

# 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.*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 21, 2021**



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>February 20</u></b>
5:00pm	+Jennie Mae Crouse
r/o	Grace Scodari
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 21</b>
	<b><u>First Sunday of Lent</u></b>
7:30am	+Joan Castella
r/o	Cousins
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Deceased Members of the
r/o	Bradunas Family
	Karole & Terry Bradunas
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
	<b><u>The Chair of Saint Peter</u></b>
	<b><u>the Apostle</u></b>
9:00am	+Joseph & Florence Hudock
r/o	Ann Daugert
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>February 23</u></b>
9:00am	+Rosalie Wargin
r/o	Paul & Arlene Paliscak
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>February 24</u></b>
9:00am	+Maria Geerlings
r/o	Rev. Blaise R. Baran
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>February 25</u></b>
9:00am	+Rosalie Wargin
r/o	Lou & MaryJane Lusardi
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>February 26</u></b>
9:00am	+Frank McLaughlin
r/o	Jim & Barbara McAloon

**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, AnnMcComb, 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
<b><u>Weekend of February 6 / 7</u></b>	<b>\$2,482.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,995.00
Other	1,923.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,400.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,996.06)</b>
<b><u>Weekend of February 13 / 14</u></b>	<b>\$3,499.00</b>
Electronic Giving	2,381.00
Other	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,380.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,016.06)</b>

**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](http://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.





## MASS SCHEDULE

We have resumed 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



*"Lord, who throughout these 40 days for us did fast and pray; teach us to discipline our wills and close by you to stay..."*

Thus begins an old and favorite Lenten hymn as we once again enter into the prayer and penance of Lent. This is the time of year to

hit the "reset" button of your life. It's a time to pray more; to fast from many things including food; to abstain from eating meat on Fridays; to give alms to the poor and assistance to those less fortunate than ourselves.

These days are a time for us to draw closer to the Lord and try to purify ourselves by self-denial and sacrifice in order to make a good preparation to enter into the celebration of Easter worthily. Each year the Church throughout the world undertakes this form of spiritual "Spring Cleaning" (the word "Lent" means springtime) so that we have the opportunity to shake off the dust and cobwebs of our souls and practice those virtuous acts that help us to atone for our sinfulness and openly accept the mercy and forgiveness offered to us by the beautiful Paschal Mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

As a parish you have all been making sacrifices already, especially during these past twelve months of the pandemic. This, of course, includes the past five weeks in which there has not been the opportunity to come in-person to worship at Mass here at your parish church. I know this has been difficult for many of you.

As so many people have been hoping, the surge in Covid-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths that befell us after Christmas has abated. I am glad that, as difficult as the past five weeks have been for many, if not most of you, it is over with and we are happily returned to our full schedule of Masses open for people to attend. Yes, we still have some restrictions that are necessary: Maximum capacity at each Mass is 110 people; face masks **MUST** be worn; hand sanitizer should be used by **EVERYONE** on entering church; the rest rooms remain **CLOSED**; Singing is still minimal and Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass so you may receive and then immediately leave the church building.

These were all in place beginning in June except that the maximum capacity was slightly higher then because there was more seating in the cry room that has since been removed. So, we are back in church which is good news. We are also remaining cautious and vigilant for the sake of everyone's health. That's good news too.

Stay Clam; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the 9:00AM Mass and also at 7:00PM every Friday in Lent beginning on **Friday, February 26**. In addition, Confessions will be heard from 6:30-7:30PM during Stations beginning on the same date.