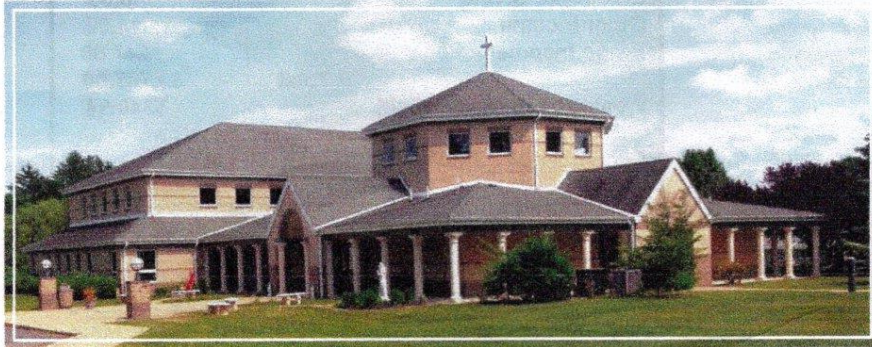


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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-----stjosephchurch1871@gmail.com

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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>August 5</u>
5:00pm	+Mel Williams r/o <i>Maryellen Hudock</i>
Sunday	August 6 <u>The Transfiguration of the Lord</u>
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:00am	+Grace E. Valverde Acuna (Spanish) r/o <i>Terry & Lori Finnegan</i>
11:00am	Reverend Guy Selvester r/o <i>The Selvester Family</i>
Monday	<u>August 7</u>
9:00am	+All Souls r/o <i>A Parishioner</i>
Tuesday	August 8 <u>Saint Dominic</u>
9:00am	+Angelina & Robert Fenwick r/o <i>The Lusardi Family</i>
Wednesday	<u>August 9</u>
9:00am	+Bill Wargin r/o <i>Jim & Barbara McAloon</i>
Thursday	August 10 <u>Saint Lawrence</u>
9:00am	+Jeanne & Mickey McCormick r/o <i>R. Kovacs & Family</i>
Friday	August 11 <u>Saint Clare</u>
9:00am	+Nancy & Lawrence Smith r/o <i>The Lusardi Family</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Adrianna Berrios, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, 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, Sandra Mondello, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Angelo Saccos, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:		\$6,464.00
July 22 / 23		\$4,810.00
Electronic Giving		1,232.00
	Total	\$6,042.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$422.00)
July 29 / 20		\$5,671.00
Electronic Giving		1,237.00
	Total	\$6,908.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$444.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of July 30, our parish has pledged **\$17,667.60** which represents **63.10%** of our goal.

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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

Please be aware that Tuesday, August 15 is the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. It is a **holy day of obligation**. All faithful Catholics are expected to attend Mass for the Assumption either here at your own parish or at some other church which may have Mass at a time that is more convenient for your schedule.

Here at St. Joseph, Masses will take place on **Tuesday, August 15 at 9:00am and also at 7:00pm**. There will be no vigil Mass the night before because we eliminated those in 2017.





FROM THE PASTOR



With the month of August we are now in full “transition mode” and I am up to my eyeballs in packing. Any of you who have completely moved house will know what I’m talking about. It can be stressful, so please pray for me in these days. Adding to the stress is the fact that my time has now become severely limited. As is often the case, now that I am leaving in a matter of weeks people are popping up all over who want to see me before I go. Please understand that I just simply don’t have the time to get to all of that these days.

The moving has actually already begun. Some of my things were dropped off in South Amboy this week. Similarly, my successor, Fr. James, has already begun to move some of his things into the Rectory here. So, I am feeling very much in a kind of “limbo” where I’m divided between two places and trying to still maintain some sense of order in the weeks that remain here.

Starting a new position with new people is stressful; moving to a new town is stressful; moving into a new house is stressful. All three are happening to me at once! So, again, please pray not only for me but for all of the priests who are moving this month to a new assignment. We can use the prayers!

Have a Blessed Week ahead with little stress and lots of blessings. Remember, above all, to Keep The Faith!

FAREWELL TO FR. GUY

Father Guy’s last Sunday at our parish will be August 27. On that day after the 11:00am Mass there will be a light reception in order to give parishioners the opportunity to say farewell to Fr. Guy. All parishioners are cordially invited to this reception and to wish Fr. Guy well in his new assignment.

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.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED

Saints Philip & James School is currently in search of an elementary school classroom teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. All certifications, clearances and fingerprinting are required. Please contact our school principal, Mrs. Patricia Bell, at 908-859-1244 or bell.patricia@spsj.org for more information, or to apply.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**

