

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

Fax ----- 908-689-3436

Website----- stjosephwashingtongnj.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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2021



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

- Saturday January 30**
 - 5:00pm +Jennie Mae Crouse
r/o *Maryellen Hudock*
- Sunday January 31
Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**
 - 7:30am +Edie Lang
r/o *Patricia Selvester*
 - 9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)
 - 11:00am +Deceased Members of the
r/o *DeLorenzo & Plakotaris Families*
Yvonne & Family
- Monday February 1**
 - 9:00am +Al Daugert
r/o *Ann Daugert*
- Tuesday February 2
The Presentation of the Lord**
 - 9:00am +Michael Settuducato Sr. & Jr.
r/o *Mary Kovacs*
- Wednesday February 3**
 - 9:00am +John & Mary Hudock
r/o *Ann Daugert*
- Thursday February 4**
 - 9:00am +Deceased Members of the
r/o *Hudock Family*
Mary Ellen Hudock
- Friday February 5
Saint Agatha**
 - 9:00am Knights & Dames of the M.O.C.
r/o *M.O.C. - USA*

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

<u>WEEKLY OFFERING</u>	
<u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u>	
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of January 16 / 17</u>	
Electronic Giving	2,670.00
Other	480.00
Total	\$7,536.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$860.06)
Diocesan Catholic Education	\$130.00
<u>Weekend of January 23 / 24</u>	
Electronic Giving	1,137.00
Total	\$4,229.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,167.06)

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, February 6 at 7:00AM in the Community Room (please wear a mask).

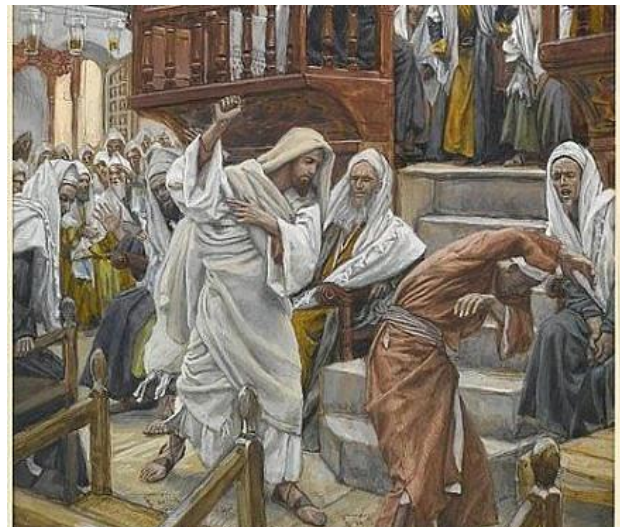
We will be reading and considering the Life of Saint Joseph and His World. The meeting lasts for one hour. The group meets every other Saturday. Participants may attend as their schedule allows. For more information contact Terry Finnegan at finneganterence@msn.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights will sponsor a Super Bowl Soup fundraiser on Sunday, February 7. Choices include: Turkey soup, Beef Barley, Corn Chowder, Split Pea, Chicken Tortilla, Shrimp & Corn Gumbo, and Butternut Squash.

Quarts of heat-and-serve soups can be purchased for \$7.00 per quart and **must be ordered no later than February 3.**

Soups can be ordered at council5170.org and can be picked up on the west side of the St. Joseph Parish Center between 11:00am and Noon. Proceeds will benefit local charities in Warren County.



SCHEDULE IN FEBRUARY

Until the First Sunday of Lent:

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

To keep you in the loop about some of our extraordinary expenses; the expenses over and above our weekly operating costs, at present extraordinary expenses that require attention include:

-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

-Cost for the engineering study on the Classroom Building roof in order to have an accurate estimate of repairs: \$2,000.00

Our recent collections surrounding Christmas were, indeed, very generous. But that won't get us all the way there when you factor in the \$8,396.06 we need to cover weekly ordinary costs.

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. Please note, there will not be a meeting held on Monday, February 1.

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

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Our monthly collection of food for the Washington Food Pantry will take place the weekend of February 13 & 14. Non-Perishable food items may be dropped off in the Church Narthex that weekend on Saturday and Sunday only, please.

FROM THE PASTOR



I hope you are all surviving the extremely cold weather. You know that it's really cold because ***even I*** think it has been cold this past week!

As we get to the end of January I do want to tell you the disappointing news that we have decided to continue to suspend public weekend Masses into the beginning of February. This will continue for the next few weeks until the beginning of Lent.

Public weekend Masses will resume on Saturday, February 20 & Sunday February 21 for the First Sunday of Lent. At that time we will resume our full Mass schedule with two significant differences: The maximum capacity of the church for public Masses will be **110 people** and the public **rest rooms will remain closed**.

In the mean time the church remains open every day for prayer; daily Mass is celebrated M-F at 9:00AM; Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00-4:45PM; we live-stream Mass each Saturday at 5:00PM (and it's available for viewing all weekend) and Holy Communion is distributed every Sunday from 11:00-11:30AM.

As I say, I know this will come as a very great disappointment for many, if not most of you. I know that you desire to get back to coming to Sunday Mass in person and I know that many of you tremendously miss the comfort that worshipping in church with your fellow parishioners brings to you, especially in these times. I don't undertake decisions like this lightly or alone either. There has been a lot of consultation and prayer (including a conversation about it with the bishop) and, while I know this decision is an unpopular one, I feel it is important that if I am going to be in error that it be an error on the side of caution.

I also miss having people in church each weekend. I look forward to seeing you as well as being able to preach the Word of God to you personally rather than through a camera. Nevertheless, right now I think we are better off continuing as we have been until the beginning of Lent. In that holy season of preparation and penance we will be able to resume our full schedule in order to assist people in their Lenten observances and their preparation for a holy Easter.

Please continue to pray for an end to this horrible pandemic.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith.

