

# 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*

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

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## 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.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 16, 2022



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday January 15
5:00pm +Josephine Ciszkowski
r/o The Trimmer Family
Sunday January 16
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30am +Joan Castella
r/o Family
9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)
11:00am +Richard Polhemus
r/o The Dante Family
Monday January 17
Saint Anthony
9:00am +Anna Scubelek
r/o Ann Daugert
Tuesday January 18
9:00am James Merlo
r/o A Parishioner
Wednesday January 19
9:00am +John H. Melious, Sr.
r/o Family
Thursday January 20
9:00am Betty Hoffman
r/o A Parishioner
Friday January 21
Saint Agnes
9:00am +Kenneth Pizzo
r/o Joyce Rock

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

Table with weekly offering details including weekly costs, church expenses, and surpluses/deficits for January 1/2, 2022 and January 8/9.

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

We wanted to give you as much notice as possible about the upcoming celebration of our parish's 150th Anniversary because it just became settled this past week.

The very first time Mass was celebrated in our parish was St. Joseph Day, March 19, 1872. So, this coming year we will celebrate our sesquicentennial anniversary at St. Joseph's Day. The bishop is not able to be here on March 19 itself so we will observe the anniversary with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Checchio on SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022 at 11:00AM.

That is a Sunday within Lent, but because of the special anniversary the Bishop has given us his permission to celebrate Mass that day in honor of our patron, Saint Joseph.

Mass will be followed by a reception for everyone in the Parish Center.

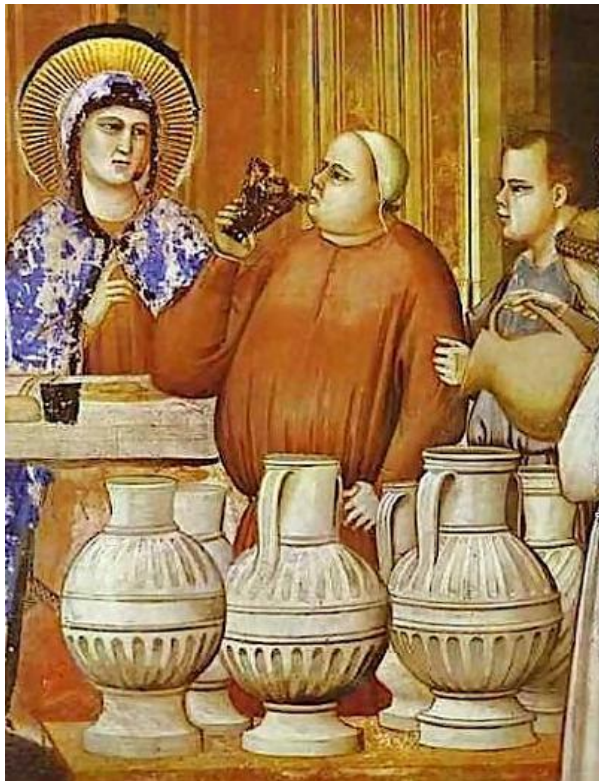
Please plan now to be around that weekend and to come celebrate with our bishop the conclusion of 150 years of Catholic presence in Washington.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Donate your loose change or bills to support Life Choice's Holy Family Center and Grandma's House in Phillipsburg. Both help foster a culture of life by helping pregnant women. Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex the weekend of January 22 / 23.

For more information or to volunteer go to lifechoicesonline.org

Please return baby bottles the weekend of February 5 / 6.



## **FROM THE PASTOR**



We're back into Ordinary Time now and we get a nice break before the start of Lent on *Ash Wednesday, March 2*.

Things will quiet down now. The Christmas decorations have all been put away (except for the crèche in the Narthex which stays up by tradition until the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*—or *Candlemas*—on February 2) and we return to a sense of quiet calm while the world outside seems frozen in time.

This is a good time of the year to do something nice for your spiritual life. You know, one of those things you say you've "always meant to do" like reading the whole Bible or even just choosing one of the gospels and reading it all the way through.

This time of year it is also good to reflect on the sacredness of human life as we once again observe the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that paved the way for the termination of far too many pregnancies in our country. In this time of year we also take a moment to pause to remember a great American and a great human being: Martin Luther King. He did so much to advance the cause of Civil Rights but also to teach all people about the senselessness of violence in trying to achieve goals. How sorely we could use his voice now and how ironic that a man who advocated nonviolence was cut down by an assassin's bullet.

The calm that comes after a busy and festive holiday time gives us fertile ground and the extra time we need to reflect on many important things. Use it wisely.

I hope the week ahead is filled with blessings and that you and those you love are staying both safe and healthy in these scary days of pandemic surge.

Keep Calm and Keep the Faith!

### **SYNOD 2023**

Due to ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic, the Synod 2023 Listening Sessions originally scheduled to take place on Jan. 25, have been postponed. More information and the new date(s) for the Listening Sessions will be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, all are invited to visit the Diocese of Metuchen's website, [diometuchen.org/synod2023](http://diometuchen.org/synod2023), to share feedback by completing the online questionnaire.

### **Ss. TIMOTHY & TERESA AWARDS**

All are invited to the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, on January 26 at 7 p.m., to celebrate the youth of the Diocese of Metuchen. Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate a Mass and present the St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards to the young people in our diocese. The Mass will also be available via livestream: [sfranciscathedral.org](http://sfranciscathedral.org). Congratulations to all the nominees!

### **EUCCHARISTIC 40 HOURS**

While the 2023 Synod Listening Sessions have been postponed, the Eucharistic Forty Hours in each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen will still be held beginning on Sunday, January 23, and ending on Tuesday, January 25. This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our future listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes, visit: [diometuchen.org/synod2023](http://diometuchen.org/synod2023).

### **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 Webb at 908-581-5968 for further information.

### **MLK DAY**

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed all day on **Monday January 17** in observance of Martin Luther King Day, a federal holiday.