

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

Fax ----- 908-689-3436

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 13, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>February 12</u>
5:00pm r/o	+Roger De Luca <i>The Ritchie Family</i>
Sunday	February 13 <u>Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am r/o	+Felipe A. Gonzales, Jr. <i>Yvonne DeLorenzo & Family</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am r/o	+Mrs. Elizabeth Varkey <i>George Joseph</i>
Monday	February 14 <u>Saints Cyril & Methodius</u>
9:00am r/o	+Mary Ann & Pasquale Dante <i>The Dante Family</i>
Tuesday	February 15
9:00am r/o	+Dolores Falco <i>Tom & Sofia Peloso</i>
Wednesday	February 16
9:00am r/o	+Mr. Varghese Varkey <i>George Joseph</i>
Thursday	February 17
9:00am r/o	+Maria Merritt <i>The Finnegan Family</i>
Friday	February 18
9:00am r/o	+Robin Hissim <i>Maryellen Hudock</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Karole Bradunas, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Kathy Chiarulli, Arsenia Del Rosario Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Emma Parrales, 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
January 29 / 30	\$5,470.00
Electronic Giving	1,144.00
Total	\$6,614.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,782.06)
February 5 / 6	\$5,887.00
Electronic Giving	1,119.00
Bingo Income	673.40
Other Income	411.00
Total	\$8,090.40
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$305.66)

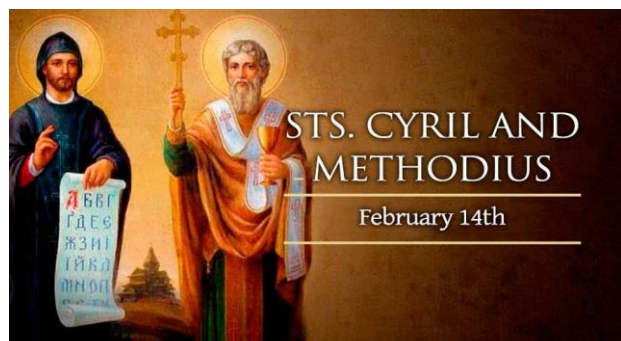
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA – Are you thinking of joining the Catholic faith? If you are an adult and missing one or all of the following sacraments (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation) then let us have a conversation.

Please note that you could be of another faith and wish to convert to Catholicism or someone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to become a member of the Catholic faith. Please contact Deacon Sylvan 908-581-5968 for further information.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

As you may recall the Synod Listening Sessions originally scheduled for January were postponed. They have now been rescheduled. In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Synod Listening Session will be held in order that we may respond to the Holy Father's call to journey together, to engage in dialogue with one another, and to listen to what the Lord is asking of us. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023.





Celebrating *Saint Valentine*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Two things coming up that you may wish to mark your calendars for:

Monday, February 21 is **Presidents' Day** and the Parish Office will be closed all day in observance of the holiday.

Ash Wednesday beginning the discipline of Lent is on Wednesday, March 2 this year.

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8 week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning March 16, 2022 at St. Francis Cathedral Parish Center, 45 Library Place in Metuchen, NJ. For more information or to register contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947.

Registration deadline is March 7, 2022.

FROM THE PASTOR



This week I received the sad news that two veteran priests of our Diocese passed away. On Saturday, February 5 Monsignor Michael Corona, who was formerly the pastor at St. Philip & St. James in Phillipsburg for 30 years, died while in the hospital. In recent years he had been serving in semi-retirement as pastor of St. Luke in North Plainfield. His funeral took place there on Thursday.

On Sunday, February 6 Monsignor Terrence Lawler, the former pastor of St. Mary in Alpha and a native of Phillipsburg died after a short stay in the hospital. Monsignor Lawler had only recently retired last Spring and was in residence at Blessed Sacrament parish in Martinsville. His funeral was on Saturday at St. Philip & St. James. Please pray for the repose of their souls.

Since both of these men were retired or semi-retired their passing, while sad, doesn't have a negative impact on the priest personnel of the Diocese. After many long and faithful years of service they were at the end of their active ministry. Nevertheless, the loss of two priests in the same weekend has served to underscore that we are always in need of more young men to answer the call to service in the priesthood. Please keep that intention in your prayers.

I do not agree with the contention that there don't seem to be as many vocations these days. That would imply that somehow God has changed and isn't calling as many people to service in the Church. I think that's not true. God is calling people now as ever. However, because we have been endowed with a free will by God what has changed is that many more young men these days hear the call and either ignore it or they deliberately choose not to respond to it.

So, our prayers for vocations don't need to focus on trying to get God to change and to call more people. (It's rather typical that we always assume the fault lies with God and not with us, isn't it?) Rather, we all need to pray that faithful young men will have the grace, strength and courage to listen for that call and answer it when it comes. The young men in seminary now are men of character and courage and I admire them. It isn't easy in these troubled times to pursue a vocation to priesthood. Most of their peers won't admire them for it but they have heard the voice of Him who calls them and they have said, "I will go!" We need to support them with our prayers and good wishes.

I hope that you all have a week ahead filled with blessings and peace. I also hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy. It's good to see the pandemic stats continuing to go down! Keep the Faith!

