

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.

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

April 25, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>April 24</u>
5:00pm	+Maria & Peter Imperatrice <i>r/o Elisa & Children</i>
Sunday	<u>April 25</u> <u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>
7:30am	+Mary Beirne <i>r/o Family</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Rosemarie Cusmano <i>r/o Andy & Adele Loigu</i>
Monday	<u>April 26</u>
9:00am	+Paul Paliscak <i>r/o The Kaspereen Family</i>
Tuesday	<u>April 27</u>
9:00am	+Angelo Falciani <i>r/o Catherine Shelton</i>
Wednesday	<u>April 28</u>
9:00am	+Carlton Webb <i>r/o Jim & Barbara McAloon</i>
Thursday	<u>April 29</u> <u>Saint Catherine of Sienna</u>
9:00am	Jim McAloon <i>r/o Wife, Barbara</i>
Friday	<u>April 30</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Family</i>

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 10 / 11</u>	\$4,849.00
Electronic Giving	1,279.00
Other	350.00
Total	\$6,478.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,918.06)
<u>Weekend of April 17 / 18</u>	\$3,338.00
Easter Offerings	2,850.00
Electronic Giving	3,001.00
Total	\$9,189.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	792.04

PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Parish Council Meetings are not private but are open to anyone wishing to attend. However, only Council members have a voice or a vote at the meeting.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

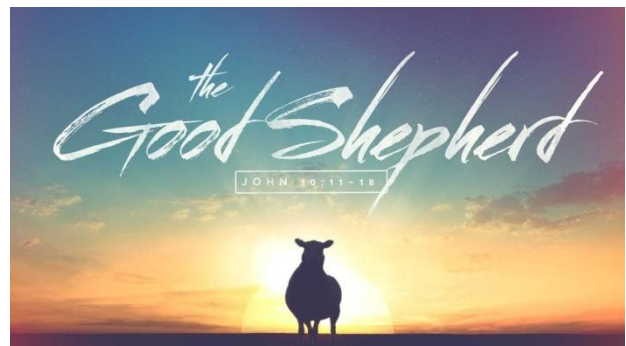
The Youth Leadership Circle will have a flower sale after all Masses the weekend of May 1 / 2. Order forms are available in the narthex of the church. Pre-orders can be placed in the envelope in the narthex. **(Please do not leave cash)**

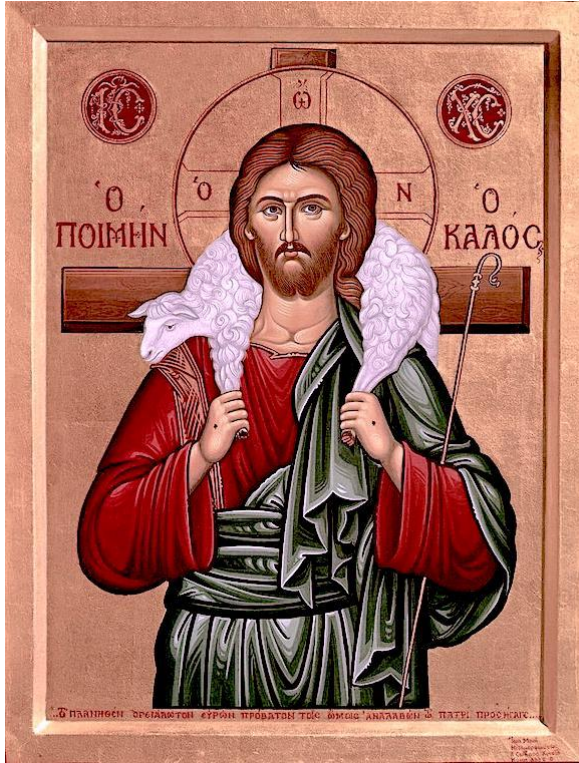
Tomato plants and flowers will also be available for purchase on the dates of the sale. Thank you for supporting the Youth Group.

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





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 \$16,524.00 pledged and has already paid \$15,304.00 towards our parish goal of \$28,000.00. That's 59.01% of our goal from just 66 parishioners!

We are under way to reaching our parish goal once again this year. There is plenty of time to participate. This weekend at all Masses there is an opportunity to make a pledge. Pledge cards and envelopes will be available in the pews.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

We keep Good Shepherd Sunday this weekend. Do you allow the Lord to shepherd you? We are, after all, His followers. We're not His customers, His constituents, His fans or His audience. Rather, we are the sheep and He is the shepherd.

Sometimes people bristle at being called sheep. They see it, I think, as demeaning. Sheep aren't particularly intelligent animals. They are known for obeying very blithely. Nevertheless, while a calm and trusting demeanor is expected and required of us no one is trying to assert that we should be unintelligent disciples!

Instead, we can use the gift of our own free will as well as the gift of our intellect to make a conscious decision to follow Jesus. Of course, we all should strive to trust Him more, to obey Him more and to believe in Him more. The Lord provides for us. That may not always take the form of material goods but the Lord is always watching over us. In addition, He is the Good Shepherd because He was willing to lay down His life for His sheep. He suffered and died...for **YOU!**

Because He also rose again triumphantly from the grave He also offers to you the reality of eternal life and the forgiveness of sin. He does not do this because we perform certain tasks, we jump through certain hoops and then we earn it. Rather, the grace of God, the mercy of God and life everlasting is offered to us freely out of love.

It is there for the asking. Then, once we have asked, it behooves us to conform our lives more and more closely to His each day. That's not easy but it is possible. We must all strive to live our lives in such a way that we prove we believe in Jesus and what He has taught us. We have to trust Him enough to allow Him to shepherd us. This we can do with great confidence and with assurances of consolation in times of difficulty because He is the Good Shepherd.

Do not disdain to be seen as one of His flock; as a sheep under His care. It is a mark of honor and a cause of our joy in the Living God.

He is truly risen! Alleluia!

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

