

# 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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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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2020



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>May 9</u></b>
5:00pm	Kristen Schoenig Thorsen r/o Mike Thorsen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 10</b>
	<b><u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u></b>
7:30am	All Mothers Living and Deceased
9:30am (Spanish)	All Mothers Living and Deceased
11:00am	All Mothers Living and Deceased
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>May 11</u></b>
9:00am	+Barbara Russian r/o The Torres Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 12</b>
	<b><u>Saints Nereus and Achilleus</u></b> <b><u>Saint Pancras</u></b>
9:00am	+Michael & Etta Kovacs r/o Ron & Mary Lou Kovacs
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 13</b>
	<b><u>Our Lady of Fatima</u></b>
9:00am	+Gerard Kennedy r/o Vic, Pat, Victor & Melissa
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 14</b>
	<b><u>Saint Matthias</u></b>
9:00am	+John Melious r/o The Melious Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>May 15</u></b>
9:00am	+Marie Hartmann r/o Deacon Ed

### 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, 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

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<b><u>Weekend of April 25 / 26</u></b>	<b>\$5,510.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,662.00
Mother's Day Offering	70.00
Other Income	110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,044.06)</b>
<b><u>Weekend of May 2 / 3</u></b>	<b>\$5,960.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,285.00
Mother's Day Offering	180.00
Other Income	330.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,755.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$641.06)</b>

### GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY

To those of you who ordered Gertrude Hawk Candy we are happy to say that the candy has been delivered!

In order to distribute it in a safe way we are asking that you come to the Rectory Office on **Monday, May 11 between the hours of 11:00AM and 1:00PM** or you may also come to the Rectory Office on **Tuesday, May 12 between the hours of 11:00AM and 1:00PM** to pick up your candy orders (or to have someone pick it up for you)

Those are the only times that we will be able to be available in the Office for pick up.

**PLEASE BE CERTAIN TO WEAR A MASK (AND GLOVES IF PREFERRED) WHEN COMING TO THE PARISH OFFICE!**

If you are unable to come at those times call the Parish Office at 908-689-0058.

### FOOD COLLECTION

Many have asked about whether we will have another collection of food for the Washington Food Pantry. We were preparing to organize one for May and, in doing so, discovered from the Food Pantry that they are currently FULL. (Great news!) They have been receiving assistance from Federal sources.

So, at present we will hold off on a food collection during May and instead look ahead at the possibility of organizing a food collection from our parish in June.

Please stay safe and stay at home except for essential reasons.





## **FATHER GUY'S Q&A**

Join us on the Parish Facebook page this coming **Wednesday, May 13 at 1:00PM** for an online session of Fr. Guy's Q&A called *"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Church...But Were Afraid to Ask"*.

Go to Facebook and look for "St Joseph's Catholic Church". **NOTE: There is no period after "St" !**

## **BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has so far pledged \$19,868.00 and has so far paid \$18,328.00 toward our parish goal of \$27,000.00. These pledges have been received from 102 households.

We just have \$7,132.00 to go.

If you have not yet made a pledge **PLEASE** consider doing so. A pledge of just \$50.00 or \$100.00 would go such a long way to helping us reach our goal!

## **PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE**

We certainly hope that you have been making use of the Parish Facebook Page (St Joseph's Catholic Church) and also using the Parish Website [www.stjosephwashingtonnj.org](http://www.stjosephwashingtonnj.org) in order to keep up with what's going on at the parish.

Fr. Guy has been live-streaming Mass on Sundays at 11:00AM. In addition, every few days Fr. Guy also posts a live chat from his office in the Rectory just to stay in touch and offer some words of encouragement and some thoughts for reflection.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
Surrexit Christus! Alleluia!  
¡Cristo ha Resucitado! Aleluya!

I hope and pray that all of you and your families are safe and continuing to cope with the quarantine and lock down conditions. It is a very trying time

and I know a lot of people are anxious and feeling very stressed out. At the risk of sounding facetious, have you tried praying more? It is proven that prayer is a great stress reliever. In these days when so many people have some more time on their hands try setting aside some of it to spend in prayer. You may discover that it calms you and helps you to feel a little less stress.

Elsewhere in this bulletin take note about the Gertrude Hawk Candy and the Washington Food Pantry. We will look to organizing another food collection in June.

Since the Governor of New Jersey has extended the shut down conditions until at least June 6 it calls into question when we will be getting back into church for regular public Masses. At this point I simply don't know except to say that if the shut down is continuing into June then I don't see how we will be back in church this month at all. Clearly, we are now looking to June as a target. I, personally, hope we can have public Mass again on Corpus Christi (June 14) but right now nothing is certain and I wouldn't be surprised if it might be later than that.

I also realize that is not what you want to hear and it is both disappointing and upsetting. It is for me as well. But, every time I am tempted to allow my frustration to get the better of me I realize that these measures are in place for our safety and the safety of others. We are doing all this to protect people. I acknowledge that what is being asked of us is a great deal. people of my generation didn't grow up in a time when great sacrifices were called for like the generation before me who lived through things like the Great Depression and World War II.

Now, in this time, we are living through something that historians in the future will look back on as a truly extraordinary time. The great pandemic of 2020 will be taught about in schools and people will look back and see that it was a difficult time but one that was endured for the sake of others.

In that, it is not entirely unlike the life and mission of Jesus in the world. He endured a great deal and found the grace and strength to do it because He did it for the sake of others. He suffered much but the story ends with glorious resurrection. So will ours. Keep believing that.

Have a blessed week ahead. Stay Calm. Stay Safe. Keep the Faith.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

