

# 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----- stjosephwashingtongnj.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.*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 22, 2022



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>May 21</u></b>
5:00pm	+Deceased Members of the Coyle Family
r/o	<i>Edie Bob Callahan</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>May 22</u></b>
	<b><u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u></b>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	<i>Family</i>
9:00am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Rita O'Connor
r/o	<i>Karole &amp; Terry Bradunas</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>May 23</u></b>
9:00am	+Ramon & Joseph Perez-Carreno
r/o	<i>Peggy Perez-Carreno</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>May 24</u></b>
9:00am	+Hamza Muheisen
r/o	<i>Finnegan &amp; Muheisen Families</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>May 25</u></b>
9:00am	+George W. Melious
r/o	<i>Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>May 26</u></b>
9:00am	+Anthony Boutilette
r/o	<i>Terry &amp; Lori Finnegan &amp; Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>May 27</u></b>
9:00am	+Joseph Clark
r/o	<i>Raymond Clark &amp; 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., 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
<b><u>May 7 / 8</u></b>	<b>\$6,733.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,154.00
Other Income	875.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,762.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$365.94</b>
<b>Diocesan Catholic Relief Services</b>	<b>\$492.00</b>
<b><u>May 14 / 15</u></b>	<b>\$5,218.00</b>
Electronic Giving	2,286.00
Bingo Income	357.00
Other Income	51.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,912.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$484.06)</b>

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS**

In Summer of 2022, Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will award two \$500 college scholarships. Catholic youth from Saint Ann's Parish, Hampton, Saint Joseph Parish, Washington, Saint Patrick's Parish, Belvidere, and Saint Rose of Lima, Oxford are eligible to apply.

Applicants currently must be attending high school or enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. **High school age winners will receive their award during the Fall of their first undergraduate year.** Council 5170 will issue a check directly to the college or university that a student attends in the Fall.

Applications are due on June 17, 2022. For more information and to download an application please go to [www.council5170.org](http://www.council5170.org)

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

A reminder to all of you that the Bishops of the New Jersey Catholic conference have decided to permanently transfer the observance of the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** from a Thursday to the following Sunday in keeping with the custom observed by the majority of the Catholic dioceses in the United States. This was undertaken after a two year trial period.

**The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will occur on Sunday, May 29, 2022.**





## Jesus Said:

"I will send you the Advocate,  
the Spirit of truth. He will come  
to you from the Father and  
will testify all about me."

[ John 15:26 ]

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

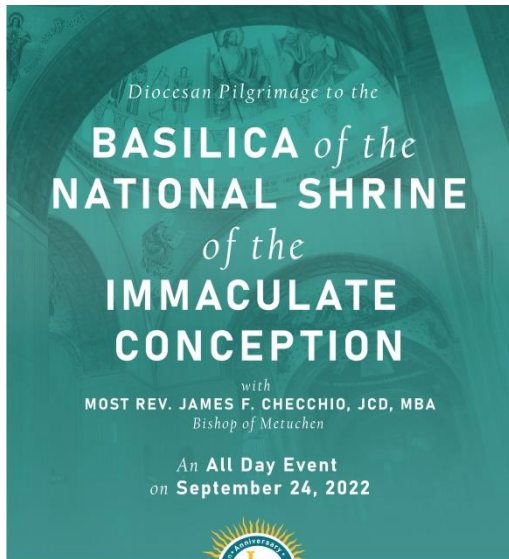
The Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will be sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, June 19 in the Parish Center 8:00am -2:00pm.

Appointments are required. To schedule your appointment follow this link  
[donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/driveschedule85313](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/driveschedule85313)

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONFESSIONS**

Please be aware that, as we do every year, we will suspend the Wednesday evening Confessions during the months of June, July and August. The last Wednesday evening Confessions before the summer will take place on May 25.

Confessions will, of course, continue to be heard on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45PM.



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



More information  
about the pilgrimage  
will be made available at  
[www.dioemetuchen.org/40](http://www.dioemetuchen.org/40)

### **FROM THE PASTOR**



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Say a prayer for our nine 2nd Graders who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning, May 21. May God fill them with His grace and love.

Last Saturday, May 14, our bishop ordained 15 new Permanent Deacons for our diocese. This class was the first ever to be made up of primarily Spanish-speaking men. I am happy to say that one of these new Deacons has been assigned to assist at our parish!

Beginning next week **Deacon Paul Flor**, who has been a parishioner at our neighboring parish, St. Philip & St. James in Phillipsburg, for many years will become the third Deacon serving here at St. Joseph. He will be serving here three weekends each month and will also assist one weekend per month at Assumption Church in Hackettstown.

This is a great blessing to our parish. Combined with the regular monthly help we are also receiving from Fr. Yohan Serrano with our Spanish Masses and Confessions we are better able to serve our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters. Remember that I always say: **this is ONE parish with TWO languages.**

Deacon Paul speaks Spanish as his first language but is also fluent in English as well. So, his ministry will not be limited to the Hispanic Community. He will also take a full part in the all the pastoral ministries of the parish and assist whenever possible in the full liturgical and sacramental life of our parish.

This is, as I say, a great blessing to our parish. Our two other Deacons, Edmund Hartmann and Sylvan Webb, have been serving this parish for many years and they both do a lot to assist me in the pastoral care of our parishioners. The addition of a third Deacon will benefit us all. But, this will also be a great help to me personally. My fluency in Spanish is not great and I feel the Hispanic parishioners here have not been served as well as I would have liked in the years since we no longer have had a second priest here to help with that. We've been "getting by" but that's not really good enough. Now, with the monthly help of Fr. Serrano and the regular assistance of Deacon Paul our Latino parishioners will be much better served and the rest of our parishioners will also benefit from Deacon Paul's ministry.

God has been good to us...as He always is. May He fill the week ahead with many blessings and the peace of His presence for all of you, your families and all those you love.

Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia!

