

# 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

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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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 30, 2022



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

Saturday	<u>January 29</u>
5:00pm	+Victor Dudas
r/o	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kadi & Family
Sunday	January 30
	<u>Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+John Joseph Griffin
r/o	The Griffin Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Josephine Ciszkowski
r/o	Anne Krouse
Monday	January 31
	<u>Saint John Bosco</u>
9:00am	+Michael O'Brien
r/o	Helen Merlo
Tuesday	<u>February 1</u>
9:00am	William Greelish
r/o	A Parishioner
Wednesday	February 2
	<u>The Presentation of the Lord</u>
9:00am	+Mr. T.P. Joseph
r/o	George Joseph
Thursday	February 3
	<u>Saint Blaise</u>
	<u>Saint Ansgar</u>
9:00am	+William Blockus
r/o	The Paliscak Family
Friday	<u>February 4</u>
9:00am	+John & Mary Hudock
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 15 / 16	\$4,975.00
Electronic Giving	2,076.00
Total	\$7,051.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,345.06)
January 22 / 23	\$5,155.50
Electronic Giving	1,054.00
Total	\$6,209.50
Surplus /(Deficit)	(\$2,186.56)

**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.

**BLESSING OF CANDLES**

On Wednesday, February 2 the Church celebrates the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*. This day is also known as "Candlemas Day". It commemorates the time that the child Jesus was presented in the Temple by His parents. A prophetess who saw Him said He would be a "Light to the Nations and the glory of Israel". Because of that image of light the Church blesses candles on that day.

The Blessing of Candles will take place at 9:00 am Mass on Wednesday. If you have candles that you would like to have blessed for your own use then you may feel free to bring them to Mass that day and have them blessed.

It is customary to keep blessed candles in the house in order to have one lit if/when a priest comes to visit the sick and also to light during an oncoming storm as a symbol of prayer against danger or damage.



## **FROM THE PASTOR**



I hope you are all doing well and staying safe and healthy. Remember that the Parish Office will be **CLOSED** all week this coming week. Our Secretary, Laura, needed to take some personal time this week so we are closing the Office while

she is out.

Please see the notices elsewhere in this bulletin about the Blessing of Candles on [February 2](#) and the Blessing of Throats on [February 3](#).

The crèche and tree in the Narthex will be coming down this weekend in anticipation of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (aka *Candlemas Day*) on [February 2](#). By ancient custom the Christmas crèche was left up from Christmas until Candlemas. Also, this year we decided to leave the tree up as well. And, much to our surprise the poinsettias have done remarkable well this year too so we left them in place as long as we could to get the most out of them. But, with Candlemas coming this week on Wednesday the time has come to put away these reminders of Our Lord's Incarnation so that we can soon prepare for the celebration of His Passion by the 40-day season of Lent.

[Saturday, February 5](#) is the *Feast of St. Agatha*. She is the patroness of those with diseases of the breast, such as breast cancer, and also of bell makers. This is because part of the torture of her martyrdom included having her breast ripped off with iron hooks. The Lord miraculously restored her breast and her health before she was eventually burned alive. I have a great devotion to this Sicilian martyr because of my membership in the Military Order of the Collar of St. Agatha, a dynastic order of chivalry which was bestowed on me in 2004.

But, being a member of that chivalric order or not Agatha's life serves as a great reminder of the power of faith and trust in the Lord as well as the faithfulness of the Lord to those who serve Him. We can overcome so many things, even the suffering of this world, if we place our lives in His hands and our total faith in Him.

I hope this week ahead is filled with blessings for you and that you, and all those you love, will remain safe and free of harm or illness. Above all else, whatever happens, remember to Keep the Faith!

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a gourmet coffee after all Masses on Sunday, January 30 in the Parish Center.

## **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.

## **BLESSING OF THROATS**

[Thursday, February 3](#) is the Feast of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place in the usual manner after the conclusion of the 9:00 am daily Mass.

## **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

Baby bottles are due back the weekend of [February 5 / 6](#). Proceeds to benefit Life Choices and Grandma's House in Phillipsburg.

