

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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Website----- stjosephwashingtongj.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

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 24, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>January 23</u>
5:00pm	+Agnes D. Melious
r/o	Family
Sunday	<u>January 24</u>
	<u>Third Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	George Melious
r/o	Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Paul Winters
r/o	Mary & Bobby Kovacs
Monday	<u>January 25</u>
	<u>Conversion of Saint Paul</u>
9:00am	+Henry & Eleanor Stack
r/o	Ann Daugert
Tuesday	<u>January 26</u>
	<u>Saints Timothy & Titus</u>
9:00am	+Emil Hudock
r/o	Ann Daugert
Wednesday	<u>January 27</u>
9:00am	+Robert Feilmeyer
r/o	The Finnegan Family
Thursday	<u>January 28</u>
	<u>Saint Thomas Aquinas</u>
9:00am	+Mitchell Patino
r/o	Andy & Sharon Levin
Friday	<u>January 29</u>
9:00am	+Shun Hwa C. Liu
r/o	Deacon Ed Hartmann

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

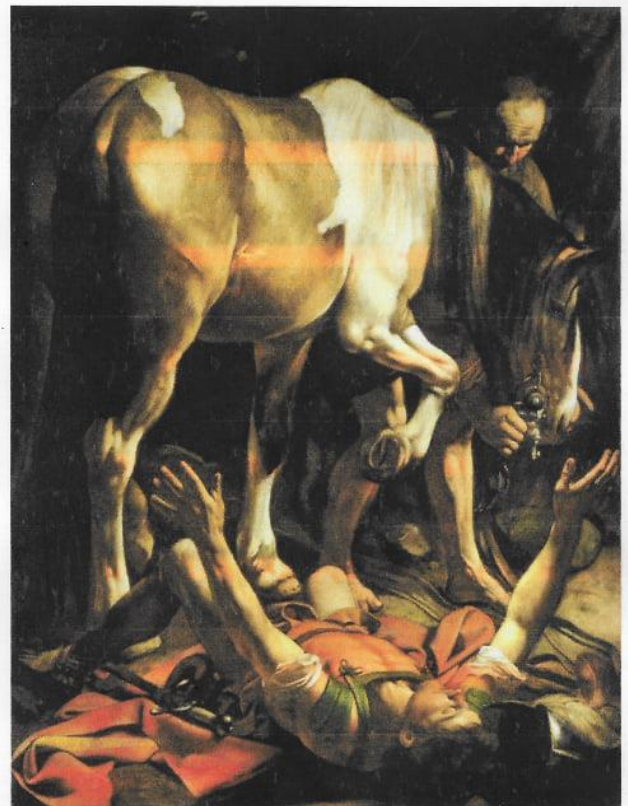
WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<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)
<u>Weekend of January 16 / 17</u>	\$4,386.00
Electronic Giving	2,670.00
Other	480.00
Total	\$7,536.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$860.06)
Diocesan Catholic Education	\$130.00

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, January 23 at 7:00AM in the Community Room (please wear a mask).

We will be reading and considering the Life of Saint Joseph and His World. The meeting lasts for one hour. The group meets every other Saturday. Participants may attend as their schedule allows. For more information contact Terry Finnegan at finneganterence@msn.com



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

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Sincere THANKS to all of you who so generously contributed to the monthly food drive for the Washington Food Pantry. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

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.

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

FROM THE PASTOR



We hear a lot in the readings this week about the call of God. Lots of us acknowledge that we were called by God to be His children. Most of us didn't hear that call as infants. Our parents made that decision for us. But, at some point in our lives we have all listened for the call of God and we have decided to respond. It could have been at our Confirmation, or when we decided to get married in the Church, or when we had to make the decision to have our children baptized. For others, like myself, it involved following the vocation to priesthood, or the Religious Life. But, God always calls to us and we, using our free will, have to respond to that call.

Of course, we can also use that free will to reject the call of God, to run from it or simply to ignore it in the hopes that it will go away. God is unrelenting, however. He will not force us but He will always seek us and pursue us and invite us to be His disciples.

But we are in the driver's seat. Discipleship is a decision; it is a choice. We must make it and then we must follow through on it. That's often not easy. Nevertheless, just because something isn't easy doesn't mean it isn't worthwhile. In fact, if you think about it, I'm sure you'll agree that most often in life the things that are the most worthwhile are also the most difficult.

So, don't lose heart when following the Lord seems difficult. It is! But, the One who calls us is also our companion of the trip. He also guides us, guards us and sustains us each and every step of the way. We may not always sense His presence but those are usually the times that we have wandered off away from Him. When we turn back to Him we'll find He is always there, always waiting, and always willing to have us back.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

