

# 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.

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**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.*

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17, 2021



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>October 16</u></b>
5:00pm	+Angelo N. Marrello
r/o	Marie Marrello
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 17</b>
	<b><u>Twenty-Ninth Sunday</u></b>
	<b><u>In Ordinary Time</u></b>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Xavier Murphy
r/o	The Finnegan Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 18</b>
	<b><u>Saint Luke</u></b>
9:00am	+Richard Polhemus
r/o	Frank & Andrea Marsello
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 19</b>
	<b><u>Saints John de Brebeuf and</u></b>
	<b><u>Isaac Joques, Priests and</u></b>
	<b><u>Companions, Martyrs</u></b>
9:00am	+Susan Marie Hanna
r/o	The Torres Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 20</b>
9:00am	+Lucy Maricondi
r/o	Frank & Andrea Marsello
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 21</b>
9:00am	+Franklin Ferrini
r/o	The Finnegan Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 22</b>
	<b><u>Saint Teresa of Jesus</u></b>
9:00am	+Mary Williams
r/o	Maryellen Hudock

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Linda Detrich, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Jane Jenkins, Mary Kovacs, Brittany Lawrence, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Deborah Ann Matuszkiewicz, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, 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 October 2 / 3</u></b>	<b>\$5,688.60</b>
Electronic Giving	1,857.00
Bingo	953.50
Other Income	459.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,958.60</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$562.54</b>
<b><u>Weekend of October 9 /10</u></b>	<b>\$6,565.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,129.00
Other Income	470.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,164.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$232.06)</b>

**DAILY MASS IN CHURCH**

Beginning this month the Daily Mass at 9:00AM will once again be celebrated in the main church rather than the Cry Room/Chapel. That room will remain set up as a chapel for smaller gatherings and it may be used on the weekends by those people who might need a space apart for a child who might be having a bad day or might become a bit too loud. **However, we still ask people NOT to use the Cry Room/Chapel for general seating at weekend Masses. Please sit in church.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170**

On Saturday, October 30 the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a family OKTOBERFEST and "Trick-or-Treat" for parishioners in the Parish Hall from 4:00PM – 7:00PM. Younger parishioners will be able to "trick-or-treat" at socially distanced stations and also can complete a Fall/Thanksgiving craft.

The complete menu and further details can be found at [www.council5170.org](http://www.council5170.org)

Sign-ups in advance are not required but are greatly appreciated. Take out dinners are available. The suggested donation for each meal is \$10.00

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

To add someone's name to the list of those who are sick and wish to be prayed for a family member must contact the Parish Office with the request. We cannot accept requests for this from anyone other than a family member.



## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Convocation went well and it was good to renew friendships with so many priests as well as to engage in discussions about how to celebrate the liturgy better. But, it's home now and back to work!

This Friday the church celebrates the feast of St. John Paul II on October 22. This towering figure was of tremendous importance to the Church in the late 20th Century as well as to the whole free world because of his efforts to help bring down the influence of Communism in Europe. I had the opportunity to meet him more than once while traveling in Rome which was a great thrill.

His pontificate lasted 27 years from 1978-2005 which is one of the longest in history. (Not quite *the* longest. That distinction goes to Blessed Pius IX who was pope for 32 years!)

Here in our diocese we have a great devotion to St. John Paul II because he was the pope who created our diocese by separating some territory from the diocese of Trenton. That's why our diocesan coat of arms contains the letter "M" for Mary. It does not stand for "Metuchen" as some people wrongly suppose. Rather, it is for Mary and it is also borrowed from the coat of arms of St. John Paul to honor him.

St. John Paul II: PRAY FOR US!

Have a Blessed Week. Keep the Faith!

## **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING TO BEGIN**

New Altar Server Training will take place for 30 minutes after the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday evenings beginning October 9 and continuing as needed. That way you can come to Mass and stick around for a bit afterwards in order to be trained.

## **FATHER GUY'S Q&A**

Father Guy's Q&A, "*Everything You Always Wanted To Know About the Catholic Church...But Were Afraid To Ask*" will once again take place this coming October. These sessions are a relaxed evening during which people can learn more about their faith. Questions are submitted anonymously and pulled from a hat. This discussion is intended for those over 18 years of age. So, join us in the Community Room on Thursday, October 21 from 7:00 - 8:30PM. Everyone is welcome whether they are parishioners here or not, or even whether they are Catholic or not.



## **STAND UP FOR LIFE**

On October 1 the House of Representatives voted to pass the most radical abortion bill ever. The so-called Women's Health Protection Act, H.R. 3755, would: Allow abortion on demand nationwide throughout EVERY STAGE of pregnancy; BAN pro-life laws in every state and local government; Force Americans to support abortions with their tax dollars; Likely eliminate conscience protections for doctors.

Please contact your Representative today either to express strong, but respectful, disagreement with this bill while urging him/her to reconsider support for this radical bill.

In addition, we believe it is likely that the Senate will also vote on this bill in the very near future. So, please also contact your two Senators to strongly urge their opposition to the Senate version of this bill (S. 1975) when it comes up for a vote.

Go to [votervoicenet.com](http://votervoicenet.com) to learn more.

## **DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will hold an outdoor Diocesan Youth Day at St. Joseph Parish in Hillsborough, on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The cost to register is \$20. Throughout the course of the day, teens will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass, have fun with one another, hear a keynote and also from witness speakers, have an opportunity to meet Bishop Checchio, and enjoy some live music, good food, and more! For more information and to register, visit: <https://lightingheartsonfire.org/behold>

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Classes for sacramental preparation begin on Tuesday, October 19 and Wednesday, October 20. Children must wear a mask and social distancing will be applied.