

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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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>February 13</u>
5:00pm	+Tom Bruno
r/o	Marie Marrello
Sunday	February 14
	<u>Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Isabel Giugliano
r/o	Marie & Justin Walker
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Joseph & Celina Paslawski
r/o	Joe Paslawski
Monday	<u>February 15</u>
9:00am	Jennifer Jean Lee
r/o	Ann Marie Lee
Tuesday	<u>February 16</u>
9:00am	+Rosalie Wargin
r/o	George & Paula Stine
Wednesday	February 17
	<u>Ash Wednesday</u>
9:00am	George Melious
r/o	Family
Thursday	<u>February 18</u>
9:00am	Bette Hoffman
r/o	A Parishioner
Friday	<u>February 19</u>
9:00am	+Rita Rafalko
r/o	Fr. Guy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Charlotte Barczak, Daisy Barczak, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Joan Castella, 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, George Melious, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Donna Rogulski, Charlie Post, Pat Post, 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 January 30 / 31</u>	\$4,984.00
Electronic Giving	1,335.00
Total	\$6,319.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,077.06)
<u>Weekend of February 6 / 7</u>	\$2,482.00
Electronic Giving	1,995.00
Other	1,923.00
Total	\$6,400.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,996.06)

ASH WEDNESDAY

In response to the many inquiries we have received we are reminding you that, as had already been announced, there will be no blessing and distribution of ashes this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

PRESIDENTS DAY

Monday, February 15 is Presidents' Day. The Rectory Office will be closed that day in observance of the federal holiday.

TAX INFO

Those of you who would like a summary of the donations you have made to the parish during the past year in order to file your income taxes **PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR REQUEST** and a summary will be mailed to your home. Please, kindly, do not come into the office to make your request expecting to receive it right away. If you call us with your request we are happy to send you one but we cannot stop and prepare one on demand. Thank You!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **Take-Out Fish Fry** on Friday, February 26.

Meal choices include baked or fried fish, fried shrimp, or a combination dinner. All meals come with fries, cole slaw, dessert and your choice of bottled water or flavored seltzer.

Orders must be placed by 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 24 by going to council5170.org
The cost of each meal is \$10.00 Meals can be picked up on the west side of Saint Joseph Parish Center between 5:00pm – 6:30pm.

Proceeds will benefit local Warren County charities such as Abilities of NJ, Habitat for Humanity, Grandma's House, ARC of Warren County and local parishes.

RESUMPTION OF MASSES

Starting **NEXT WEEK** on the First Sunday of Lent we resume our full schedule of Masses:

Saturday Evening at 5:00PM (this Mass is also live-streamed on our Facebook page)

Sunday Morning at 7:30AM, 9:30AM *IN SPANISH* and 11:00AM

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 9:00AM

Confessions Saturdays from 4:00-4:45PM

Church open daily for private prayer.

NOTE: There will be a maximum of 110 people allowed at each Mass and the bathrooms in church remain CLOSED.

OBLIGATIONS FOR LENT

So that the Church may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese of Metuchen who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. In this parish our patronal day, which is a solemnity, St. Joseph's Day on March 19 is a Friday. As Pastor I inform you that you do not have to abstain from meat that day but, if you wish you may either abstain from meat on another day that week -OR- abstain from meat for two out of the three meals you will have that day and have meat at your principal meal. **This applies to Friday, March 19 ONLY!**

3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection.

4. The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic Tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14 and for the rest of their lives. Abstinence in the Catholic Tradition means to abstain from meat.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any one penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

FROM THE PASTOR



Lent begins next week! I am happy to say that, as I had told you, we will resume our full Mass schedule on the First Sunday of Lent. Elsewhere in this bulletin the full schedule is printed for you. I want to emphasize again that because we removed some of the seats in the cry room the new maximum

number of people allowed to be in church for each Mass is now **110 people** (down from 125). The Knights of Columbus have graciously offered to assist with monitoring the number of people at Mass. One of them will be here to count heads and, if/when we reach our maximum capacity, they will lock the doors. So, starting next week if you arrive at church for Mass and find the door locked that simply means that Mass is full.

I also want to emphasize again that the rest rooms will remain **CLOSED**. So, if you know that you regularly need the rest room at Mass -OR- for families with small children who sometimes need a rest room on short notice, then please keep that in mind when deciding whether or not to come to Mass. You will have no access to a rest room.

I remind you all that Mass will continue to be live-streamed on our parish Facebook page on Saturdays at 5:00PM and remain available throughout the weekend. You do not need to have a Facebook account in order to view the Mass on Facebook.

I will remind you that this year, due to Covid-19, there will be no blessing and distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. In addition, Ash Wednesday, February 17, is **NOT a holy day of obligation**. Receiving ashes is a custom, *not a requirement*. Also, it is inconsiderate to go to another church that day just because you want ashes. Other parishes are also subject to maximum capacity numbers. Don't go to another church and take up a space that, by right, belongs to a member of that parish.

The guidelines for fasting and abstinence for Lent are printed elsewhere in this bulletin. Please take note that there is a minimum and a maximum age for the practice of fasting. If you are aged 60 or older fasting is optional but not mandatory. However, *there is no maximum age for the practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays*. That you have to do from age 14 and for the rest of your natural life.

I am greatly looking forward to seeing you at Mass. I know this has been a hardship and a great sacrifice for many of you these past five weeks. I can only say again that the decision was made in the interests of keeping people safe. If it was an overreaction or an error it was an error on the side of caution.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!