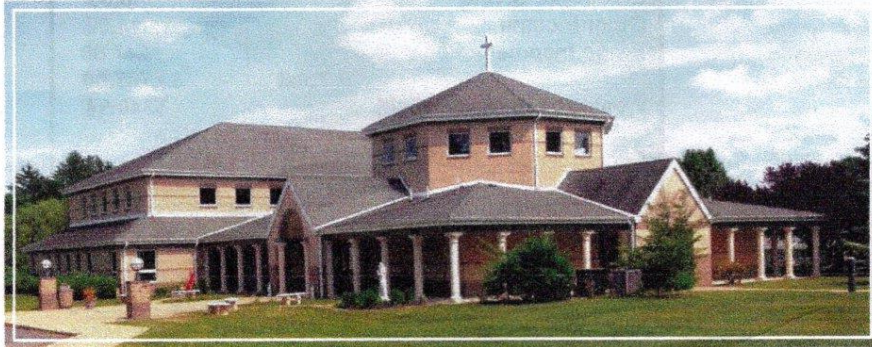


# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.*

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2023



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>August 26</u></b>
5:00pm	+Anthony Zvirblys r/o Mary Zvirblys
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 27</b> <b><u>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>
7:30am	+John Rolak, Sr. r/o Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Christopher Dante r/o The Dante Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 28</b> <b><u>Saint Augustine</u></b>
9:00am	+Janice & Italo Lusardi r/o The Lusardi Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 29</b> <b><u>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</u></b>
9:00am	+Oseas Gomez r/o Ileana Gomez
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 30</b>
9:00am	Sister Pia Marie r/o Grace & Nina
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 31</b>
9:00am	+Alphonse Zvirblys r/o Mary Zvirblys
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>September 1</u></b>
9:00am	+Robert Milletich r/o Wife, Maureen

### 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, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarcho, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:		\$6,464.00
<b>August 12 / 13</b>		<b>\$5,519.00</b>
Electronic Giving		1,732.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,215.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>\$787.00</b>
<b>August 19 / 20</b>		<b>\$5,515.00</b>
Electronic Giving		2,294.00
Other Income		500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,309.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>\$1,845.00</b>

### BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of August 22, 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 22 is: **\$450,990.71**. The total amount that has been paid is: **\$363,399.71**.

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: **\$240,001.71**.

### 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

If you have not yet returned your registration, now is the time to do so.

Classes resume on Tuesday, September 26





### **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](mailto: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](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org) o llame al (732) 243 4573.

### **FAREWELL FATHER GUY**

The Parish of Saint Joseph would like to thank you for all that you have done since you arrived here.

May the Lord bless you as you begin your new ministry at Saint Mary's in South Amboy.

We wish you all the best.....you will be missed!



### **FROM THE PASTOR**

This is my last column for you as my parishioners. Eight years have come and gone (I'm actually two months into my 9th year with you) and it seems like the blink of an eye.

Transfers for a priest are always a time of very mixed emotions. While it is interesting and exciting to look forward to new experiences with new people in the new assignment, there is always the sadness of having to let go of the familiar, and say good bye to people you have come to know and care about.

That's the way this whole past week, indeed the whole month, has felt for me. This transfer is bittersweet. It is true that it will be a good thing for me to live farther east and, therefore, closer to Long Island and to my family. I am especially thinking of my mother, who is elderly, and who I don't get to see as often as I would like.

Nevertheless, this assignment at St. Joseph has been a very good one (and that can't always be said about all the assignments in the life of a priest) and one that I have found to be rewarding, happy and very meaningful. I had already been "in charge" before I came here but St. Joseph has been my first pastorate. That's very special.

I regret that even though we have managed to accomplish a great deal there are things still left unfinished. I am particularly regretful that we were not able to complete the Capital Campaign or repair the classroom wing roof before I left. I know you will do it; but I'm sorry I won't be here to finish it with you.

Nevertheless, the emotion I find myself filled with the most as I write this is: gratitude. I am grateful to God for allowing me to come and serve here as your Pastor for eight years. I'm grateful that I was assigned to a warm, welcoming parish. I am equally grateful to all of you for your faith, your hospitality and your support. No parish is "perfect" because they are all made up of imperfect people. However, this parish has been exceedingly good to me. I will always be grateful for that and for the ways that you both challenged me and encouraged me in my priestly ministry.

I pray that you will do the same with my successor, Fr. James. Be the wonderful community of faith to him that you have been to me. Welcome him as warmly and kindly as you welcomed me. Listen to him and allow him to guide you. Don't dwell on the past and the mistakes made by others. In true Christian fashion look to the future and be filled with a sense of hope. All true disciples have their gaze fixed on the Lord and on the future life of glory promised to us in Christ. I have experienced that here with all of you. Continue in hope.

So, **THANK YOU** to all of you. Pray for me as I begin a new chapter in my life. As St. Joseph Parish begins a new chapter too be assured I will keep all of you in my prayers as well. One last time...remember, above all, to Keep The Faith!