

# 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

12 Jackson Valley Road • Washington, New Jersey

## 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.*

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 16, 2021



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>May 15</u></b>
5:00pm	+Dottie McLaughlin
r/o	<i>The Trimmer Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>May 16</u></b>
	<b><u>The Ascension of the Lord</u></b>
7:30am	+George W. Melious
r/o	<i>Jeanne Selvester</i>
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Nicholas Colucci
r/o	<i>Gail Glazer</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>May 17</u></b>
9:00am	+Marie Hartmann
r/o	<i>Deacon Ed Hartmann</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>May 18</u></b>
9:00am	+Florence Stern
r/o	<i>Fr. Guy</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>May 19</u></b>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	<i>Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>May 20</u></b>
9:00am	+Emil Hudock
r/o	<i>Ann Daugert</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>May 21</u></b>
9:00am	+James Pullaro
r/o	<i>Frank &amp; Andrea Marsello</i>

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Charlotte Barczak, Daisy Barczak, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hensel, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Donna Rogulski, 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
<b><u>Weekend of May 1 / 2</u></b>	<b>\$5,373.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,197.00
Total	\$6,570.00
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,826.06)</b>
<b><u>Weekend of May 8 / 9</u></b>	<b>\$6,047.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,569.00
Mother's Day Offerings	555.00
Other	500.00
Total	\$8,671.00
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$274.94</b>

### **2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

*"Transformed by Christ Body and Blood  
Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church"*

Our most sincere THANKS to everyone who has given so generously so far to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has had \$22,459.00 pledged and has already paid \$21,362.75 towards our parish goal of \$28,000.00. That's 80.21% of our goal from just 87 families!

We are so close to achieving our parish goal. We have just \$5,541.00 to go! I know that we can do that. We have now gotten to the point that if the families who have not yet made a pledge could see their way clear to making a pledge of around \$102.60 we would easily make our goal and be done! Keep in mind such pledges can be paid in installments of just \$34.20 per month.

You can visit the diocesan website if you would prefer to make a pledge online. They have greatly simplified the online giving process. That can be found at

[www.diometuchen.org/BAA](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA)

Of course, if you prefer, you can mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000.

Keep in mind that making a pledge means that you **do not have to send money right now.** **Please** consider making a pledge and helping us to do our part as a parish to achieve this year's goal.

### **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

Our very heartfelt Thank You for your generosity in this month's collection for the Washington Food pantry. There will be another next month. We must ask, please, that you do not leave food donations in the narthex except on the weekends we are collecting. We have no place to store it in the mean time..



## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Christ is Risen! He has Ascended!  
Alleluia!

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and the completion of the Paschal Mystery.

Christ returns to the Father from whom He came and we then await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Because the Governor of New Jersey has relaxed the restrictions on gatherings we received some new instructions from the diocese. I am happy to say that as of May 19 there are no longer any restrictions on the number of people attending houses of worship in New Jersey. Accordingly we will make some changes in the way we are celebrating Sunday Masses to take effect next weekend, **May 22 & 23:**

The pews will no longer be restricted *EXCEPT* one of the four sections of pews will still have every other pew blocked off for those who are still wary of sitting to close to others. The rest of the pews will be open. **Everyone attending Mass must still wear face masks, use hand sanitizer upon entering church and try to keep some distance from each other as much as possible.**

Holy Communion will once again be distributed at the normal time in the Mass. For the time being we are not restoring Communion under both species.

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We will have music at all the Masses, the choir will be returned to Mass and the hymnals and missalettes will be returned to the pews. In June we will again begin to use all the liturgical ministries of altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion and ushers.

**The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect** until you are advised otherwise. Consequently, the Saturday 5:00PM Mass will continue to be live-streamed until the dispensation is lifted.

This is still not a full return to "normal" but I hope that it will be seen as more progress in that direction. I hope it also encourages more people to come to Mass in person. We can still be careful and be together.

May the Risen Christ continue to bless you and yours with His grace and His peace. May the celebration of the Lord's Ascension remind us that from His place in heaven the Lord is always with us still through all our struggles.

He is Truly Risen & Ascended! Alleluia!



## **PARISH COUNCIL**

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Parish Council Meetings are not private but are open to anyone wishing to attend. However, only Council members have a voice or a vote at the meeting.

## **GARDENERS NEEDED**

Knights of Columbus Council 5170 needs gardeners to help maintain plots at the Washington Community Garden. A typical weekly commitment is 3-5 hours, involves weeding and watering. Produce grown in the plots is distributed to local food pantries.

Volunteer at [www.council5170.org](http://www.council5170.org) or call Terry Finnegan 908-689-3505

## **STOP YOUR TAX DOLLARS FROM PAYING FOR ABORTION**

A serious effort is underway in Congress to force all taxpayers to pay for elective abortions. The Hyde Amendment and other similar laws have long protected taxpayers from funding elective abortions.

Now, powerful members of Congress want to get rid of these laws, which have been supported by both Democrats and Republicans for 45 years.

Without the Hyde Amendment and related policies, billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion in the United States and throughout the world. Don't let our government make you pay for the taking of innocent human life. Contact Congress and tell them to keep the Hyde Amendment and related policies and to oppose any bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion. Visit: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home>