

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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Website----- stjosephwashingtongnj.org

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

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 29, 2020



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Saturday March 28

5:00pm +Jean Vanderhoof
r/o Fred & Karen Graf

**Sunday March 29
Fifth Sunday Of Lent**

7:30am +Thomas Helmstetter
r/o Reverend Blaise R. Baran

9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Paul Baldassarre
r/o Ralph & Margaret Parise

Monday March 30

9:00am +Dr. Muralidhar Reddy
r/o Bob & Debbie Smolar

Tuesday March 31

9:00am Jerry Walker & Family
r/o Marie Walker

Wednesday April 1

9:00am +Michael Lusardi
r/o Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi

**Thursday April 2
Saint Francis of Paola**

9:00am +Holy Souls in Purgatory
r/o Bob & Debbie Smolar

Friday April 3

9:00am +Floyd J. Aspinall
r/o Family

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, Jane Jenkins, 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, Glen

<u>WEEKLY OFFERING</u>	
<u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u>	
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of February 29 / March 1</u>	
Electronic Giving	\$6,162.00
Bingo Income	1,140.00
Other Income	1,213.50
	116.00
Total	\$8,631.50
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$235.44
<u>Weekend of March 7 / 8</u>	
Electronic Giving	\$6,297.80
Bingo Income	572.00
Other Income	1,278.15
	1,870.00
Total	\$10,017.95
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,621.89

This Week in Our Parish.....

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED AT THIS TIME

MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

Saint Mary's Parish in Hackettstown is in need of a music director for Masses on Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and Noon.

Also to conduct weekly music practice and play for Holy Days of Obligation. Please contact Mrs. Arlene Pidgeon, Secretary 908-852-3320 for more information or send resume to secretary@aaumptionbvmnj.org

10,000 VOLUNTEER HOUR PROGRAM

Reminder ~ We should be tracking all our Volunteer hours for the month of March and ready to submit those hours soon. The box for the form return is in the Narthex with additional forms in the side pocket.

The Volunteer form is also posted on our website stjosephwashingtonnj.org

If you have any questions, please call Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765 or kbradunas@comcast.net



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The Bishop has directed the suspension of all public Masses and devotions to extend through Holy Week and Easter as well. Please be aware of the following:

PALM SUNDAY: while the palms will be blessed we have been asked NOT to distribute them on Palm Sunday. They will be made available for those who want them at a later date.

HOLY THURSDAY: there will be no public Mass or devotions.

GOOD FRIDAY: There will be no public Liturgy of the Passion - OR- Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY: there will be no blessing of Easter food and no Great Vigil of Easter. The Paschal Candle will be blessed and lit privately.

EASTER SUNDAY: At present we hope to live stream Mass at 11:00AM on Easter Sunday morning.

The church building will be closed all through Holy Week and even on Easter Sunday because no one is allowed in the building while we are live streaming the Mass.

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE

Because it is not possible for us to have a safe way to distribute the candy purchased from Gertrude Hawk and remain in compliance with the directives from the Governor of New Jersey the distribution of the candy will take place at a later date.

We know this is a great disappointment for the 37 families who ordered candy this year. The candy that you ordered will be delivered and you will receive what you purchased. However, similar to the situation with the blessed palms the candy you ordered will have to be distributed at a later date.

We have arranged with the people at Gertrude Hawk to have the candy delivered after the isolation and social distancing restrictions have been lifted. We know this is definitely a big inconvenience and we apologize but the circumstances are genuinely unusual.

ABSTAINING FROM MEAT ON FRIDAYS

Because it might be difficult to obtain certain kinds of food and being aware of the unusual circumstances and restrictions under which we are all living for the time being the Most Rev. James Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen has dispensed all the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

PLEASE NOTE: On Good Friday, April 10 *you still have an obligation to abstain from eating meat*. This is a universal law of the Church and the bishop does not have the authority to dispense the faithful for that day.

FROM THE PASTOR



Very sadly I have to report to you that because the global pandemic is not yet under control the restrictions under which we have been living will continue for the time being.

This means that the Bishop has directed us to continue the suspension of public Masses, devotions and parish activities through Holy Week and Easter as well. For the first time in our lifetimes there will be no possibility to gather together in person to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection as a community. I know this is very disappointing news for everyone.

I plan to live stream Mass on Easter Sunday morning at 11:00AM. It will be an unusual Mass to be sure. It won't be the kind of grand celebration we usually have here at St. Joseph. It will just be me at the altar. But, that is also an opportunity for us as well.

Make no mistake: seeing Mass live streamed online or televised is not "just as good" as going to Mass. When we see the Mass over some remote medium we are not actually participating in Mass. To do that you have to be physically present in the room where Mass is taking place. However, seeing the Mass on TV or live streamed is a decent enough substitute especially when the circumstances preventing you from going to Mass are beyond your control.

It will still be good to pray "together" each from our own homes. It will be good to hear the Word of God proclaimed to us, especially on Easter when the message is about the Lord's Resurrection. It will be good to see the celebration of the Eucharist even though you will have to make a spiritual Communion instead.

It is a pale substitute but it is better than nothing. We will still be united as a community of faith through our common prayer even when we cannot be truly united in the same place. Yes, coming together is important because the Mass is not an entertainment or something for spectators. At Mass we are all participating and entering into the Mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

However, because we cannot control the circumstances in which we find ourselves this coming Holy Week and Easter will be challenging and leave us wanting more. Nevertheless, the Mysteries being celebrated will still be real and true and, maybe, being deprived of full participation, we will come to appreciate them all the more in our lives.

Stay healthy and safe and may God bless you all in these anxious and unusual days.

