

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



Parish Office/Rectory----- 908-689-0058

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	March 26
5:00pm	+Michael Kovacs
r/o	Knights of Columbus Council 5170
Sunday	March 27
	Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30am	+Timothy Cantu
r/o	Terry & Lori Finnegan
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Joseph Dudas
r/o	Robert & Carmen Kadi
Monday	March 28
9:00am	+Frank Savarese
r/o	Emily Savarese
Tuesday	March 29
9:00am	+Earl & Lena Dick
r/o	Gale Edolo
Wednesday	March 30
9:00am	+Josephine Ciszkowski
r/o	Carolyn Quinn
Thursday	March 31
9:00am	+John B. Hannon
r/o	Carolyn Quinn
Friday	April 1
9:00am	+Patricia Conte
r/o	Patricia Selvester

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
March 12 / 13	\$6,076.00
Electronic Giving	2,256.00
Total	\$8,332.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$64.06)
March 19 / 20	\$6,367.00
Electronic Giving	1,124.00
Saint Joseph Day Offering	76.00
Bingo Income	579.75
Other Income	67.40
Total	\$8,214.15
Surplus/Deficit	(181.91)

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.**

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.

TAX NOTICES

If you have not already done so and you wish to have a letter from the parish detailing your contributions to the church for the 2021 Tax Year, please contact the Parish Office at 908-689-0058 to request one.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

To assist the families in need in our community with Easter dinner, we are collecting \$25 & \$50 ShopRite gift cards. Please return them this weekend March 26 / 27



FROM THE PASTOR



With this fourth Sunday of Lent —called “Laetare Sunday”— we are about halfway through our penitential preparations for the great feast of Easter. How has your Lent been going? Has it been a good and positive experience? If not, never fear. There is still time! Use the remaining days of Lent as an opportunity to come closer to the Lord in fasting, prayer, almsgiving and sacrifices.

The special second collection today will go to Catholic Relief Services in order to help the suffering people of the Ukraine during this horrible and unjustified war brought on by the invasion of their country. Please be as generous as your means will allow. In the past whenever I have asked you to do that you have **always** come through. Even with our own limited means the generosity of this parish is always an inspiration.

Please take note of the Holy Week schedule elsewhere in this bulletin. I hope that as many of us are able will join us for these most beautiful liturgies of the year.

I also hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunity to go to Confession prior to Easter on Wednesday, April 6. From 7-8 PM the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and there will be five priests available to hear your Confessions (including Spanish). **This will be the final scheduled Confessions prior to Easter.**

The hope the Lenten days and weeks ahead will be filled with many blessings and joy for you. Spring has sprung so the climate outside is filling us with the anticipation of new life. Above all other things: Keep The Faith!

NJ YOUTH RALLY AT SIX FLAGS

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry announces the 2022 New Jersey Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ, is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2022! The cost for the day is \$55 per person (\$25 for season ticket holders) and includes advance entry into the park, a FREE return ticket to Park, a 3-hour all-you-can-eat buffet, Mass, the Opening Ceremony, and a Free Parking Pass. Open to all Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Scouting, Parish/School Athletic Programs, families, and all. To purchase your tickets please visit the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry page on Diocesan Website and register before the May 6th deadline. Questions? Please email mvantslot@diometuchen.org.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

I hope that your participation in the Holy Week liturgies will draw you closer to Christ and help you to celebrate Easter with a more profound joy.

Wednesday Holy Hour & Final Confessions before Easter
April 6 from 7:00 - 8:00PM

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday 4/14 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration 8:00 - 10:00PM

Good Friday 4/15 3:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
NOTE: There are NO Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

Holy Saturday 4/16 12:00 Noon Blessing of Food

Great Vigil of Easter 8:00PM

Easter Sunday 4/17 Mass Schedule

7:30AM Celebrant: Fr. Luke Fletcher, CFR

9:30AM **IN ENGLISH** Celebrant: Fr. Michael Venditti

11:00AM Celebrant: Fr. Guy

12:30PM **in Spanish** Celebrante: Padre Guy