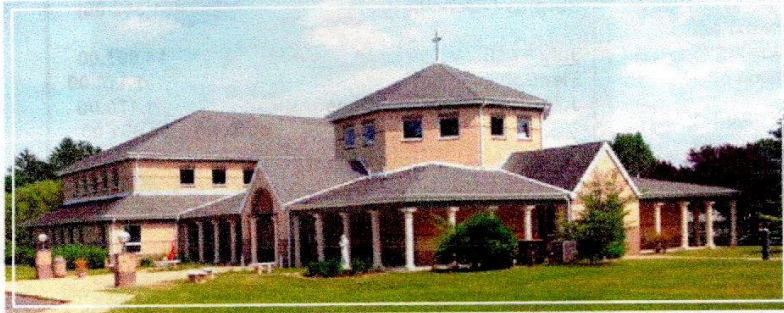


# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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*  
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.*



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7, 2022



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

Saturday	August 6
	<u>The Transfiguration of the Lord</u>
5:00pm	Rev. Guy Selvester
r/o	<i>The Selvester Family</i>
Sunday	August 7
	<u>Nineteenth Sunday</u> <u>In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	<i>Family</i>
9:00am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Florence Griffin
r/o	<i>The Griffin Family</i>
Monday	August 8
	<u>Saint Dominic</u>
9:00am	+Anna Valatka
r/o	<i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
Tuesday	August 9
9:00am	+Virginia Bizzaro
r/o	<i>Patricia Selvester</i>
Wednesday	August 10
	<u>Saint Lawrence</u>
9:00am	+Jeanne & Mickey McCormick
r/o	<i>Ron &amp; MaryLou Kovacs</i>
Thursday	August 11
	<u>Saint Clare</u>
9:00am	+Nancy & Lawrence Smith
r/o	<i>Lou &amp; MaryJane Lusardi</i>
Friday	August 12
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
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

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**WEEKLY COSTS:**

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
July 23 / 24	\$5,877.25
Electronic Giving	1,114.00
Other Income	500.00
Total	\$7,491.25
Surplus / (Deficit)	<b>(\$904.81)</b>
July 30 / 31	\$5,599.00
Electronic Giving	1,249.00
Total	\$6,848.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	<b>(\$1,548.06)</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.**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: NEW DEADLINE**

Because of the construction project to replace the front walkway and entrance to the Rectory forced the closing of the Rectory Office for much of this past week we are announcing that the deadline for registering your child for Religious Education has been extended! This is to try to make it easier for those families who may have been trying to make the last deadline but were prevented by circumstances. Please note that the new deadline for registration for Religious Education classes for the 2022-2023 school year is now **Friday, August 12.**

**If you have questions please contact the Religious Education Office at **908-689-0093.** (please note that this phone number is different than the Rectory Office number!)**

### **FROM THE PASTOR**



This week I feel like the title of my column should be "From the Pastor's Sickbed"! I want to thank all of you for your prayers, your thoughts and your good wishes and, in particular, to express my thanks to those of you who took the time to reach out and send me a greeting personally. It means a great deal to me to know you are thinking of me and praying for me.

For my part, in these days that I have had to remain isolated because of Covid I have also had lots of time on my hands. It was shades of the lock down of two years ago! So, I have had that extra time we all keep saying we wish we had in order to pray more. And I have used it for just that. I have prayed for those throughout the world suffering because of illness. I've prayed for those who Covid has affected far more seriously than it has me (thanks to full vaccination and two boosters my symptoms have been mild). I have prayed for those who are suffering because of war and violence in the world —especially in the Ukraine. I have also remembered to pray for all of you and those you love and for your intentions. Finally, I have prayed for myself as well that God would allow my time of illness to be brief and that I could make a full recovery.

I hope that you can all understand that in the next couple of weeks it will take me some time until I feel comfortable doing things like visiting hospitals or the homebound. My doctor cautioned me about the relatively high instances of relapses and re-infections (like the President has experienced) and I'd like to avoid that. Along the same lines I think I may take a step back from greeting everyone after Mass in the Narthex...but only temporarily and just to be on the safe side.

So, now that I have actually gotten Covid I want to reiterate that we still have a section of pews blocked off for those who wish to maintain some social distancing at Mass. We still provide hand sanitizer at the entrance of the church and we still do encourage people both to wash their hands frequently and try, at least, to maintain some social distancing as best as they can. Thankfully, the pandemic is not as dangerous as it once was. Nevertheless, it is not yet over. We all need to continue to be exercising caution and good judgement in order to avoid getting sick or, worse yet, making others sick. So, please be careful and stay safe!

I hope that in the coming week you experience the love and the blessings of the presence of God in your lives. I pray that God will be especially good to you and to those that you love and that abundant blessings may be yours in great measure. We are the Lord's and He really does want good things for us. On our part we must always make it our endeavor, above all things, to **Keep The Faith!**

PS: and THANKS for the Birthday greetings too!