

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*

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 OF LENT

March 13, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	March 12
5:00pm	+Roger DeLuca
r/o	<i>The Ritchie Family</i>
Sunday	March 13
	<u>Second Sunday of Lent</u>
7:30am	+Rose Plakotaris
r/o	<i>Yvonne & Family</i>
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Deceased Members of
r/o	Knights of Columbus Council 5170
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Monday	March 14
9:00am	+Joseph Zvirblys
r/o	<i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
Tuesday	March 15
9:00am	+Nora & Peter Sackley
r/o	<i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
Wednesday	March 16
9:00am	+Catherine Hogan
r/o	<i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
Thursday	March 17
	<u>Saint Patrick</u>
9:00am	+Madeline Mooney
r/o	<i>Maryellen Hudock</i>
Friday	March 18
9:00am	+Leonetta Marotta
r/o	<i>The Flynn 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. 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
February 26 / 27	\$5,686.00
Electronic Giving	1,149.00
Other Income	16.50
Total	\$6,851.50
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,544.56)
March 5 / 6	\$6,822.00
Electronic Giving	1,124.00
Bingo Income	1,267.50
Other Income	399.00
Total	\$9,612.50
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,216.44

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church every Friday in Lent at 9:30AM right after morning Mass. There are no evening Stations due to lack of interest.

Each Friday in Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 - 8:00PM. Confessions will also be heard during this time **except on March 25 when there will be adoration but no Confessions.**

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting. A General Information Meeting will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732) 562-2457 or diaconate@diometuchen.org

40 CANS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring the "40 Cans For Lent" drive in our parish as a way to collect canned goods to help those who are hungry. More details to follow.



MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE

After a two-year hiatus, the KofC March Madness Bracket Challenge is back. **Entries are \$10 and the proceeds will benefit the Ukraine Solidarity Fund.**

All entries must be received prior to March 16. You can pay for your entry after weekend Masses or via Paypal.

\$10 per entry and participants may designate the region for an entry to be assigned. Within a region teams will be assigned to entries on a random basis.

If an assigned entry is an underdog team in a given game and wins the game, then the participant moves on with the same team. If an assigned entry is an underdog team in a given game and loses the game but beats the point spread, then the participant moves on with the team that won the game. If an assigned entry is the favorite in a given game, and the team wins the game and ties the point spread then the participant moves on with the same team.

Entries that make it to the Sweet Sixteen will win \$10. Entries that make it to the Final Four will win \$20. The tournament winner will be awarded \$50 and the runner-up \$30

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

For those of you who have pledged to our Campaign: **THANK YOU!** For those who have not we urgently appeal to you to consider making a sacrificial pledge during this holy season of Lent. We need everyone to participate! Whatever you pledge now can be paid in increments throughout the rest of the three year campaign. **PLEASE** consider a sacrificial gift to your parish at this time and help us to reach our goal.

If you are making a payment on the amount you already pledged we request, please, that you make that payment separately from your regular weekly offering. Please do not put Campaign payments in weekly Parish envelopes. Thank you.

FROM THE PASTOR



St. Joseph Day is coming!!

Now, I know that for most of you March is all about St. Patrick's Day. And, sadly, for the third year in a row we are not having our Parish Irish Night due to the pandemic. However, just a couple of days after St. Patrick's Day is St. Joseph Day.

He is the patron saint of the Universal Church as well as being the patron saint of our parish. His feast day is a solemnity—the highest of five kinds of feast days in the Church—and ranking greatest in significance. (By comparison, St. Patrick's day is the second to lowest kind of liturgical day, an optional memorial!)

This year, St. Joseph Day, March 19, has special significance. It marks 150 years to the day since the first Mass was celebrated in our parish. After the parish had been erected by Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley of Newark late in 1871 it took some time to get things organized. It was on St. Joseph Day, 1872 that the newly formed parish of St. Joseph had a celebration of the Eucharist for the first time and has continued to do so every day since then for one hundred and fifty years.

On Saturday, March 19 we will have a special St. Joseph Day Mass at 11:00AM in the church. Then, that evening from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Parish Center the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a free family pasta dinner. It is requested that you sign up in advance to come to the dinner. You can do so by using the sign-up list in the Narthex of church -OR- by going to www.council5170.org to sign up online.

I hope that as many of you as are able will join us in church at Mass that morning to celebrate our parish's patron saint and to celebrate 150 years of Sacramental life here in Washington. I hope lots of you will also join us that evening for the dinner. You could come to 5:00 PM Mass and then just stick around to enjoy dinner as well!

Have a blessed week, a great Lent and, remember, Keep the Faith!

IMMACULATA HS INFO EVENT

Still thinking about which high school to attend this fall? Join us at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 28 for an hour of conversation, presentations, and a campus tour and learn how Immaculata High School can provide the high school experience you are looking for. We offer a small school environment, a challenging academic program, competitive athletics teams, opportunities to show off your creativity, and so much more! Open to students entering Grades 9 -11 in September. RSVP at www.immaculatahighschool.org/hourimmaculata.