

# 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*



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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

12 Jackson Valley Road • Washington, New Jersey

## 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.*

THE MOST HOLY BODY  
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 6, 2021



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>June 5</b><br><b><u>Saint Boniface</u></b>                         |
| 5:00pm           | +Charles & Pat Post   |
| r/o              | Donna & Jim Lep   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 6</b><br><b><u>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</u></b> |
| 7:30am           | +Patti-Sue Rolak  |
| r/o              | Family  |
| 9:30am           | People of the Parish  |
| (Spanish)        |   |
| 11:00am          | +Madeline Whalen  |
| r/o              | Maryellen Hudock  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b><u>June 7</u></b>  |
| 9:00am           | +Virginia Yawger  |
| r/o              | Ron & Mary Lou Kvacs  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b><u>June 8</u></b>  |
| 9:00am           | +Anna Ubitz   |
| r/o              | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kadi & Family                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b><u>June 9</u></b>  |
| 9:00am           | +Karl Jewell  |
| r/o              | The Torres Family Family  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b><u>June 10</u></b>   |
| 9:00am           | +Elizabeth & Felix Smith  |
| r/o              | The Lusardi Family  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>June 11</b><br><b><u>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</u></b>        |
| 9:00am           | +Peggy Morrisroe  |
| r/o              | The Trimmer Family  |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Charlotte Barczak, Daisy Barczak, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, 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, Pat Nilsen, 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          |
| <b><u>Weekend of May 22 / 23</u></b> | <b>\$5,270.00</b>   |
| Electronic Giving                    | 1,439.00            |
| Other                                | 121.50              |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>\$6,830.50</b>   |
| <b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>    | <b>(\$1,565.56)</b> |
| <b><u>Weekend of May 29 / 30</u></b> | <b>\$6,115.00</b>   |
| Electronic Giving                    | 1,319.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>\$7,434.00</b>   |
| <b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>    | <b>(\$962.06)</b>   |

**2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

*"Transformed by Christ Body and Blood  
Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church"*

There has once again been good news in the weekly report of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

**As of this writing our parish has had \$27,019.00 pledged by 116 households and has already paid \$25,865.25 towards our parish goal of \$28,000.00. That's 96.5% of our goal!**

We now have just \$981.00 to go. Less than a thousand dollars to reach our parish goal!

Visit the diocesan website if you would prefer to make a pledge online. They have greatly simplified the online giving process. That can be found at

[www.diometuchen.org/BAA](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA)

Of course, if you prefer, you can mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000.

Making a pledge means that you **do not** have to send money right now. Our parish goal is in sight and getting closer all the time. **PLEASE help us to get to the finish line.**

**FATHER GUY'S Q&A**

We are finally back in person! There will be another meeting, and the first in-person meeting of Fr. Guy's Q&A, *"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Catholic Church...But Were Afraid To Ask"* in over a year on **Thursday, June 10 from 7:00-8:30PM** in the Community Room of the Parish Center.

Questions are written anonymously on pieces of paper and pulled from a hat to direct the discussion. This is an opportunity to ask whatever you might want to know about the Scriptures, the Mass, the Sacraments, the History of the Church, what Catholics believe or some of the moral issues facing us today. This is an informal discussion group for adults. Come, get out of the house for an evening and learn some more about your faith!



## **PARISH COUNCIL**

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Parish Council Meetings are not private but are open to anyone wishing to attend. However, only Council members have a voice or a vote at the meeting.

## **STOP YOUR TAX DOLLARS FROM PAYING FOR ABORTION**

A serious effort is underway in Congress to force all taxpayers to pay for elective abortions. The Hyde Amendment and other similar laws have long protected taxpayers from funding elective abortions.

Now, powerful members of Congress want to get rid of these laws, which have been supported by both Democrats and Republicans for 45 years.

Without the Hyde Amendment and related policies, billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion in the United States and throughout the world. Don't let our government make you pay for the taking of innocent human life. Contact Congress and tell them to keep the Hyde Amendment and related policies and to oppose any bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion. Visit: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home>

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170**

Currently the council is seeking new members who are eager to sustain the faith, strengthen families, support our local community, and to show pride in our country.

Any man, age 18 or older who is a practicing Catholic is eligible to join. Membership is free until June 30, 2021. Join at:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Oh Sacrament most holy; Oh Sacrament divine. All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

Today the Church keeps the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The day is most commonly known as Corpus Christi and it celebrates our belief in the True Presence of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist is the central act of belief in the Church. It is the supreme act of thanksgiving (which is what the word "eucharist" means) and it is the source of all divine grace for the faithful. The Body & Blood of Christ nourishes and sustains our faith.

We have also begun the month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is this coming Friday, June 11.

The devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Catholic devotions, wherein the heart of Jesus is viewed as a symbol of God's boundless and passionate love for mankind. The devotion is especially concerned with the long-suffering love and compassion of the heart of Christ towards humanity. The popularization of this devotion in its modern form is derived from Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, who said she learned the devotion from Jesus during a series of apparitions to her between 1673 and 1675, and later, in the 19th century, from the mystical revelations of another nun in Portugal, Blessed Mary of the Divine Heart Droste zu Vischering, a religious of the Good Shepherd, who requested in the name of Christ that Pope Leo XIII consecrate the entire world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Predecessors to the modern devotion arose in the Middle Ages in various facets of Catholic mysticism, particularly with Saint Gertrude the Great.

The Sacred Heart is often depicted in Christian art as a flaming heart shining with divine light, pierced by the lance-wound, encircled by the crown of thorns, surmounted by a cross, and bleeding. Sometimes, the image is shown shining within the bosom of Christ with his wounded hands pointing at the heart. The wounds and crown of thorns allude to the manner of Jesus' death, while the fire represents the transformative power of divine love.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: PRAY FOR US

