

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

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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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 4, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>October 3</u>
5:00pm	+Joseph M. Olivo <i>r/o Anthony & Phyllis Lamberto</i>
Sunday	October 4 <u>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Laura Macarone <i>r/o The Cruz Family</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	Daniel Walker <i>r/o Marie Walker</i>
Monday	<u>October 5</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Jim & Barbara McAloon</i>
Tuesday	<u>October 6</u>
9:00am	+James Smith <i>r/o The Lusardi Family</i>
Wednesday	October 7 <u>Our Lady of the Rosary</u>
9:00am	+Marie Donaldson <i>r/o Patricia Selvester</i>
Thursday	<u>October 8</u>
9:00am	+Charles Selvester <i>r/o Patricia Selvester</i>
Friday	<u>October 9</u>
9:00am	+Al Daugert <i>r/o Ann Daugert</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Daisy Barczak, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Donna Rogulski, 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, Emma



WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of September 19 / 20</u>	\$4,490.00
Electronic Giving	2,852.00
Other	597.50
Total	\$7,939.50
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$456.56)
<u>Weekend of September 26 / 27</u>	\$3,656.00
Electronic Giving	1,280.00
Other	350.00
Total	\$5,286.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,110.06)

SPANISH MASS - MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Mass in Spanish will begin again on Sunday, October 4 at 9:30AM and continue each week after that. Fr. Gustavo will be here October 4 to hear Confessions at 9:00 before Mass.

La misa en español comenzará nuevamente el domingo 4 de octubre a las 9:30 de la mañana y continuará cada semana después de eso. P. Gustavo estará aquí el 4 de octubre para el Sacramento de la Penitencia a las 9:00 antes de la Misa.

FOOD COLLECTION

There will be a collection of non-perishable food items for the Washington Food Pantry on October 3, 4 & 5 here at our church. Non perishable food items can be dropped off in, or next to, the shopping cart in the Narthex on Saturday, Sunday and Monday when the church is open. Please check the Facebook page for a list of needed items.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, October 10 at 7:00AM in the Community Room (**please wear a mask**).

We will be considering the Mystery of the Incarnation, and how to enter more deeply into it. The meeting lasts for one hour. The group meets every other Saturday. Participants may attend as their schedule allows. For more information contact Terry Finnegan at finneganterence@msn.com

LIFE CHAIN

The Life Chain takes place on Sunday, October 4 from 2-3:30pm (rain or shine). St. Joseph Parish stands with other Christians for life in front of Planned Parenthood at 66 East Washington St. (Rt.57). Contact Joyce Lopez for info 908-689-2462. Bring baby carriages, chairs and your rosary beads, do not bring signs, they will be provided.



GOLD & SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating Gold & Silver wedding anniversaries this year are invited to receive a special congratulatory message from the bishop. This year an in-person celebration is not possible. You may register to receive this message by mail. Please register online at www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration If you are unable to access it online you may contact the Parish Office for assistance. No fee is required. **Registration closes on October 15, 2020.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join the record number of Christians who have signed up not to erase history, but to make history. The September 23 – November 1, 40 Days for Life Campaign will be the largest global effort of 40 days of prayers and fasting for an end to abortion.

For more information please contact Jennifer English amjadopt@comcast.net 973-525-6692
Or visit <https://40daysforlife.com>

TAKE OUT DINNER WITH THE SAINTS

The next dinner will be on Saturday, October 17, from 4:00PM-7:00PM and will honor Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a German missionary, who died during a yellow fever pandemic in New Orleans (Blessed Francis pray for us!)

The menu will feature Oktoberfest items, including bratwurst and German potato salad. Pricing and ordering information will be published in next week's bulletin.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

The first meeting of Fall will take place at 7:00PM on Friday, October 9 on the lawn between the church and the parish center. There will be a short talk on deepening one's friendship with God and then a campfire with smores.

All teenage parishioners are invited to attend. The Youth Leadership Circle will usually have two meetings per month, one with a spiritual focus and the other will be community service.

For more information, please contact Terry Finnegan at finneganterene@msn.com

FROM THE PASTOR



Is it me or did September seem to go by in about three days? For me the Autumn always seems to rush past. I suppose it's because it is my favorite time of year. While it isn't exactly freezing outside the warm days of Summer are clearly behind us and there is a coolness in the air

that manages to be downright chilly in the evenings.

This is also the time of year when our thoughts begin to move from the kind of laziness of Summer to the often frenetic activity of the Fall with all its holidays and festivals surely culminating in the big holidays at the end of the year.

Of course, this year all that is mitigated somewhat by the seemingly ever-present heaviness of the Covid-19 Pandemic. "Is this thing ever going to be over?" I hear people asking this all the time. I, too, have been guilty of occasionally giving in to the depression and the despair that the last several months have caused.

That's why I have great hopes in my favorite season to lift me out of the doldrums and, once again, fill me with the wonder of the season and the hope the Autumn engenders. As we watch the natural world around us explode in a riot of colors and eventually shed itself in preparation for Winter we know—we **KNOW**—that it also promises new life will return in the Spring.

This is the world that God created; it constantly goes through this cycle of death and rebirth to new life. Now where have I heard that before? Oh yes! It's the same thing promised to all of us in Christ, Jesus! Christians are just like other people. We have good days and bad days; we have blessings and trials; we have great strides forward and setbacks. But, one of the principal ways that Christians are, and must be, different from other people is that we must always have **hope**. Despair is a luxury we cannot afford. We have hope because our hope is in the Lord who is always with us, no matter what.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; **Keep the Faith!**

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Rosary Society will resume their meetings beginning Monday, October 5 at 1:00pm in the Community Room. Meetings will then be held the first Monday of each month.

The Rosarians will sponsor **Holy Hour** followed with Benediction on Monday, October 5 at 7:00pm. Holy Hour will be held the first Monday of each month.

