

# 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*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.----- *Deacon*

Sylvan H. Webb ----- *Deacon*

Laura A. Torres----- *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Joyce Rock---- *Director of Religious Education (DRE)*

Shirley A. Firling ----- *Director of Sacred Music*

James Mc Aloon----- *Pastoral Council Chairperson*

Jim McAloon----- *Trustee*

John 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**-----9:00 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.*



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Saturday  | August 13  |
|           | <u>Saints Pontian and Hippolytus</u>             |
| 5:00pm    | +Christopher Dante                               |
| r/o       | <i>The Dante Family</i>                          |
| Sunday    | August 14  |
|           | <u>Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>         |
| 7:30am    | +Patti-Sue Rolak                                 |
| r/o       | <i>Family</i>                                    |
| 9:00am    | People of the Parish                             |
| (Spanish) |  |
| 11:00am   | +Deceased Members of the                         |
| r/o       | <i>The Dante Family</i>                          |
| Monday    | August 15  |
|           | <u>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> |
| 9:00am    | +Jeremiah Hogan                                  |
| r/o       | <i>Mary Zvirblys</i>                             |
| Tuesday   | August 16  |
| 9:00am    | +Michael Wojtowicz                               |
| r/o       | <i>Lou &amp; MaryJane Lusardi</i>                |
| Wednesday | August 17  |
| 9:00am    | +Helen Zvirblys                                  |
| r/o       | <i>Mary Zvirblys</i>                             |
| Thursday  | August 18  |
| 9:00am    | +Michael Wojtowicz                               |
| r/o       | <i>Jennifer Terriberry</i>                       |
| Friday    | August 19  |
| 9:00am    | +Paul Langan                                     |
| r/o       | <i>Maryellen Hudock</i>                          |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Karole Bradunas, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, 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, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**WEEKLY COSTS:**

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Church Expenses (Including Mortgage) | \$8,396.06          |
| <b>July 30 / 31</b>                  | <b>\$5,599.00</b>   |
| Electronic Giving                    | 1,249.00            |
|                                      | Total \$6,848.00    |
| Surplus / (Deficit)                  | <b>(\$1,548.06)</b> |
| <b>August 6 / 7</b>                  | <b>\$6,307.00</b>   |
| Electronic Giving                    | 1,054.00            |
| Bingo Income                         | 60.25               |
| Other                                | 80.00               |
|                                      | Total \$7,501.25    |
| Surplus / (Deficit)                  | <b>(\$894.81)</b>   |

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Two events in the parish that are coming up are worth putting on your calendar now so that you can plan to be here and share in them.

**Sunday, November 6, 2022:** The Mass in celebration of the Parish's 150th Anniversary. On that day we will celebrate our sesquicentennial with a Mass presided over by our Bishop, James Checchio. We will mark 150 years of a Catholic presence in Washington and also the paying off of the mortgage on our present church building. The **11:00AM Mass** will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, September 25, 2022:** This year Fr. Guy celebrates his Silver Jubilee. He was ordained on Sept. 27, 1997. We will celebrate this milestone with him on **Sunday, September 25 at the 11:00AM Mass** and this will be followed by a light reception in the Parish Hall. Come and help our Pastor celebrate 25 years of priestly ministry.

**ASSUMPTION**

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary** is a major feast day in the Church year and is usually observed as a holy day of obligation.

**BUT, not this year!**

In accord with a decision taken by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops when certain days of obligation fall on either a Saturday or a Monday we are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on those days.

This year the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, August 15, occurs on a Monday. Consequently, **we are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass that day.** As a result there will only be the usual daily Mass celebrated on Monday, August 15 at 9:00AM.

Just to clarify: August 15 is still the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary and that is still a very holy day. However, this year it is not a day of obligation because it falls on a Monday. So, while you don't "have to" go to Mass that day, there is certainly nothing stopping you from going to Mass if you wish to celebrate Our Lady's Assumption.



## **DAILY MASS IN AUGUST**

**Please take note that for the entire month of August, starting Monday, August 1 and continuing until Friday, September 2 the daily Mass celebrated every morning at 9:00AM will take place in the Cry Room/Chapel. It is considerably easier and more efficient to run the air conditioning for that smaller space rather than air condition the whole church, especially since daily Mass has a relatively small attendance. We did this last year and it worked out very well so we're doing it again this year too. It will last only for the duration of the dates already noted.**

## **SAINT PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

Enrolling now!

Saints Philip & James School is rich in tradition and academic excellence. We educate students in Pre-K through grade 8.

We offer small, safe class sizes, where your student will receive individual attention. Our classes are taught by dedicated, compassionate, certified teachers.

In addition, we are pleased to offer the St. Bernadette Program for students who need additional help in reading and or math.

To learn more about the Saints difference, please email Mrs. Kucinski at [Kucinski.donna@spsj.org](mailto:Kucinski.donna@spsj.org).

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



It has been very nice to return to some duties this week and to see people again. However, I have returned to limited duties because the virus has left me feeling very tired all the time and my doctor advised that I take it easy in order to try and avoid a relapse. Apparently, there is a high percentage of people who have taken the drug paxlovid for Covid that have had relapses. So, I am back to work but it is very slow going for the time being.

In addition, the very first day that I returned to saying Mass, this past Tuesday, just as I was leaving the Rectory I simply took a step and heard a loud \*pop\*! Something was either torn or ruptured in my right foot. there was no pain but I suddenly found that I couldn't put my full weight on it.

I can't seem to catch a break!

As I write this column I have yet to see a doctor but I have an appointment to see one so by the time you're reading this I'll know if it's minor or serious.

Who knows? Perhaps the Lord allowed this as a reminder that I should return to work after Covid in a limited and slower way? Either way, one thing is certain: sometimes things just happen. How we are able to accept them is what makes all the difference. I'll admit that my first thought was to think I had been the victim of yet another unfortunate circumstance involving my health in short order. But, then it occurred to me that it was more likely just a coincidence.

In addition, I thought about all the people that I know of who are far worse off than I am. I know a number of people for whom Covid hasn't been "relatively minor" but actually made them very sick. I think of people I know whose loved ones have died because of complications due to Covid. I think of the very many people I know—including my own mother— whose mobility is impaired seriously because of age or infirmity.

My point is that these days there can be a tendency to inflate our own misfortunes into "victimhood". But, if we just quiet ourselves and pause for a moment we usually realize that the things with which we have to deal are things we **CAN** handle, and we become aware that there are many people less fortunate than we are.

Then, by faith, we can ask for the grace to accept our present circumstances and we can ask for the help we need to move past them, or to overcome them. In these past couple of weeks while I've been sick I have had a lot of extra time on my hands to think, and to pray about just these very things. If I am honest, I must admit that, despite some few setbacks recently my life is actually very blessed.

I pray that you all see this too and experience blessings in your life this week. Keep The Faith!