

# 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

Fax ----- 908-689-3436

Website----- stjosephwashingtongnj.org

Open Monday - Friday...

9:00 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

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**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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2020



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2</b> <b><u>Saint Athanasius</u></b>
5:00pm	+Theresa G. Lamberto r/o Anthony & Phyllis Lamberto
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 3</b> <b><u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u></b>
7:30am	+Laura Macarone r/o The Cruz Family
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Karen Schoenig r/o Bill & Kelly Schoenig
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>May 4</u></b>
9:00am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory r/o Bob & Debbie Smolar
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>May 5</u></b>
9:00am	+Violet Donato r/o Frankie & Gigi Savarese
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>May 6</u></b>
9:00am	+Violet Donato r/o Patricia Selvester
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>May 7</u></b>
9:00am	+Violet Donato r/o Jeanne Selvester
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>May 8</u></b>
9:00am	+Violet Donato r/o Fr. Guy Selvester

### 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. Mulvena, 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 18 / 19</u></b>	<b>\$3,680.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,612.00
Easter	530.00
Other Income	638.00
	<b>Total \$6,460.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,936.06)</b>
<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 \$7,352.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,044.06)</b>

### 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.

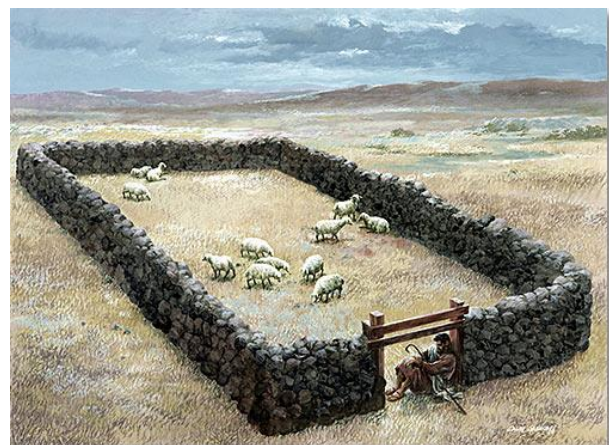
The Volunteer form is also posted on our website [stjosephwashingtonnj.org](http://stjosephwashingtonnj.org)

If you have any questions, please call Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765 or [kbradunas@comcast.net](mailto:kbradunas@comcast.net)

### GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY

We have gotten some inquiries about the candy ordered from Gertrude Hawk which we did not receive in time for Easter. At the moment, because we are still in full lockdown conditions, we have no update on when we expect to receive the candy for distribution to those who ordered it.

As soon as we know, and we have the candy to be picked up, we will let you know.







### **WHEN WILL WE BE COMING BACK TO CHURCH?**

That is certainly a question on everyone's mind. The simple answer is that we simply don't know yet at this point. Pandemic Restrictions and social distancing are certainly going to remain in place throughout the rest of April and probably well into May. The NJ Schools aren't set to re-open (at least for now) until May 15. It is our sincere hope that by the middle of May we will be able to resume normal parish activity. But, we will keep you posted.

### **BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has so far pledged \$19,193.00 and has so far paid \$17,403.00 toward our parish goal of \$27,000.00. These pledges have been received from 97 households.

We just have a little over \$7,000.00 to go!

### **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!

This Sunday in Paschal Time is usually referred to as "Good Shepherd" Sunday because of the passage from John's gospel we hear about Jesus being the sheep gate and the true "entrance" to eternal life.

We have also begun the month of May which is, by ancient tradition, considered to be Mary's month. The Church spends this month encouraging special devotion to Our Lady. In our parish we pray the "Memorare" at each Mass at the end of the Universal Prayers.

This year, in addition, the Bishops' Conference of Canada and United States Bishops' Conference decided to have a moment on May 1 when the whole of the United States and Canada was consecrated again to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Of course, we in our diocese have just come through a long process where we consecrated our diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe. It's just sort of a coincidence that we are now also consecrating our whole country to Mary. To consecrate oneself, a group of people or a whole region to Mary means an act by which a person is dedicated to a sacred service, or an act which separates an object, location or region from a common and profane mode to one for sacred use. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments clarifies that in this context the term "consecration" is used in a broad and non-technical sense: the expression is use of 'consecrating people to Our Lady', by which is intended placing them under her protection and asking her maternal blessing for them. In Catholic teachings, consecration to Mary does not diminish or substitute the love of God, but enhances it, for all consecration is ultimately made to God.

In these days of pandemic and restrictions it is a good spiritual practice to consecrate ourselves again to devotion to Our Lady and to follow her maternal example and seek her intercession. She comforts us and cares for us like a mother and she always leads everyone back to Jesus, her Son.

I continue to offer my prayers for all of you in what I know are difficult times for many of you. I, like so many other people, hope and pray the need for the restrictions will soon come to an end. Try not to lose heart. As I keep saying: Stay Calm; Stay Safe and Healthy; Keep the Faith.

Please remember me in your prayers. So far I am fine and healthy. Have a Blessed Week ahead. I look forward to the day when I will see you all again in person.

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