

# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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*"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

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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.*

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>January 9</u></b>
5:00pm	+Anthony Celentano
r/o	Alfred Selvester
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 10</b>
	<b><u>Baptism of the Lord</u></b>
7:30am	+Audrey Phillips
r/o	Deacon Ed Hartmann
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Stanley & Genevieve Koscinski
r/o	Joe Paslawski
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 11</b>
9:00am	+Robert Lance
r/o	Phyllis & Anthony Lamberto
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 12</b>
9:00am	+Joseph Stack, Jr.
r/o	Ann Daugert
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>January 13</u></b>
9:00am	+Doris Baldwin
r/o	Michael & Susan Fleming
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>January 14</u></b>
9:00am	+Donald Donofrio
r/o	Frank & Andrea Marsello
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>January 15</u></b>
11:00am	+John & Katherine Lestuck
r/o	Joyce Rock

### 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, 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

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to represent St. Joseph Church for the local food pantry on Tuesdays from 9:15AM – 11:00AM at the Presbyterian Church.

If you are able to assist please call Mary Jane Lusardi 908-689-0257

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<b>Christmas, December 25</b>	<b>\$16,311.00</b>
<b>Weekend of December 26/ 27</b>	<b>3,794.00</b>
Electronic Giving	2,003.00
Other	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,258.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$13,861.04</b>
<b>Weekend of January 2 / 3, 2021</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,463.00
Christmas Offerings	550.00
Solemnity of Mary	599.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,612.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$215.94</b>

### GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE IN THE NEW YEAR!

Sign-up for the Knights of Columbus Council 5170 blood drive on January 10, 2021, which will be held in the Saint Joseph Parish Center to facilitate social distancing.

You can make your appointment via [www.council5170.org](http://www.council5170.org)

### TAKEOUT DINNER WITH THE SAINTS

This month we honor Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, who was a convert to Catholicism and is the patron of Catholic schools.

There is a beautiful statue of Mother Seton in the narthex of our church. She was the first American citizen born in the United States canonized a saint. Seton Hall University is named in her honor. Since Mother Seton was from New York City, this month's takeout menu will feature a classic New York hoagie (roast beef, Italian or turkey) served with chips, cole slaw, your choice of water or seltzer water and a cookie for dessert.

All dinners are \$10.00 and **must be ordered no later than the end of the day on Thursday, January 21.**

Orders can be placed at [www.council.org](http://www.council.org) and can be **picked up** on the west side of the Parish Center **between 4:00PM – 7:00PM on Saturday, January 23.**

All proceeds benefit local Warren County charities. Each order comes with a holy card.



## SCHEDULE IN JANUARY

For the rest of the month of January:

NO public Mass on Saturday Evening  
No public Masses on Sunday

Live-streamed Mass Saturdays at 5:00PM

Holy Communion distributed Sundays 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 9:00AM

Confessions Saturdays from 4:00-4:45PM

Church open daily for private prayer.

**NOTE:** The bathrooms in church are **CLOSED**.

## FYI

At the suggestion of the Parish Council Fr. Guy would like to give you some idea of the extraordinary (that is, not typical or usual operating costs) expenses we have incurred in recent weeks. You may find this interesting, or perhaps even helpful information. At present extraordinary expenses that require attention include:

-Snow Removal for the most recent snow storm: \$1,670.00

-Repairs and replacement of the lights in the Narthex to LED lights: \$6,075.00

-Repairs to the masonry of the chimney of the Rectory: \$11,800.00

We are happy to report as well that we are in receipt of a rebate from the Bishop's Annual Appeal due to the fact that we exceeded our parish goal. The rebate is in the amount of \$2,314.00

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We will take up our monthly food collection for the Washington Food Pantry next week, January 16, 17 & 18. You may drop off **non-perishable** food items in the church Narthex:

Saturday between 10:00AM-4:30PM

Sunday between 10:00AM-11:30AM

Monday between 8:30AM-4:00PM.

## ALTAR ROSARY HOLY HOURS

Please take note that due to a *complete lack of interest* the monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society has been discontinued indefinitely. If they resume there will be sufficient notice prior to the resumption.

## FROM THE PASTOR



On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord I will say, "Merry Christmas" one last time. It has been a tumultuous start to the New Year and if you are like me you are still somewhat reeling from the events in Washington, DC on January 6. This is an odd and very troublesome time for our country.

Regardless of how you voted, what party you support, or what your own particular political beliefs are I hope we can all agree that violence is never a satisfactory way to try to solve problems. I hope we all turn to the Lord for guidance and strength in the days of transition.

We, as followers of Jesus Christ, abhor the loss of life and the fact that so many people were injured. We pray for them and their families. There are so many freedoms we enjoy in this great country of ours and among them are the freedom to assemble and to protest. Each year in January many American citizens march on Washington to stand up for the sanctity of human life. But, when such demonstrations turn violent and lawless we must all stand back and ask why? In addition, we must all take this time to reflect, to pray and to seek the wisdom and strength of God, our Father, our Guide and our true Ruler.

On a happier note I'm glad to say that I thought our celebration(s) for Christmas this year were lovely, albeit very different because of the pandemic. I wish to reiterate my sincere thanks to Shirley Firling and all those involved in our Music Ministries for enhancing Christmas worship and for the extraordinarily beautiful Lessons & Carols last Sunday. My thanks go also to Sharon Levin and all those who helped decorate and maintain the beautiful decorations. My sincere thanks to Deacon Ed and Deacon Sylvan for all their hard work with the many liturgies. Thanks are also extended to Karole Bradunas for coordinating our Parish Outreach annual support to families in need at Christmas time. We managed to have a beautiful celebration of Our Lord's Birth and it was thanks to the efforts of so many people. I am most grateful to all of them and to all of YOU for your generosity in the Christmas collection.

Please do take notice of the schedule printed elsewhere in this bulletin regarding what is and what is not on offer here in the parish during the rest of the month of January. Towards the end of the month we will evaluate whether or not we need to extend the suspension of weekend public Masses into February. The plan is to resume the usual schedule for the First Sunday of Lent, February 21.

The pandemic continues to be present and growing in our country. Please do not become complacent. Take all the necessary precautions to remain safe and healthy for your own sake as well as for the sake of those you love.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

