

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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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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday March 6

5:00pm +Anthony Edolo
r/o Gale Edolo

Sunday March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am +Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o Family

9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Mary Stack
r/o Ann Daugert

Monday March 8

9:00am +Rose Plakotaris
r/o Yvonne & Family

Tuesday March 9

9:00am +Canovic O. Villasin
r/o Villasin & Nucum Families

Wednesday March 10

9:00am +Marilyn Sipple
r/o Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi

Thursday March 11

9:00am +Virginia Bleicher
r/o Jeanne Selvester

Friday March 12

9:00am +Frank Savarese
r/o Emily Savarese

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Next weekend daylight saving time begins. Please remember to turn your clock AHEAD.

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of February 20 / 21</u>	\$4,659.00
Electronic Giving	2,911.00
Ash Wednesday	190.00
Other	650.00
Total	\$8,410.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$13.94)
<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)

PALM CROSSES

The Youth Leadership Circle will be taking orders for Palm Crosses after Mass this weekend March 6 / 7 and 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

DIOCESAN MASS HONORING SENIORS

You are invited to join Bishop James F. Checchio as he celebrates a Mass to Honor our Seniors on March 25, 2021 at 5 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen. Seating is limited so registration is required. To register, visit: www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation. The Mass will also be livestreamed.



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 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This year the bishop's Annual Appeal has the theme "*Transformed by Christ Body and Blood – Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church*"

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you announcing the Appeal. You can find the link to Bishop's Annual Appeal Page at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. On this page there is a video about the appeal as well as a simplified form for online giving to the Appeal. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication.

The devastating ongoing global pandemic caused the loss of lives, widespread critical illness and has impacted every family around the world in so many ways. The important work of Catholic Charities could not and did not stop during this time. Requests for basic services such as food, shelter and clothing increased. Rental assistance and housing support continued. The Catholic Charities food pantry, one of the largest in Warren County, provided curbside delivery and made home deliveries to protect those most at risk of coronavirus. Critical counseling services were made available through tele-health and safe, socially distant visits.

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Your generosity and sacrifice helps to ensure that no one is left homeless, hungry, or without emotional support in these extremely difficult times. Please be as generous as your means allow.

FROM THE PASTOR



Lent is in full swing. I hope you are all having a spiritually fruitful one. This week Jesus talks about having zeal for God's House. We know that the word "zeal" means to have great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective.

I hope that you can all see Lent as something to be zealous about. The objective isn't just the mere performance of tasks like abstaining from meat on Fridays, or giving up some luxury item for 40 days. Those are the means to an end. But, the end itself, the objective is to grow in holiness.

We must all strive to be zealots for a great cause. That cause isn't simply getting through 40 days of penitence and prayer. The cause is our own salvation; our own participation in the Paschal Mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection which leads to eternal life!

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

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.

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.

LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **Take-Out Fish Fry** on Friday, March 12

Meal choices include baked or fried fish, fried shrimp, or a combination dinner. All meals come with fries, cole slaw, dessert and your choice of bottled water or flavored seltzer.

Orders must be placed by 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 10 by going to council5170.org
The cost of each meal is \$10.00 Meals can be picked up on the west side of Saint Joseph Parish Center between 5:00pm – 6:30pm.

Proceeds will benefit local Warren County charities such as Abilities of NJ, Habitat for Humanity, Grandma's House, ARC of Warren County and local parishes.