

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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 12, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	July 11 <u>Saint Benedict</u>
5:00pm	+Claire Dempksi r/o <i>The Hamas Family</i>
Sunday	July 12 <u>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Laura Macarone r/o <i>The Cruz Family</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Al Appezzato r/o <i>The Polhemus Family</i>
Monday	July 13
9:00am	+Stephen Hudock r/o <i>Ann Daugert</i>
Tuesday	July 14 <u>Saint Kateri Tekawitha</u>
9:00am	Family and Friends r/o <i>Elisa</i>
Wednesday	July 15 <u>Saint Bonaventure</u>
9:00am	+Mary Grace Dirks r/o <i>The Finnegan Family</i>
Thursday	July 16
9:00am	+Patty Sue Rolak r/o <i>Knights of Columbus #5170</i>
Friday	July 17
9:00am	+Rose Marie Cusmano r/o <i>St. Joseph Outreach Ministry</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hemsell, Jane Jenkins, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Margaret Ricci, 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, Jamie Zimmerman, Emma

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

As of the writing of this Bulletin our parish has pledged \$27,238.00 and has already paid \$25,996.75 toward our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal of \$27,000.00. That makes over 100% of our goal contributed by 123 households (out of approximately 550 households). THANK YOU!

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage) \$8,396.06

Weekend of June 27 / 28

Electronic Giving	1,592.00
Summer Fuel	395.00
Other Income	184.50
Total	\$6,098.50
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,297.56)

Weekend of July 4 / 5

Electronic Giving	1,460.00
Other Income	330.00
Total	\$6,513.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,883.06)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Classes for 2020-2021 sessions is now in progress. Forms have been mailed to families.

New registrations and **first grade** registrations can be found on the parish website stjosephwashingtontnj.org or please stop by the Parish Office during office hours Monday – Friday from 9:00AM – Noon, 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Please note: new registrations require a Baptismal certificate.

If you should have any questions, please call Mrs. Rock at the Religious Education Office 908-689-0093

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Because of all the restrictions imposed by the government shut-down and because we had no way of anticipating when that might end it became necessary to postpone the date for our parish First Holy Communion until the Fall. No date has yet been set but we are looking at September. Originally planned for May, it was postponed until June and finally we decided to move it to the Fall. There were too many families requesting we have it when it could be a more normal celebration with few restrictions. We regret the inconvenience but there was no other way.





FROM THE PASTOR



As we continue to feel the effects of the Covid-19 emergency please know that you and your families are being remembered in my prayers and also in the prayers offered at Mass. I know the months of living in unusual circumstances have taken and are taking a toll on people emotionally,

spiritually, financially and in other ways as well. Please try not to lose heart. Don't allow the unusual circumstances and the sacrifices we have to make get you down. Continue to pray and to ask for the Lord's grace and mercy. Continue to place yourselves in God's hands. None of us knows precisely when this will all come to an end but we do know that it will, assuredly, come to an end.

Jesus tells us the parable this week of the seed and the sower. One of the things we gain from that parable is that God (who is "the sower" in that story) is the one who does the majority of the work. God is always sowing seeds. God is always willing to sow seeds in our hearts and lives. He never gives up on us. He never decides to offer His grace and then to withdraw it from us. He is the consistent one.

When there are times in our lives that we sense His absence from us, or there are times when we simply feel like He isn't listening to us that's usually because of our inconsistency.

We are taught, "Jesus Christ: the same yesterday, today and forever". How true this is and how frequently we tend to forget it. Our mission, or goal in life must always be to strive to place our hope and trust in the Lord. He remains faithful. He remains steady and trustworthy. He is always reaching out to us (that's what the "sowing the seeds" means).

I will remind you here even though it appears elsewhere in this Bulletin that our July Food Collection for the Washington Food Pantry will take place on Monday, July 13. Non-Perishable food items may be dropped off in the Narthex of the church from 8:00AM until 6:00PM. You may place them in the shopping cart in the Narthex or, if the cart is full, place them on the floor around the cart. In the past you have all been so kind and generous in these collections of food. So, I will say "Thank You" in advance because I know that you will, once again, be generous to those in need.

I will also add a word of **Thanks** for your kind generosity in helping us to reach, and slightly surpass, our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal. I know these are challenging times for people financially and so I appreciate all the more your generous donations.

Have a good week ahead 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.

JULY FOOD COLLECTION

We will hold the monthly food collection for the Washington Food Pantry on Monday, July 13 (in order to avoid the July 4th holiday weekend).

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