

# 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.

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**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 IN ORDINARY TIME**

**February 6, 2022**



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

- Saturday February 5**
- 5:00pm +Knights & Dames of the M.O.C.  
r/o Fr. Guy
- Sunday February 6  
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**
- 7:30am +William & Kathleen Melious  
r/o Family
- 9:30am People of the Parish  
(Spanish)
- 11:00am +Janet Rutan  
r/o Valerie Hudock
- Monday February 7**
- 9:00am +Michael O'Brien  
r/o Helen Merlo
- Tuesday February 8**
- 9:00am +Mr. Varghese  
r/o George Joseph
- Wednesday February 9**
- 9:00am +Roger DeLuca  
r/o The Ritchie Family
- Thursday February 10  
Saint Scholastica**
- 9:00am +Danny Young  
r/o Sharon Haggerty
- Friday February 11  
Our Lady of Lourdes**
- 9:00am +Henry & Eleanor Scubelek  
r/o Ann Daugert

**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 22 / 23	\$5,155.50
Electronic Giving	1,054.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,209.50</b>
<b>Surplus /(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,186.56)</b>
January 29 / 30	TO BE UPDATED

**PARISH 150th ANNIVERSARY  
MASS POSTPONED!**

We have to announce that after consultation with Bishop Checchio it has been decided to postpone the Mass to celebrate our parish's 150th anniversary. The Mass is now being moved to Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 11:00 am.

The Covid surge, declining Mass attendance lately, the desire to move the celebration outside of the season of Lent and the fact that the Bishop could not come on March 19, St. Joseph Day, all contributed to this decision. We also consulted with the Parish Trustees before finalizing this decision.

We will close out this year by celebrating our sesquicentennial with the Bishop. So, please mark your calendars NOW and plan to be here to celebrate.





## **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.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

There is a meeting of the Parish Council at 7:00PM in the Rectory Meeting Room on Thursday, February 10. Those meetings are open to anyone however only those on the Council have a voice or a vote at the meetings.

## **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.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



I hope you are all coping well with the winter weather. I also hope that you are encouraged to see the statistics on the spread of Covid-19 going back in the right direction here in NJ (down, that is).

Right now our Capital Campaign has reached a bit of a stall. As you have no doubt seen by the thermometer in the Narthex we have slightly over half our goal pledged at this point, some \$315,924.00. That, of course, is the pledged amount, not the actual amount of money we have so far received. To date we have received \$145, 310.00 paid to the parish.

At this point that is only about 1/3 of the amount that we would need to begin the work on repairing the classroom wing roof. In addition, we can't even begin to make plans yet because the contractor would need about 3 months lead time in order to start preparing to do the work. That long lag is primarily due to supply chain problems in obtaining materials.

The thing that is most concerning to me at this point is that the amount that has already been pledged has come from just 70 households (one of the pledges is mine so I don't count myself and another is from one of my brothers so I'm not counting his household either).

We have far more than 70 households in this parish. So, that means that a significant number of you have not yet made a pledge to our campaign. I certainly hope that you will consider doing so. This parish belongs to all of us and all of us have to do our part to help maintain the facilities, participate in parish activities and assist all those in need. This isn't something that it is "OK" to let others shoulder the burden for. ***We must all pitch in.***

So, please, make a pledge. It is a three year campaign and we are only half way there so far in terms of pledges. We're only a little over 1/6 of the way there in terms of what we have raised. We took a break for the holidays but now we are asking you earnestly to help us to reach our goal.

To those of you who have pledged and/or have begun to make payments on those pledges: **THANK YOU!**

Have a week ahead that is filled with blessings, health and peace. Please remember to Keep the Faith.

## **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.