

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 16, 2022



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	October 15 <u>Saint Teresa of Jesus</u>
5:00pm	+Kenneth S. Pizzo, Sr. <i>r/o Rev. Blaise R. Baran</i>
Sunday	October 16 <u>Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Frank Savarese <i>r/o Emily Savarese</i>
9:00am <i>(Spanish)</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Xavier Murhpy <i>r/o The Finnegan Family</i>
Monday	October 17 <u>Saint Ignatius of Antioch</u>
9:00am	+Teresa A. Dominici <i>r/o Mary & Bobby Kovacs</i>
Tuesday	October 18 <u>Saint Luke</u>
9:00am	+Josephine Edolo <i>r/o Gale Edolo</i>
Wednesday	October 19 <u>Saints John de Brebeuf Isaac Joques, Priests, Companions, Martyrs</u>
9:00am	+Paul Disporto <i>r/o Frank & Andrea Marsello</i>
Thursday	<u>October 20</u>
9:00am	+Police Officer Anthony Varvaro <i>r/o The Torres Family</i>
Friday	<u>October 21</u>
9:00am	+Robert McAloon <i>r/o Jim & Barbara McAloon</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Kristine Rreh 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

<u>WEEKLY OFFERING</u>	
<u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u>	
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<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
<u>October 8 / 9</u>	\$6,103.00
Electronic Giving	1,314.00
Other Income	300.00
Total	\$7,717.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$679.06)

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and our financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa (in both of which the Church is GROWING), the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America & Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith for Missions around the world. Thank You!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

We will be collecting \$50 Shoprite gift cards for 25 families in need this year for Thanksgiving. Sign ups will be October 29 / 30. Gift cards should be returned November 5 / 6 and may be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your support and generosity.



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 week, as you know, I was away at our annual Priests Convocation. The Bishop does us a nice favor by having it at a hotel (in the off season) down the shore in Spring Lake. We are in a beautiful setting right on the beach. Of course, mid-October is not exactly "beach weather" but the facilities are nice and the view is spectacular. So, at least we're in a nice place for three days of meetings.

In addition to the meetings we also have the opportunity to do something that the priests of the Diocese rarely get to do. We can pray together as a group and also spend some leisure time enjoying each other's company. We get to renew our acquaintances and friendships and it's also a chance to get to know some of the younger, newer priests a little better.

So, it is a working time but a working time that also includes a lot of relaxation and fun. Please remember to pray for priests. We are human and, therefore, flawed, but we are trying to serve the Lord by serving you. For those times when we fall short or disappoint you the best thing you can do is to pray for us. As the last couple of years have been hard on everyone because of illness, isolation, economic difficulty, etc. it has also been very hard on priests. We are called to be shepherds and when we are cut off from the flock we have no one to shepherd. To a great extent the last few years have left many priests in a bit of an identity crisis. They are struggling with who they really are to people and how they can better serve.

I know I went through those feelings for quite some time. I was certainly feeling a little lost in the past two years. But, I got some help, some guidance, some spiritual assistance and the love of family, friends and parishioners and I definitely feel that things are once again looking up. I hope that that is the same for all of you, too. If it isn't, I hope that I—and all of us—here at St. Joseph might be able to be part of the help that you need to feel optimistic about the present and the future again.

God heals all wounds; He helps in all moments of distress or anxiety. The way He does that is varied. Sometime He intervenes directly in our lives. Sometimes He simply touches our hearts with His peace. Frequently, He uses others as His instruments to intercede on our behalf. Our parish is a family—a spiritual family. We all know that families take care of each other but that still means we each have to allow that to happen in our lives. So, allow the family of St. Joseph to help you with whatever might be troubling you. As we all try to keep recovering from feelings of fear and isolation be a part of what is happening here at church. It will help!

Have a blessed week ahead filled with good things and hope in the mercy and love of the Lord. Above all, remember to Keep The Faith!

