** take proper precautions regarding distancing, the wearing of a mask, limits on the number of those who are gathered indoors and hand sanitation.

In addition, the way we celebrate these public Masses is somewhat different and we are far from having resumed what I would call "usual" or "normal" activity here in the parish. All of this is by way of saying that we still have miles to go. I ask all of you to continue to be patient and also to be cooperative as we deal with these limitations.

I know that many of you have grown weary of hearing this but it is true that these circumstances won't last forever. Right now it may seem as though life will never go back to normal. We have been dealing with this pandemic in a drastic way for five months now and it looks like we will be dealing with it for many months to come. *Nevertheless, this will come to an end.* The task that is placed before us all right now is to continue to do what we have been doing and to try to be patient and understanding with each other.

It's hard. It gets to us. It's frequently unpleasant and demands much of us. But, we have to do it. So, let's try to do it together with each other and for each other.

Have a week ahead that is filled with blessings and peace. Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!



MASS & CONFESSION

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday at 9:00AM

Saturday Evening Mass

Live-Streamed at 5:30PM (*and available for viewing throughout the weekend*)

Sunday Mass

7:30AM & 11:00AM

There is a limit of 100 people at these Masses

There is NO Spanish Mass until further notice.

Confession

Every Saturday from 4:00 - 5:00PM in the Sacristy.