

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>April 17</u>
5:00pm	+Frank & Dorothy Edolo
r/o	Gale Edolo
Sunday	<u>April 18</u>
	<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>
7:30am	+George W. Melious
r/o	John & Linda McGinn
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Deceased Members of the
r/o	Setteducato & Kovacs Families
	Bobby & Mary Kovacs
Monday	<u>April 19</u>
9:00am	+Michael Gichuhi
r/o	The Finnegan Family
Tuesday	<u>April 20</u>
9:00am	+Vincenza Emiliani
r/o	The Thompson Family
Wednesday	<u>April 21</u>
9:00am	+Frank Ciszkowski
r/o	Wife, Jo
Thursday	<u>April 22</u>
9:00am	+Angelo Falciani
r/o	Joe Irwin, Kelly Shelton, Samantha Irwin
Friday	<u>April 23</u>
9:00am	+Alice Pfeiffer
r/o	Joe Irwin, Kelly Shelton, Samantha Irwin

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<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
<u>Weekend of April 10 / 11</u>	\$4,849.00
Electronic Giving	1,279.00
Other	350.00
Total	\$6,478.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,918.06)

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

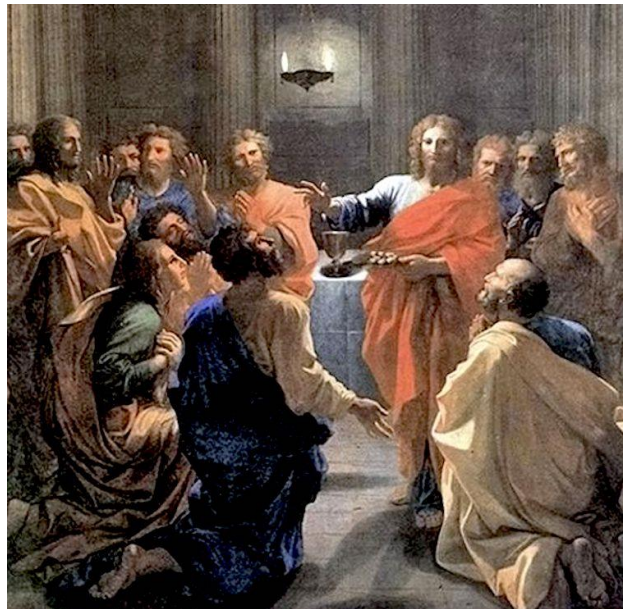
The Youth Leadership Circle will have a flower sale after all Masses the weekend of May 1 / 2. Order forms are available in the narthex of the church. Pre-orders can be placed in the envelope in the narthex. **(Please do not leave cash)**

Tomato plants and flowers will also be available for purchase on the dates of the sale. Thank you for supporting the Youth Group.

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



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

I hope your Easter Season is continuing to go well. This coming Wednesday, April 21, in addition to being the feast of St. Anselm is also "Secretaries' Day". I want to take a few moments to talk about our Parish Secretary, Laura Torres, and how much she does for our parish.

When I was appointed to come here to this parish a person on the diocesan staff told me, "You're very lucky. You're getting one of the best secretaries in the whole diocese!" In the years I have been here I have discovered that person was putting it mildly. I have worked in quite a few parishes in our diocese -eight to be exact- as well as in at least seven others in different parts of the country and I have rarely encountered someone who does the job Laura does and who does it so well, so efficiently and who also keeps such a good attitude and sense of humor while doing it.

She frequently puts in extra hours when asked (and sometimes volunteers to do so when *not* asked!); she runs the office by doing tasks that really should be covered by two people; she frequently gets phone calls at her home outside office hours (...and, by the way everyone, please stop doing that!) or gets button holed when someone sees her around town like in Shoprite or some other place and she always handles that with grace and good cheer.

She is the "front line" of our parish. Phone calls or drops ins to the office that come without warning or introduction are all fielded by her with good manners. Frequently, she gets the brunt of peoples' rude comments or angry complaints when they say things to her they wouldn't dare say to me. Each and every time she keeps right on going doing her job well. In six years I have never seen her allow the pressures of her job (and there are many) get to her or cause her to become bitter or resentful. She's only human and may feel that way at times but she never brings that to work with her.

Simply put, the person at the diocese who mentioned her to me was telling the truth. She is one of the best secretaries in the diocese, and one of the best I have ever encountered. She doesn't just help me but she does a great deal for all of you. As I always say: she really runs this parish; I just say the Masses. So, we wish Laura Torres a happy Secretaries' Day and we all say **THANK YOU, Laura!** Our prayerful best wishes and our gratitude this week and always.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia!

2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has had **\$14,064.00** pledged and has already paid **\$12,844.00** towards our parish goal of \$28,000.00. That's a little under 43% of our goal! And that has happened with nothing other than the letters and requests mailed to your homes.

So, we are well under way to reaching our parish goal once again this year. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. On the weekend of April 24 & 25 there will be an opportunity to make a pledge (no money need be donated yet) while you are coming to Mass. Pledge cards and envelopes will be available in the pews that weekend.

You can also visit the diocesan website if you would prefer to make a pledge online. They have greatly simplified the online giving process. That can be found at www.diometuchen.org When you go to the website look for the blue box that says "Ways to Give" in the upper right corner and click on it. You may also scroll down the page to the links for the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Of course, if you prefer, you can mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000.

Keep in mind that making a pledge means that you **do not have to send money right now**. You may consider a sacrificial gift and then pay it in installments over the course of the coming months. Please consider making a pledge and helping us to do our part as a parish to achieve this year's goal.