

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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"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*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.----- *Deacon*

Sylvan H. Webb ----- *Deacon*

Laura A. Torres----- *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Joyce Rock---- *Director of Religious Education (DRE)*

Shirley A. Firling----- *Director of Sacred Music*

James Mc Aloon----- *Pastoral Council Chairperson*

Jim McAloon----- *Trustee*

John 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: 1, 2, 3, 4

7:00 - 8:00 pm / Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8

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-----9:00 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 7:00 to 7:30 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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 9, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday **October 8**

5:00pm +Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o *Family*

Sunday **October 9**
Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am +Hamza Muheisen
r/o *Finnegan & Muheisen Families*

9:00am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Anthony Aquino
r/o *Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino*

Monday **October 10**

9:00am +Deceased Members of the
r/o *Meleo Family*
Deacon Ed Hartmann

Tuesday **October 11**
NO DAILY MASS TODAY

Wednesday **October 12**
NO DAILY MASS TODAY

Thursday **October 13**
NO DAILY MASS TODAY

Friday **October 14**

9:00am +Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o *Family*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Kristine Rhee Cy, 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, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr., Emily Setteducato, Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>September 24 / 25</u>	\$5,518.00
Electronic Giving	1,114.00
Total	\$6,632.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,764.06)
<u>October 1 / 2</u>	\$6,191.00
Electronic Giving	1,414.00
Bingo Income	925.50
Other Income	111.50
Total	\$8,642.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$245.94

OUR PARISH IS 150!

Sunday, November 6, 2022 we are celebrating Mass in honor of the Parish's 150th Anniversary. On that day we will celebrate our sesquicentennial with a Mass presided over by our Bishop, James Checchio. We will mark 150 years of a Catholic presence in Washington and also the paying off of the mortgage on our present church building. The 11:00AM Mass will be followed by a free luncheon in the Parish Hall sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #5170.

SAVE THE DATE!

This is coming up and worth putting on your calendar now so that you can plan to be here and share in it.
Sunday, November 27, 2022: Vespers with Benediction for the First Sunday of Advent. To spend some extra time in prayer to prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus BUT before things get too busy for the holidays we will have a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration from 4:00 - 5:00PM. During this hour we will pray evening prayer (vespers) and the hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

TAKE NOTICE!

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Columbus day, **October 10**. Also, there will be no daily Mass on **October 11, 12 & 13** because Fr. Guy will be away at the annual Priest's Convocation.





Q&A IS BACK!

Do you want to learn a bit more about your faith but aren't really interested in attending a lecture or taking a class? Are you interested in a lively and fun conversation with other adults about what it means to be Catholic? Father Guy's Q&A, which is nicknamed: "*Everything You Always Wanted To Know About the Catholic Church...But Were Afraid To Ask*" will once again take place this coming October. These sessions are a relaxed evening during which people can learn about the Church and share their faith. Questions are submitted anonymously and pulled from a hat. This discussion is intended for those over 18 years of age. So, join us in the Community Room on **Thursday, October 20 from 7:00 - 8:30PM**. Everyone is welcome whether they are parishioners here or not, or even whether they are Catholic or not!

LEARN ABOUT WHY WE CHANGED THE MASS

Catholics still talk about Vatican II all the time even 57 years after it took place. Perhaps the single most impactful set of changes that came from the Council were the liturgical changes. Have you ever read the document that called for those changes? Do you know what the Council actually said about the Mass? Do you think Mass can be boring? Do you understand how and why the Church changed things? Come find out! Fr. Guy is offering a one-time session for adults to discuss the document that changed the liturgy, "*Sacrosanctum Concilium*" (The Most Holy Council). Come spend an evening learning more about what actually happened and why. This session will take place on **Thursday, November 10 at 7:00PM**. No pre-registration. Just come!

BLOOD DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council #5170 will sponsor a blood drive on **Sunday, October 30** in the Parish Hall.

We still have almost 30 appointments available. Blood donations are in short supply. Please give of your time and yourself and help save a life!

Sign up for an appointment online at www.council5170.org
Vivat Jesus!

FROM THE PASTOR



This is the month in which we have finally paid off the mortgage on our present church building!

Back in 2017 we still owed Bank of America \$103,642.38 It was the only debt we owed to an outside vendor other than the Diocese of Metuchen. Why is that significant? Because most of the money we owe the Diocese is on loans that are interest free. So, I approached the Diocese and they agreed to pay off the loan to the Bank and then allow us to pay the money owed back to the Diocese. They still charged us interest but at a very reasonable rate.

We created a workable schedule for paying the back the money in increments and, I am happy to say, that as of **October 1** we made the final payment! After all these 32 years our church is finally paid for and we have eradicated a significant part of our Parish Debt. All this in time for the celebration of our 150th next month!

Our **Parish Religious Education** classes begin this coming week on **October 11th**. This is always a happy and exciting time in the parish year. This year we are also returning to a full, in-class program for all grades, 1-8. Some people are wondering why we are having classes only one day a week this year on Tuesdays. Well, the answer is a simple one. When I came here seven years ago we had slightly over 200 children in the program and that required classes on two days per week. This year we have exactly 100 children registered; fewer than half the number we had in years past! So, because our resources are limited we needed to tailor the program to its present size and offer classes on one day per week. I hope that makes sense to people. Remember: all our Catechists and their Aides are *volunteers* giving of their valuable time to help run the program. We can only do so much.

I hope you are all making plans to join us for the **Mass and Luncheon for our Sesquicentennial Celebration on November 6th**. The Bishop will be here and the luncheon is free, thanks to the kindness of our Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #5170. So, please join us!

I'm sure you may have noticed that the thermometer indicating the progress of our **150th Anniversary Capital Campaign** hasn't moved much in recent days. If you have not yet made a pledge or a payment to the Campaign please consider doing so. We need your help! We need everyone to take part. If you have already given would you kindly consider augmenting your pledge? We are almost at the goal.

May God bless you all with a great week ahead filled with peace, health and good things. I hope everyone is already getting excited for the coming season of holidays and celebrations. But, before we get to that festive season there are quite a few plain old days ahead. Remember above all to **Keep The Faith!**

