

# 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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>March 20</u></b>
5:00pm	Josephine Ciszkowski <i>r/o Children</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 21</b> <b><u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u></b>
7:30am	+George W. Melious <i>r/o Patricia Selvester</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Helen Borkowski <i>r/o Ann Daugert</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>March 22</u></b>
9:00am	+Leah B. Montecino <i>r/o The Montecino Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>March 23</u></b>
9:00am	+Frank McLaughlin <i>r/o Joyce Rock</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>March 24</u></b>
9:00am	+George W. Melious <i>r/o Joyce Rock</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 25</b> <b><u>The Annunciation of the Lord</u></b>
9:00am	+Charlie Post <i>r/o Lou &amp; Mary Jane Lusardi</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>March 26</u></b>
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the Selvester Family <i>r/o Patricia Selvester</i>

### 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, 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:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<b><u>Weekend of March 6 / 7</u></b>	<b>\$5,218.00</b>
Electronic Giving	2,402.00
Special Snow Collection Removal	390.00
Other	1,214.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,224.50</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>828.44</b>
<b><u>Weekend of March 13 / 14</u></b>	<b>\$4,279.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,704.00
Special Snow Collection Removal	80.00
Easter Flowers	502.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,565.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,831.06)</b>

### 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](http://council5170.org)

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday** we have our usual Mass schedule but there will be NO blessing and distribution of palms.

**Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper: *private*

Adoration in the church: 7:00 - 10:00PM

**Good Friday** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00PM

**Holy Saturday** Blessing of Food: 12:00 Noon

Great Vigil of Easter: 8:00PM

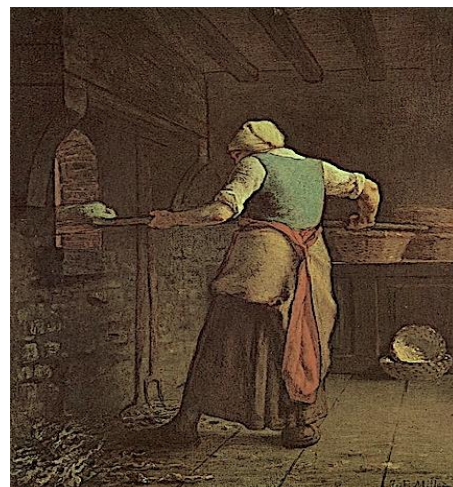
### Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

8:00AM

9:30AM *IN ENGLISH*

11:00AM

12:30PM *in Spanish*







## LITURGICAL 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 in church at each Mass.

## 2021 BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

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

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in [insert name of parish]. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Fr. Guy, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

## FROM THE PASTOR



I hope you all had a happy St. Joseph Day! Congratulations to all of us as we enter into our sesquicentennial year. We are now in *Passiontide* during which we cover the statues in church to focus our attention more on the mysteries we contemplate at Mass.

I also want to extend my good wishes to the 15 young men and women who completed their Religious Education last year and had their confirmation delayed due to the Covid pandemic. They received the Sacrament of Confirmation, which completes their Christian Initiation, on Saturday, March 20. It was my privilege to administer the Sacrament to them as the Bishop's delegate. May the Holy Spirit fill them with the fire of His love and may their lives be filled with blessings and peace.

This coming week the Church celebrates the *Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord* on March 25. This feast celebrates that moment when the Incarnation of Christ actually began. At the moment the Archangel Gabriel informed Mary she had been chosen to be the Mother of God and she said “yes” the Savior's human life began in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the beginning of our salvation which reaches its climax in the Paschal Mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. The work of our redemption begins quietly in the womb of a faithful young woman and dramatically reaches a climax as a young man hangs dying on the cross to be triumphantly crowned with His glorious resurrection. All because a woman of great faith said, “yes”.

In these days when we are preparing to celebrate the Lord's resurrection we take this day to pause and remember how the plan of God's saving actions should have their start in a quiet moment of prayer and of the acceptance of God's will in all things.

By the way, the feast of the Annunciation has been on the Church's calendar since ancient times and on this particular date, March 25. Seeing as it commemorates the moment when Christ's human life started in the womb you simply have to count nine months later and that is how we came to celebrate His birth on December 25, which is actually a much later development in the Church calendar. (No extra charge for the trivial info on the liturgical calendar!) Remember: the liturgical calendar does not concern itself with historical dates and times. Rather, it allows for the celebrations of the mysteries of the faith to unfold throughout the year.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

