

# 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----- stjosephwashingtongj.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.*

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2021



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>May 22</u></b>
5:00pm	+Charlie & pat Post
r/o	Alison Walsh
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>May 23</u></b>
	<b><u>Pentecost Sunday</u></b>
7:30am	+George W. Melious
r/o	Yvonne Plakotaris & Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Leah B. Montecino
r/o	The Montecino Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>May 24</u></b>
	<b><u>The Blessed Virgin Mary,</u></b>
	<b><u>Mother of the Church</u></b>
9:00am	+Paul Paliscak, Jr.
r/o	Maryellen Hudock
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>May 25</u></b>
9:00am	+George W. Melious
r/o	Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>May 26</u></b>
	<b><u>Saint Philip Neri</u></b>
9:00am	+Michael & Etta Kovacs
r/o	Ron & Mary Lou Kovacs
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>May 27</u></b>
9:00am	+Jean Bleviss
r/o	Jim & Barbara McAloon
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>May 28</u></b>
9:00am	+Nancy Revitt
r/o	Barbara Smith

### 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, 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 8 / 9</u></b>	<b>\$6,047.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,569.00
Mother's Day Offerings	555.00
Other	500.00
Total	\$8,671.00
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$274.94</b>
<b><u>Weekend of May 15 / 16</u></b>	<b>\$5,178.25</b>
Electronic Giving	2,756.00
Total	\$7,934.25
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$461.81)</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"*

If you are among the 105 families who have made a pledge to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal, our heartfelt THANKS!

As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has had \$25,404.00 pledged and has already paid \$24,007.75 towards our parish goal of \$28,000.00. That's 90.73% of our goal!

We now have just \$2,596.00 to go! There are some households who have participated in the past but this year have still not done so. If the families who have not yet made a pledge could pledge just \$57.00 each we would be done! Even a reasonable pledge like that one can still be paid in installments if you wish making it easier on your household budget.

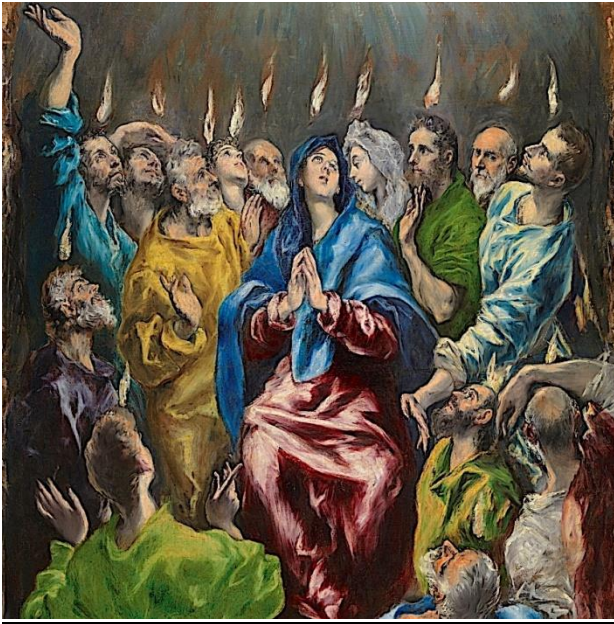
Visit the diocesan website if you would prefer to make a pledge online. They have greatly simplified the online giving process. That can be found at

[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.

Keep in mind that making a pledge means that you **do not have to send money right now**. We are now so close to making our goal and there is still plenty of time to participate. **PLEASE** won't you consider helping us to reach our goal as a parish family?





## **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.voterveice.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**



Veni Sancte Spiritus!

Come Holy Spirit!

A very happy Pentecost Sunday to you all and a very happy "birthday" to the Church. With the celebration of Pentecost the Church's season of Easter comes to its close.

We are pleased and happy for Kerry Kennedy who today will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and be sealed in the Holy Spirit.

We are also praying for the 18 young children in our parish who are preparing to receive the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion next Saturday, May 29. They also celebrated the Sacrament of Penance this past week for the first time in preparation for receiving their First Holy Communion. It's an exciting time in their lives so please keep them in your prayers.

A reminder to all of you that while the pews have been mostly opened up **we are still requiring people to wear masks and use hand sanitizer when coming to Mass.**

I pray that the Holy Spirit once again comes to fill your heart with zeal for the Lord and sets you on fire with a passionate love for God and for one another.

Veni Santé Spiritus!

