

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

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday April 10
 5:00pm +Charlie & Pat Post
 r/o Allison & Jim Walsh

Sunday April 11
Second Sunday of Easter
 7:30am +George W. Melious
 r/o Deacon Ed Hartmann

9:30am People of the Parish
 (Spanish)

11:00am +Jennie Milliken
 r/o Karole & Terry Bradunas

Monday April 12
 9:00am +Edie Lang
 r/o Patricia Selvester

Tuesday April 13
 9:00am +Kevin Kruse
 r/o The Finnegan Family

Wednesday April 14
 9:00am George Walker
 r/o Marie Walker

Thursday April 15
 9:00am +John H. Melious, Jr.
 r/o Family

Friday April 16
 9:00am +John Mickelson
 r/o The Finnegan Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Charlotte Barczak, 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, Laura Marie, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, 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

<u>WEEKLY OFFERING</u>	
<u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u>	
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of March 27 / 28</u>	\$5,444.00
Electronic Giving	1,494.00
Total	\$6,938.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,458.06)
Diocesan Retirement Collection for Clergy	\$655.00
<u>Weekend of April 3 / 4</u>	\$17,297.25
Electronic Giving	2,262.00
Holy Thursday	289.00
Total	19,848.25
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$11,452.19
Diocesan Holy Land	\$825.00

2021 BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

*Transformed by Christ Body and Blood –
 Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church*

A vocation to the priesthood is both challenging and rewarding. A priest is called to be a witness of Christ. He is a minister of the sacraments, proclaimer of the word, teacher of the faith, and steward of the Church. He accompanies the faithful through this world, leading the way to the eternal kingdom of heaven.

Discernment of a vocation to the priesthood requires specialized guidance to navigate the spiritual formation and academic demands of the seminary. While the Diocese of Metuchen has been blessed with an increase in the number of men studying for the priesthood—currently 24—the expense of educating and preparing our future priests is also rising. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal will help provide men with the opportunity to successfully complete their journey through the seminary and ensure the future of our Church. Please give as generously as your means allow.





SINCERE THANKS

To all those who assisted with their time and talents to make Holy Week go so smoothly and prayerfully we say **THANK YOU**. To the Deacons who did a lot of extra service, to the decorating committee, to the wonderful parish musicians, to those who served at Mass, or counted heads, or counted the collections or cleaned the church or did anything at all, no matter how large or small, to make the liturgies inspiring and beautiful we are most grateful.

CONFESSIONS

A reminder to you all that regularly scheduled Confessions will resume in our parish on Wednesday of this coming week, April 14. From that point onward we will keep our regular schedule of Confessions of Wednesday Evenings from 7:15-8:00PM and also on Saturday afternoons from 4:00-4:45PM.

FELITTI & SUTTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will award two \$500 college scholarships during Spring 2021.

High school and college students are eligible to apply.

Applications are due by May 15 and can be downloaded from www.council5170.org

FROM THE PASTOR



Surrexit Dominus! Alleluia!

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!

We continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on this second Sunday of Easter, the Octave Day of Easter. It is also called "Low Sunday" in some places to mark the opposite end of the Octave from the "high" festivities of Easter Sunday itself.

In the older form of the Mass, the Extraordinary Form which many still refer to as the Old Latin Mass this was called the Domenica in albis (the Sunday "in albis", or "White Sunday") because of the baptismal garments of the newly Baptized which, just like the priest's white robe, is called an alb and which they would wear until the Easter Octave.

Some die-hard traditionalists still like to refer to this day as "Quasimodo Sunday" because of the first word of the Introit (Entrance Antiphon) in Latin. In Victor Hugo's famous novel, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" the main character, a disabled foundling with a hunched back left on the steps of the cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris is found by the Archdeacon on the Second Sunday of Easter, or Quasimodo Sunday and so he names the baby Quasimodo.

In the year 2000 Saint John Paul II designated this Second Sunday in the Easter Octave to be the Sunday of Divine Mercy and many people who are attached to that devotion in the Church celebrate with great festivity today.

All of these names -the most ancient and the most recent- describe this day that we keep on which we continue to proclaim the wondrous news that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. The Paschal Mystery of the Lord's passion, death, resurrection and ascension is the central point of belief in our faith. Celebrating it for a full 50 days, surpassing the 40 days of Lent that we used to prepare for it, underscores its importance in the lives of all Christians. Jesus broke the bonds of death and freed us from slavery to sin making true reconciliation a reality because of His eternal mercy.

So, the old expression that "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" was never more true than it is right now. We stand at the foot of the cross on which the work of our salvation was accomplished **and** we stand gazing at the empty tomb by which we know death did not triumph in the end but new and glorious life was bestowed on Him, and is promised to us all.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith...a faith by which we know that Christ is truly risen. ALLELUIA!

