

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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	July 3
5:00pm	+The Bruno Family
r/o	Marie Marrello
Sunday	July 4
	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Oseas Gomez
r/o	Ileana Hannema
Monday	July 5
9:00am	+Catherine Papp
r/o	Deacon Ed
Tuesday	July 6
9:00am	+Martin Rock
r/o	Joyce Rock & Sons
Wednesday	July 7
9:00am	Christopher Lee
r/o	Ann Marie Lee
Thursday	July 8
9:00am	+Catherine Phifield
r/o	Joyce Rock
Friday	July 9
9:00am	+Rosalie Wargin
r/o	Mary Kovacs

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Linda Detrich, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Brittany Lawrence, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Deborah Ann Matuszkiewicz, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Pat Nilsen, Richard Polhemus, 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
Weekend of June 19 / 20	\$4,985.00
Electronic Giving	2,321.00
Other	150.00
Total	\$7,456.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$940.06)
Weekend of June 26 / 27	\$5,326.00
Electronic Giving	1,444.00
Total	\$6,770.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,626.06)
Mission Cooperative Plan	\$2,368.00

THANKS FROM FR. LENIN

We received a lovely email this past week from Fr. Lenin Raj and his companion, Fr. Raju Pilla expressing their tremendous gratitude for the way you received Fr. Lenin last weekend when he was here making the Mission Appeal. The generosity of your collection and the warmth of your welcome was greatly appreciated. It's so nice to know that, once again, St. Joseph lived up to its well-earned reputation of being a warm and welcoming community.

Thanks to you all!

DAILY MASS FOR THE SUMMER

Please take note of a temporary change that affects the celebration of daily Mass in our parish. Until the end of August the daily Mass celebrated at 9:00AM Monday - Friday will be celebrated in the Cry Room and not in the main body of the church.

In past years we used to get as many as 25 or even 30 people at daily Mass. This has been slowly dwindling over the years as some daily Mass attendees have become unable to be in church, have moved away or, sadly, have died. The number of daily Mass attendees is now somewhere around 15. In addition, during the warmest summer months it is far easier and more efficient to air condition the smaller Cry Room rather than run the air conditioning for the whole church. This will be a better use of our system so it will be more energy efficient and fiscally responsible.





RECTORY OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Rectory Office will be **CLOSED ALL DAY** on **Monday, July 5** in observance of Independence Day. The office will re-open as usual on **Tuesday, July 6**.

BINGO IS BACK!

Thanks to the volunteers we have received we are going to be able to commence regular BINGO at our Parish. We should be able to have a game twice every month on the **first** and **third** Sunday of each month starting in August.

There will be a **mandatory meeting for all BINGO volunteers** on **Thursday, July 15 at 7:00PM** in the Community Room. Please all BINGO volunteers **must** attend this meeting so that we can get organized to begin BINGO in August.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with BINGO but didn't have the chance to sign up then simply come to this meeting.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are still available for 2021. Please stop in the Parish Office or complete a Mass intention form with your request.

Requests cannot be taken over the telephone.

FROM THE PASTOR



Happy Fourth of July!

As our country celebrates 245 years of Independence let us all pray for the people of this great nation, its leaders and all those who serve in its Armed

Forces.

The motto on the coat of arms of this country, which is also familiar to most of you from the Great Seal, is "E Pluribus Unum" which means "From many: one". That is the ideal the Founders of this nation and the framers of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were aspiring towards. Namely, that in a diverse, pluralistic society made up of different races, creeds and backgrounds we could still find it within ourselves to be one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Cynics will sneer that we haven't achieved those things and then they will try to denounce the US as a "failure". But, that's because they have it backwards. The Founders weren't declaring that those things had been accomplished and, therefore, we could sit back and congratulate ourselves. Rather, these are ideals towards which we have aspired and towards which we aspire still. The US is a great experiment and, as such, a work in progress. Our task is far from over.

But that is no excuse to declare failure. There has been a great deal of progress toward achieving the goals and aspirations of the Founding men and women of this country. We may be far from perfect but that doesn't mean we are a failure. This is a country of tremendous freedom, abundant tolerance and opportunity for those who want to enjoy a life of peace and liberty. For that we should all be abundantly thankful. For those things we have gotten right we should, as a people, thank the Divine guidance that has led us. For all that we still need to work on and to achieve we should, likewise, seek the guidance and the blessings of Divine Providence.

Just like the signers of the Declaration of Independence we, too, should be willing to keep working on making this a better country and for that end to pledge, "... our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

Happy Independence Day to you all and to your families!

Keep the Faith.

