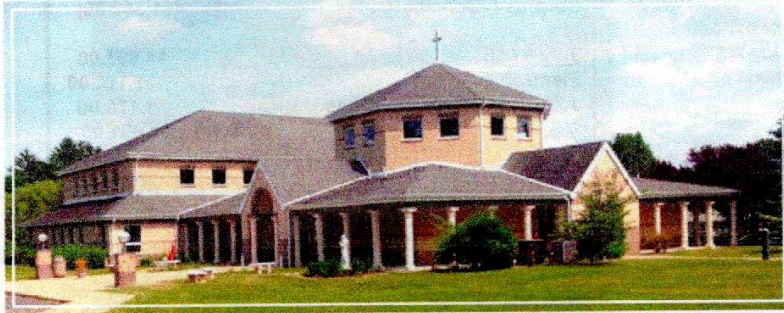


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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

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SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm
Sunday-----7:30 & 11:00 am
Spanish Mass-----9:00 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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	July 23 <u>Saint Bridget</u>
5:00pm r/o	+Grayce Wardlow Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino
Sunday	July 24 <u>Seventeenth Sunday</u> <u>In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am r/o	+Patti-Sue Rolak Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am r/o	+Paul T. Paliscak, Jr. The Paliscak Family
Monday	July 25 <u>Saint James</u>
9:00am r/o	+George W. Melious Family
Tuesday	July 26 <u>Saints Joachim & Anne,</u> <u>Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
9:00am r/o	+James Smith Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi
Wednesday	July 27
9:00am r/o	+Virginia Bizzaro Jeanne Selvester
Thursday	July 28
9:00am r/o	Arlene Viglianco Jessica Morgan & Family
Friday	July 29 <u>Saint Martha</u>
9:00am r/o	+Patti-Sue Rolak Family

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 9 / 10	\$6,697.00
Electronic Giving	1,114.00
July 4 th Parking Donations	1,170.00
Total	\$8,981.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$584.94
July 16 / 17	\$5,130.00
Electronic Giving	2,271.00
Bingo Income	904.75
Other Income	87.00
Total	\$8,392.75
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3.31)

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.





ST. JOSEPH STATUE

Our sincere **THANKS** to our Knights of Columbus who undertook the refurbishment of the statue of our parish patron, St. Joseph, in front of the church. The pedestal was repaired, the statue was cleaned and the broken staff in the hand of St. Joseph was replaced with a new one. All this has occurred for our parish's 150th Anniversary this year. We will have a blessing of the refurbished statue sometime this Fall.

Thank You Knights!

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

On Sept. 24, 2022, the Diocese of Metuchen will conclude its year-long 40th Anniversary celebration with a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. As we hope this to be a joyous celebration of our diocesan anniversary, we hope to have many Catholics from our diocese in attendance as possible, so please save the date and encourage your fellow parishioners to do the same. More information and materials will be forthcoming.

FROM THE PASTOR



Most of you know by now, or at least you should know, that we are experiencing a priest shortage in this country. We don't have nearly as many priests as we need to minister to people adequately. Even a relatively small parish like ours really should have two priests. While a few parishes in our diocese have more than one priest there is a large and growing number of parishes served by only one priest.

We are trying to cover things as best as we can but it is a struggle. I am fearful that because a shortage of priests has been discussed for so long while, at the same time, we have made a concerted effort to maintain a consistent level of service that many don't truly realize how bad the situation has become.

It may not happen much in our area but there are parts of this country where they only have Mass once a week, and some where even the Sunday Mass rotates and happens in different churches each Sunday while the priest in charge of three, four, or even five churches at once travels between them. But here in the northeast people are still receiving weekly and even daily Mass with little or no inconvenience.

And I fear that is a part of the problem. Everyone expects that Mass will always be available when they want it no matter what. But that comes with a cost. For example, I just got back from a 5 day vacation—the first vacation I have taken since February of 2020. But, because everyone expects all the same things to happen here even when I'm away it cost the parish \$755.00 to pay the priests we brought in to cover for me while I took my earned vacation. And this was a **short** vacation of just five days! Imagine the cost if I had been away for two weeks?

Of course, Sunday Mass must continue to occur even when I'm not here but I wonder why we can't simply make do with not having a daily Mass here when I am away? Omitting those would have saved us some \$250.00 and it's not like there aren't plenty of other churches nearby to which people could go just for the few days that I'm gone.

When those of you who work take your well-deserved vacation someone else who is employed by your employer covers for you and they are already on the payroll. You aren't expected to find your own coverage—**AND** pay them! But, that's what happens in the Church because I don't have another priest assigned here with me. I am putting this in front of you to prayerfully consider: maybe when I am away our parish could simply not have daily Mass? It would be mildly inconvenient for those who like to go to Mass every day and it would also mean we'd save some money. I think that as long as there is a vocation crisis—and there is—in this country it might be one thing that we could consider.

Have a good week. Keep The Faith!