

# 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*



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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

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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3, 2022



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>April 2</u></b>
5:00pm	+Roger DeLuca
r/o	<i>The Ritchie Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 3</b>
	<b><u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u></b>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	<i>Family</i>
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Jean Vanderhoof
r/o	<i>Family</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>April 4</u></b>
9:00am	+Jane Ensor
r/o	<i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>April 5</u></b>
9:00am	+Corinne Pursell
r/o	<i>Judy Harriton</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>April 6</u></b>
9:00am	+Derek Ensor
r/o	<i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>April 7</u></b>
9:00am	+Ernest Bonnevier
r/o	<i>Patricia Selvester</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>April 8</u></b>
9:00am	Arthur Bagatta
r/o	<i>Family</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., Emily Setteducato, Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170**

An Easter egg will be sponsored by the Knights on Holy Saturday, April 16 at Noon on the lawn between the Church and the Parish Center. The egg hunt is intended

for children ages 3-8 (approximately). Grandchildren and other relatives of parishioners are welcome to attend.

### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

#### **WEEKLY COSTS:**

<b>Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)</b>	<b>\$8,396.06</b>
<b>March 19 / 20</b>	<b>\$6,367.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,124.00
Saint Joseph Day Offering	76.00
Bingo Income	579.75
Other Income	67.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,214.15</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(181.91)</b>
<b>March 26 / 27</b>	<b>\$5,469.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,149.00
Easter Flowers	877.00
Other Income	94.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,589.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$807.06)</b>

### **FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church every Friday in Lent at 9:30AM right after morning Mass. There are no evening Stations due to lack of interest.

Each Friday in Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 - 8:00PM. Confessions will also be heard during this time.

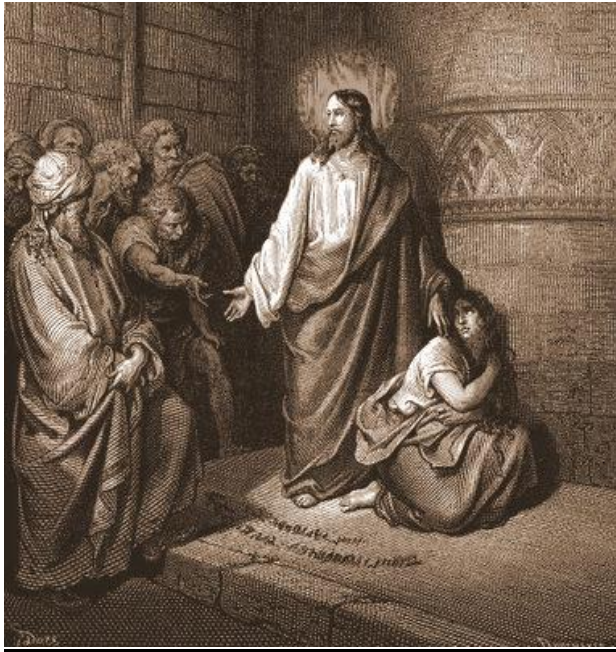
### **CHRISM MASS 2022**

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. At the Mass, all priests also make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People. All are invited to watch, via livestream, the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream>

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION**

Effective this upcoming Easter season, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in all Catholic dioceses in New Jersey. This year, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be observed on Sunday, May 29. This liturgical observance is an integral dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery and, after much discussion, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey collectively discerned that the transferring the observance to the following Sunday would allow for greater participation among the faithful.



## FROM THE PASTOR



Passiontide, the final two weeks of Lent, begins this weekend. This is the time when Lent sort of gets “bumped up” a notch. In these days the statues in our churches are veiled to remind us to focus on the Lord’s Passion as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum. That can be a jarring sight when you come into church and the statues you are used to seeing are veiled from view. But, that’s the whole idea. It serves to shake us up a little and remind us of the significance of the holy days just ahead of us.

I don’t know about you, but for me this Lent has just seemed to fly by so far. It has been a good Lent this year for me. I really do hope that it has also been one for you. I suppose that from my perspective the previous two Lents were compromised a bit by the pandemic and its restrictions. This year, Lent has seemed much more “normal” to me. Perhaps that’s it?

As we move into these closing days of Lent my hope for you all, and also my advice as your spiritual leader, is that you do whatever is necessary to remove the distractions that daily life can impose on us and try, as best you can of course, to spend these last two weeks of Lent living a life of prayer, penance, sacrifice and service. These things which we use in Lent to focus our prayer should also, to some measure, become a part of our lives all year through.

Now, for many people that simply isn’t possible or it’s so challenging that they find it difficult to maintain. Nevertheless, we should try. Lent isn’t just something we do for forty days. It really is the way the life of a Christian should unfold at all times. But, as I say, life is a bit more complex than that and it doesn’t always work out. So, whether or not you have been having a really good and spiritually fruitful Lent take the next two weeks and make the extra effort. Do whatever it takes to enter into the spirit of this season of penance and preparation.

Also, a reminder that the Sacrament of Confession is available this coming Wednesday, April 6, from 7:00-8:00PM here in the church. Five priests will be present during that time and the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration. **NOTE THAT THE FINAL SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS PRIOR TO EASTER will be on Friday, April 8 from 7:00 - 8:00PM. After April 8 Confession will only be available in an emergency to those in danger of death and they will not resume until Wednesday, April 27.**

Have a blessed week and a blessed Lent. Stay healthy and safe and remember above all to Keep the Faith!



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

I hope that your participation in the Holy Week liturgies will draw you closer to Christ and help you to celebrate Easter with a more profound joy.

Wednesday Holy Hour & Final Confessions before Easter  
April 6 from 7:00 - 8:00PM

#### Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday 4/14 7:00PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Adoration 8:00 - 10:00PM

Good Friday 4/15 3:00PM Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion  
**NOTE: There are NO Stations of the Cross on Good Friday**

Holy Saturday 4/16 12:00 Noon Blessing of Food

Great Vigil of Easter 8:00PM

Easter Sunday 4/17 Mass Schedule

7:30AM Celebrant: Fr. Luke Fletcher, CFR

9:30AM **IN ENGLISH** Celebrant: Fr. Michael Venditti

11:00AM Celebrant: Fr. Guy

12:30PM **in Spanish** Celebrante: Padre Guy