

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

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

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| Saturday | <u>March 13</u> |
| 5:00pm | +Rosalie Wargin <i>r/o Robert & Carmen Kadi & Family</i> |
| Sunday | <u>March 14</u> <u>Fourth Sunday of Lent</u> |
| 7:30am | +Joan Castella <i>r/o Jim & Barbara McAloon</i> |
| 9:30am (Spanish) | People of the Parish |
| 11:00am | +Eda Tejido <i>r/o Tejido & Montecino Families</i> |
| Monday | <u>March 15</u> |
| 9:00am | +Rosalie Wargin <i>r/o Jim & Barbara McAloon</i> |
| Tuesday | <u>March 16</u> |
| 9:00am | +George W. Melious <i>r/o Family</i> |
| Wednesday | <u>March 17</u> |
| 9:00am | +David Schmidt <i>r/o Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi</i> |
| Thursday | <u>March 18</u> |
| 9:00am | +Maria Woods <i>r/o Maryellen Hudock</i> |
| Friday | <u>March 19</u> <u>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the</u> <u>Blessed Virgin Mary</u> |
| 9:00am | +Kenneth J. Selvester <i>r/o Fr. Guy</i> |
| 7:00pm | People of the parish |

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 Gantesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Donna Rogulski, Pat Post, 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:

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| Church Expenses (Including Mortgage) | \$8,396.06 |
| <u>Weekend of February 27 / 28</u> | \$6,142.00 |
| Electronic Giving | 1,787.00 |
| Special Snow Collection Removal | 1,848.00 |
| Total | \$9,777.00 |
| Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) | \$1,380.94 |
| <u>Weekend of March 6 / 7</u> | \$5,218.00 |
| Electronic Giving | 2,402.00 |
| Special Snow Collection Removal | 390.00 |
| Other | 1,214.50 |
| Total | \$9,224.50 |
| Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) | 828.44 |

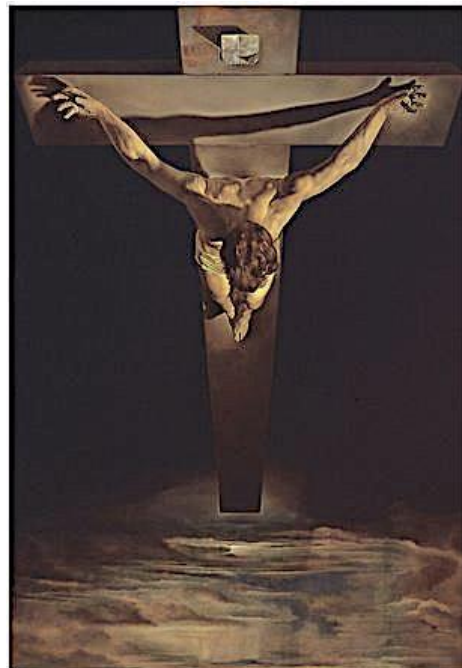
PALM CROSSES

The Youth Leadership Circle will be taking orders for Palm Crosses after Mass this weekend March 13 / 14. The crosses are \$10.00

Palm Crosses may be picked up in the Narthex the weekend of March 20 / 21. You may also order by contacting Terry Finnegan at 908-689-3505

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5170 BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a blood drive Sunday, March 28 in the Parish Center from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. Blood supplies are desperately low and every donation is needed. Please consider making this part of your Lenten devotions and help save a life. You may sign up via the web at council5170.org



MASS SCHEDULE

We have resumed our full schedule of Masses:
Saturday Evening at 5:00PM (this Mass is also live-streamed on our Facebook page)

Sunday Morning at 7:30AM, 9:30AM *in Spanish* and 11:00AM

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 9:00AM

Confessions Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00PM, Fridays IN LENT from 6:30-7:30PM and Saturdays from 4:00-4:45PM

Church open daily for private prayer.

NOTE: There will be a maximum of 200 people allowed at each Mass and the bathrooms in church remain CLOSED.

2021 BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

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

The global pandemic has challenged us to evolve in how we share and communicate the Gospel message, but the message remains the same and it is worth sharing. So, we must continue to journey with others, even if we are physically apart, to make the Good News and His love known to all because that is what will see us through. While our discipleship is to always find new ways to bring His love and the Good News of Jesus Christ we are now called to do more for the Lord and each other. This year, we have seen a large increase in the use of virtual means to connect and engage with one another. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports essential role of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication as we expand our efforts to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Friday, March 19 is the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, patron saint of the Universal Church and of our parish. It also marks the beginning of the observance of our parish's 150th anniversary year. A special Mass will be celebrated on March 19 at 7:00PM in church. There will be no evening Stations of the Cross that day. In honor of the solemnity in this “Year of St. Joseph” and also because St. Joseph is our patron you are dispensed from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on that day. Happy St. Joseph's Day!

FROM THE PASTOR



Brothers and Sisters, rejoice! That's the theme of the fourth Sunday in Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday. Penance is often seen as a “downer” and depressing. It makes us think of our sinfulness which most people don't like to do. But, contemplating our own sins naturally leads to

being reminded of the tremendous love God has for us, His children. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. His death leads to a new and glorified life and what was true for Jesus is also true for those of us who believe in Him. So, salvation can be ours. Rejoice!

Thank you to those who contributed to the most recent monthly food pantry collection for March. I will remind you that the annual **Easter Food Collection** is taking place right now and the food items must be returned on the weekend of March 20 & 21 so that we have them in time to distribute to needy families by Easter.

I will also draw your attention to the **Palm Crosses** being sold by our Youth Leadership Circle. Orders must be received this very weekend. **Please be aware that we are not blessing and distributing palms this year on Palm Sunday due to the pandemic.** So, these palm crosses are an opportunity to receive some palms this year if you wish. See elsewhere in this bulletin for details.

Lastly, take note of the special **Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph** on Friday, March 19 at 7:00PM. There will be no evening Stations of the Cross that day but Stations will be prayed in the morning after 9:00 Mass.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the 9:00AM Mass and also at 7:00PM every Friday in Lent. In addition, Confessions will be heard from 6:30-7:30PM during Stations each Friday.

PLEASE NOTE: The Easter Food Collection will commence the second week of March and food will need to be returned the weekend of March 20 & 21 in time for Easter.

