

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

Fax ----- 908-689-3436

Website----- stjosephwashingtongj.org

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 1, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>April 30</u>
5:00pm	+Andy Morrisroe
r/o	The Trimmer Family
Sunday	May 1
	<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>
7:30am	+Maria & Peter Imperatrice
r/o	Family
9:00am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Marie C. Galloway
r/o	Ann Krouse
Monday	May 2
	<u>Saint Athanasius</u>
9:00am	+John H. Melious, Sr.
r/o	Family
Tuesday	May 3
	<u>Saints Philip & James</u>
9:00am	+Leon Hackett
r/o	Terry & Lori Finnegan & Family
Wednesday	May 4
9:00am	+Karen Schoenig
r/o	Bill & Kelly Schoenig
Thursday	May 5
9:00am	+Joseph J. Selvester, Jr.
r/o	Fr. Guy
Friday	May 6
9:00am	Melissa Marie Angelle Pitre
r/o	Jim & Dawn

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
April 16 / 17	\$14,898.00
Electronic Giving	2,316.00
Holy Thursday	585.00
Total	\$17,799.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$9,402.94
Diocesan Holy Land Collection	\$925.00
April 23 / 24	\$4,535.00
Electronic Giving	1,109.00
Easter Donations	395.00
Other	350.00
Total	\$6,389.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,007.06)

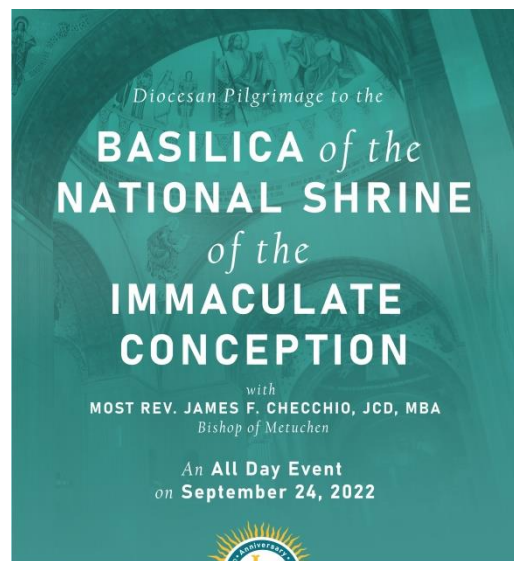
CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard every Wednesday evening from 7:15 - 8:00 PM (except in July and August) and every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 - 4:45 PM just prior to the Saturday evening Mass.

QUO VADIS DAYS 2022

July 19-22, 2022
Young men ages 14-17!

You're invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org



The Closing Event
to Celebrate the
40th Anniversary of the
Diocese of Metuchen



More information
about the pilgrimage
will be made available at
www.diometuchen.org/40



SPANISH MASS/MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Please take note that beginning in May there will be a change to our Mass schedule. The Spanish Mass which has been celebrated at 9:30 AM every Sunday will be moved back one half hour and be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

This change will make it possible for us to receive the assistance of a priest who is a native Spanish-speaker and who will be coming here twice each month to assist with the Spanish Mass.

So, starting in May and from now on the Spanish Mass will take place at 9:00 AM every Sunday.

A partir de mayo habrá un cambio en nuestro horario de Misas. La misa en español que se ha celebrado a las 9:30 a. m. todos los domingos se retrasará media hora y se celebrará a las 9:00 a. m.

Este cambio hará posible que recibamos la asistencia de un sacerdote cuyo idioma nativo es el español y que vendrá aquí dos veces al mes para ayudar con la misa en español.

Entonces, a partir de mayo y de ahora en adelante, la Misa en español se llevará a cabo a las 9:00 a.m. todos los domingos.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, June 19 in the Parish Center.

More information to follow.

FROM THE PASTOR



Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! By His death He has defeated death and to all those who were in the grave He has offered eternal life!

Now, you might be thinking, “OK, Father, it’s the third Sunday of Easter. Aren’t you still laying it on a bit thick?” And the answer is **NO!** Easter is **FIFTY DAYS** and we rejoice and celebrate the wondrous news of the Lord’s resurrection all throughout that time. Easter isn’t a “holiday” that occurs on a single day and then is over. It is a state of being; we live in the knowledge and in the grace of knowing that death and sin no longer have power over us. That’s something we must contemplate and rejoice about at all times.

The problem with the world today is that we’re always all too ready to get something over with and then move on to the next thing. We never take the time to bask in the moment. We never spend our time considering what is happening in the here and now. We’re always looking to what’s next. Then, one day you do look back and you realize you’ve spent —and wasted— so much precious time looking to the future and you forgot to sit in the moment, with its joys and sorrows, and simply live.

Easter comes around each year to remind us that Christ has already won the victory and we get to derive the benefit of that which is a cause for rejoicing. Sin still exists but because of the death and resurrection of Christ we have the true forgiveness of our sins and that is also a cause for rejoicing. The promise of eternal life is real for us because of the Paschal Mystery and that, too, is cause for rejoicing. How can we possibly celebrate that simply on one day of saying “Alleluia” and then...move on?

No, as the old saying goes: “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song”. For the full fifty days of the Paschal season and beyond we must live in the knowledge of the Lord’s victory over sin and death (two things, by the way, that came into this world because of **us**, not because of Him) and the tremendous joy of knowing that He shares that victory with all of us...while we are still sinners.

In light of that knowledge how can we possibly keep from rejoicing? How can we celebrate for merely a day? How can we keep from singing the triumphant song of joy?

Alleluia! Christ is indeed risen from the dead. By His death He has defeated death and to those in the grave He has offered eternal life! Alleluia!

Have a great week ahead filled with blessings and peace. Christ suffered and died for you and has come to life again. Keep the Faith!

