

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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"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

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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 3, 2021**



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	October 2 <u>The Holy Guardian Angels</u>
5:00pm r/o	+Hilda Hurst <i>Dr. & Mrs. Foschetti</i>
Sunday	October 3 <u>Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am r/o	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>Family</i>
9:30am <i>(Spanish)</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am r/o	+Deceased Members of the Setteducato & Kovacs Families <i>Bobby & Mary Kovacs</i>
Monday	October 4 <u>Saint Francis of Assisi</u>
9:00am r/o	+Jeremiah Hogan <i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
Tuesday	October 5
9:00am r/o	+Roger DeLuca <i>Joyce Rock</i>
Wednesday	October 6
9:00am	+Susan Marie Hanna <i>Joyce Rock</i>
Thursday	October 7 <u>Our Lady of the Rosary</u>
9:00am r/o	+Roger DeLuca <i>Louie & Mary Jane Lusardi</i>
Friday	October 8
9:00am r/o	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>Family</i>

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

<u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u>	
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of September 18 / 19</u>	
Electronic Giving	1,394.00
Bingo	864.00
Other Income	442.75
Total	\$8,400.75
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4.69
<u>Weekend of September 25 / 26</u>	
Electronic Giving	1,129.00
Total	\$5,908.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,488.06)

GOLD & SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access the online registration, please contact your parish secretary or the Office of Family Life at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required donations of gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Sunday, October 3 at 12:00 Noon outside the church (parking lot side) we will have the annual blessing of animals in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

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.**

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.



LIFE CHAIN

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. All are welcome to attend Life Chain which will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2021, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the following locations throughout the Diocese of Metuchen:

Carteret – For Info Call (732) 541-8946
Flemington – For Info Call (908) 391-1566
Great Meadows – For Info Call (908) 637-4269
Perth Amboy – For Info Call (732) 442-0512
Phillipsburg – For Info Call (908) 454-9880
Sayreville – For Info Call (732) 619-4093
Somerville – For Info Call (908) 788-7736
Washington – For Info Call (908) 689-2462

For additional information visit:
<https://www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>.

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>

FROM THE PASTOR



We begin the month of October which is the month of the Holy Rosary! Many people have a great devotion to Our Lady and they like to show this by praying the rosary on a regular, or even a daily basis. The rosary is a wonderful form of prayer which occupies your hands to keep you from being distracted in prayer.

While it is prayed in repetition that, too, frees us up to contemplate the Mysteries being commemorated with each decade. Certainly, the rosary is considered a form of Marian prayer but, true to form, all things about Mary ultimately point to Jesus. The Mysteries contemplated have to do with events in the life and mission of Jesus with two of the Glorious Mysteries focusing on Mary's Assumption and Coronation as Queen which are also connected to her role as the Mother of God.

If you have never prayed the Rosary, or have fallen away from it this is a good month to try using this ancient form of prayer in your own prayer life. There is a group of people who gather in church every Sunday to recite the Rosary prior to the start of the 7:30AM Mass. You could join them at about 7:10AM and pray along.

Also, remember that since tomorrow is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi who is the secondary patron of our diocese (because the cathedral is dedicated to him) we have the annual Blessing of Animals outside on the parking lot side Sunday at 12:00 Noon. Bring your pets by to receive a special blessing.

Have a great week. Keep the Faith

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are in real need to have some new altar servers in the parish! Any boy or girl in the parish may become an altar server for weekend Masses. Those who are in the fourth grade and have made their First Communion and First Confession are eligible to become servers.

*Training will take place for 30 minutes **after** the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday evenings. That way you can come to Mass and stick around for a bit afterwards in order to be trained. We hope to start training sessions in October. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 908-689-0058.*

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!