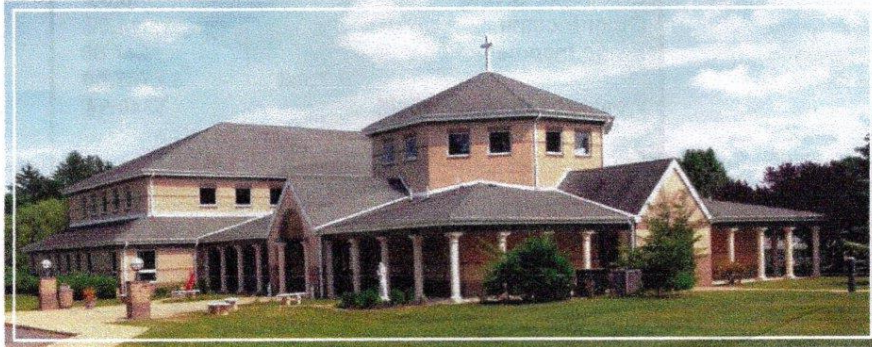


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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...

9:30 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

Parishioner on the Move

Please notify the Parish Office.

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Very Rev. Guy W. Selvester, V.F. ----- *Pastor*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

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

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-----9:00 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.

Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>August 19</u>
5:00pm	+Ethel Butler <i>r/o Family</i>
Sunday	August 20 <u>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Felipe Gonzales <i>r/o Paul & Felina Schmieder</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+John Wardlow <i>r/o Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino</i>
Monday	August 21 <u>Saint Pius X</u>
9:00am	+George W. Moorhead <i>r/o Fr. Guy</i>
Tuesday	August 22 <u>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
9:00am	The Diocese of Metuchen
Wednesday	<u>August 23</u>
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the Hartmann Family <i>r/o Deacon Ed</i>
Thursday	August 24 <u>Saint Bartholomew</u>
9:00am	+Marge O'Kane <i>r/o The Finnegan Family</i>
Friday	<u>August 25</u>
9:00am	+William Winters <i>r/o Fr. Guy</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Adrianna Berrios, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rhee Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Peter Garon, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, James Herring, Sharon Lawson, The Lewis Family, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Angelo Saccos, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd,

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses: \$6,464.00

August 5 / 6 \$5,637.00

Electronic Giving 1,352.00

Total \$6,989.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) \$525.00

August 12 / 13 \$5,519.00

Electronic Giving 1,732.00

Total \$7,215.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) \$787.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of August 11, our parish has pledged \$18,017.60 which represents 64.35% of our goal.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

According to information received this past week from Giving Trend, the company administering our Capital Campaign the total amount pledged to the campaign as of August 10 is: \$450,990.71. The total amount that has been paid is: \$353,399.71.

Our goal is to reach \$600,000. So far expenses (including Giving Trend fees, last year's Bishop's Appeal goal and replacement of the Parish Center HVAC units) amounted to \$123,398.00. That means our adjusted cash-on-hand is: \$230,001.71.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registrations are now being accepted for the Fall session. Grades 1-4 is from 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Grades 5-8 is from 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Both sessions are held on Tuesday evenings. Please return registrations as soon as possible. Mrs. Rock can be reached at 908-689-0093





FAREWELL TO FR. GUY

Following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, August 27 all are invited to the Parish Center for a light reception to wish Father Guy farewell.

Father Guy will begin his new assignment at Saint Mary's in South Amboy and this is the opportunity to join in the fellowship and wish him well.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS-MISA DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

Please join Bishop Checchio in celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Mass in Spanish, on Friday September 15, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Together we will thank God for our diocese and for the opportunity to live our faith through our traditions.

Information: Lescobar@diometuchen.org or call (732) 243 4573.

Acompaña al Obispo Checchio en la celebración de la Misa de la Herencia Hispana en español, el viernes 15 de septiembre de 2023 a las 7 p.m. en la Catedral de San Francisco de Asís (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Juntos daremos gracias a Dios por nuestra diócesis y por la oportunidad de vivir nuestra fe a través de nuestras tradiciones. Información: Lescobar@diometuchen.org o llame al (732) 243 4573.



FROM THE PASTOR



I am now beginning my last full week as your Pastor. Next Sunday, August 27, will be my final Sunday in the parish. I move to South Amboy the next day. After the 11:00 am Mass next Sunday there will be a light reception in the Parish Center Bingo Hall so that I will have the opportunity to say farewell to parishioners. Regardless of what Mass you attend I hope as many of you as possible will make the effort to come to the reception and say good-bye.

This coming Tuesday, August 22, is the *Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, or sometimes referred to as the *Feast of Our Lady, Mother and Queen*. This day which is a memorial for the rest of the Church, is a feast here in the Diocese of Metuchen because it is the patronal feast of the Diocese. After St. John Paul II established the diocese he allowed its first bishop to choose a special patron for the new diocese and Mary, Our Queen was chosen. If you look at the diocesan coat of arms (which you can easily see on one of the two huge banners hanging on the back wall of our church) you will see it contains the letter "M" with a crown on top. Many people mistakenly think the "M" stands for Metuchen. In fact, it is a symbol of the Queenship of Mary.

This feast used to be in May but Pope Pius XII moved the observance of the feast to the octave day of the Assumption, August 22. So, it often gets overlooked because it falls in vacation season but it is actually a beautiful celebration that relates to Mary's Assumption by celebrating her coronation as the Queen of Heaven (the fifth and final of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary).

Mary, the Mother of the Church, reigns above as the Queen of Heaven where she intercedes with God on behalf of all her earthly children. It is a feast that reminds us that Mary is always attentive to our needs and the prayers of our hearts. In addition, it reminds us that she will always take those needs and lay them at the feet of the Lord on our behalf.

On Tuesday remember to offer a prayer for all the people, clergy and parishes of our Diocese. Let us all echo the words of the well-known hymn: Hail! Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria! Hail, mother of mercy and of love, O Maria! ...heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve, Regina!

I hope this week ahead—my final one as your Pastor—is filled with nothing but blessings and good things. Remember to take some time to thank God for all the good things in your life and to ask for His help with whatever may be going not so well. This is that part of the summer when everyone begins to think about "vacation time" ending and getting geared up for the season ahead. Just leave a little room in there for the Holy Spirit as well. Remember, above all, to Keep The Faith!

