

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>January 16</u>
5:00pm	Joan Castella
r/o	Cousins
Sunday	January 17
	<u>Second Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Harry Rowland
r/o	Frank & Andrea Marsello
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Deceased Members of the Bucciaglia Family
r/o	Karole & Terry Bradunas
Monday	<u>January 18</u>
9:00am	+Rev. Emil Stack
r/o	Ann Daugert
Tuesday	<u>January 19</u>
9:00am	+John H, Melious, Sr.
r/o	Family
Wednesday	<u>January 20</u>
9:00am	+Manuel Quintela
r/o	The Torres Family
Thursday	January 21
	<u>Saint Agnes</u>
9:00am	+Richard Grisaitis
r/o	The Mikaliunas Family
Friday	<u>January 22</u>
9:00am	+Eddie Lang
r/o	Patricia Selvester

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

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, January 18
In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of January 2 / 3, 2021</u>	\$6,000.00
Electronic Giving	1,463.00
Christmas Offerings	550.00
Solemnity of Mary	599.00
Total	\$8,612.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$215.94
<u>Weekend of January 9 / 10</u>	\$3,730.00
Electronic Giving	1,327.00
Other	500.00
Total	\$5,557.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,839.06)

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 and can be **picked up** on the west side of the Parish Center **between 4:00PM – 7:00PM on Saturday, January 23.** Each order comes with a holy card.

All proceeds will benefit the Portieles family from our parish, whose home had been destroyed by a fire last weekend.



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. 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 in receipt of a very kind annual offering to us from the Divine Mercy Center on Route 57 in the amount of \$500.00. The Christmas offerings were indeed generous but it won't cover everything on the list. During the last three weeks we took in a combined total of \$36,427.00. The weekly operating costs (\$8,396.06 per week) for those three weeks totals \$25,188.18. That leaves a sum of \$11,238.82. But, the total cost of the extra expenses is \$19,545.00 so we're still \$8,306.18 **behind**.

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



This has certainly been a tumultuous couple of weeks for our country. If you're like me perhaps you have spent some anxious hours in front of the TV watching the events in Washington, DC with a sense of disbelief, or perhaps even shock.

Maybe, too, you have spent some time in prayer for our country and its leaders. I know I have.

This series of events, like so many others involving our government, can often be polarizing and divisive. People have very strong beliefs about what should be done in government. It does seem to me as though there is a deep and growing entrenchment and partisan argument. That can sometimes be counter productive. It can also be a bit frightening.

It isn't my place as your Pastor to make political speeches or to try and direct you in your political beliefs. I see my role as trying to help you to form a good and spiritually mature conscience that has as its basis the teachings of our Mother, the Church. Of course I have my own political views and ideas. I'm only human after all! Nevertheless, as a priest and as your Pastor I don't need to be sharing those with you from the pulpit, or in this space. Everyone should be able to be part of the parish without feeling judged, condemned or excluded in any way. We are all God's children (and He doesn't care about politics).

Every year the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time before Advent begins. Each year we conclude our liturgical year with a reminder that Jesus Christ is Our Lord, and King. I am put in mind of the powerful words from the Prophet Isaiah,

"See, the nations count as a drop in the bucket, as a wisp of cloud on the scales; the coastlands weigh no more than a speck. Before him all the nations are as naught, as nothing and void he counts them."
(Isaiah 40: 15 & 17)

We must always find our strength, our comfort, our consolation, our safety and our hope in the **Lord**, not in the machinations of men & women. I pray that those leading our country will espouse the values of our Founders and move forward striving for peace, seeking justice and preserving our liberty according to law. May God bless the United States of America, now perhaps more than ever before.

I pray for all of you and your families in these trying times. Between the political situation and the pandemic *we need to love each other all the more*.

Stay calm; Stay safe; Keep the Faith!

