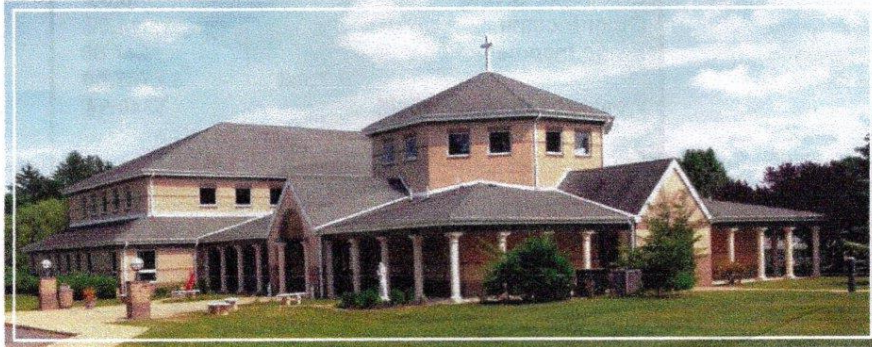


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

200 CARLTON AVENUE · WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07882

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father." —Matthew 10:32



Parish Office/Rectory----- 908-689-0058

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>February 11</u>
5:00pm	+John & Mary Hudock <i>r/o Ann Daugert</i>
Sunday	February 12 <u>Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Manuel Vidal <i>r/o Ralph & Marge Parise</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Joan Castella <i>r/o Family</i>
Monday	<u>February 13</u>
9:00am	+Joseph Zvirblys <i>r/o Mary Zvirblys</i>
Tuesday	February 14 <u>Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius</u>
9:00am	
Wednesday	<u>February 15</u>
9:00am	
Thursday	<u>February 16</u>
9:00am	+Roger De Luca <i>r/o Family</i>
Friday	<u>February 17</u>
9:00am	+Norah Sackley <i>r/o Mary Zvirblys</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rreh Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, Sharon Lawson, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Sandra Mondello, Emma Parrales, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr., Emily Setteducato, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
January 28 / 29	\$6,123.00
Electronic Giving	1,139.00
Other Income	128.00
Bingo Income	149.25
Total	\$7,539.25
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$856.81)
February 4 / 5	\$5,994.00
Electronic Giving	1,384.00
Other Income	550.00
Bingo Income	490.25
Total	\$8,418.25
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$22.19

2023 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

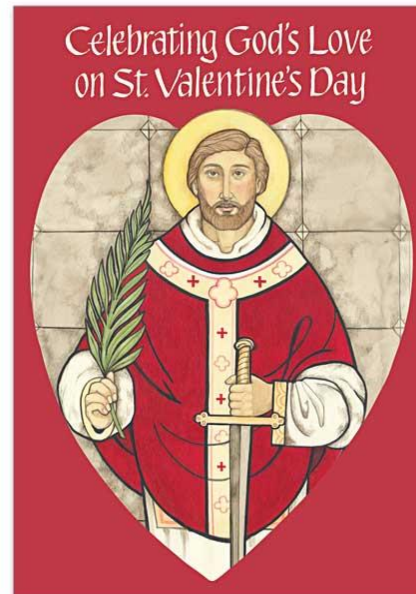
The book for Mass intentions for 2023 is open. Please stop by the Parish Office or you may fill out a Mass Request Form found in the narthex and return it to us accompanied by full payment. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00. Requests for Mass intention **MAY NOT** be taken online or over the phone.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FEST

Don't miss our 2023 Lenten Fish Fest on the following Fridays – February 24, March 10 and March 24 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm in the Community Room.

The menu includes baked or fried fish, shrimp, combos, fries, coleslaw, drinks and desserts. Kids menu and takeout available.

Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Kids 5-12 \$5, Under 5 is free
All proceeds will benefit the parish Capital Campaign.





DISPOSE OF YOUR OLD BLESSED PALMS

If you have any old palms from Palm Sunday in your homes they should be properly disposed of. Since they are blessed it isn't appropriate to just throw them away. If you would like to get rid of your old palms you may drop them off at the Rectory Office anytime **before Ash Wednesday (February 22)**. The Office is open Monday-Friday from 9:30am until 1:00pm.

If you wish you may dispose of blessed palms yourself by burning them either in a fireplace or a barbecue grill.

FR. GUY'S Q&A

The next session of Fr. Guy's Q&A called "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Church...But Were Afraid to Ask" will take place on Thursday, March 2, 2023. The session will be held in the Community Room from 7:00pm until 8:30pm.

Lent will have just begun at that time so it's a great opportunity to come with all your Lent and Easter themed questions. Anyone may attend but the group is designed for adults (over 18 years old).

PARISH MUSICIAN BEING SOUGHT

St. Joseph Church in High Bridge is looking to hire a Director of Sacred Music. One must have a thorough understanding of the Roman Catholic Liturgy, able to conduct and lead choirs, be available to play on weekends, holidays, and at funerals and weddings, and communicate well with others. If interested, please send your resume to Father James A. Kyrpczak at fatherjames @ sjchb.org or call (908) 638-6211.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On the following Fridays in Lent February 24, March 10 and March 24 the Knights of Columbus will lead Stations

of the Cross at 7:00pm. If you attend, please bring a canned food item that will be donated to a local pantry.

FROM THE PASTOR



gets to have and I never take it for granted.

It is, as always, good to be home. Travel is always a fun experience, even with the inconveniences associated with air travel these days. I consider myself very blessed that I have the opportunity to travel occasionally. I am very well aware that it is an experience that not everyone

gets to have and I never take it for granted. Italy was...well, what can I say? Italy is Italy! The scenery, the kind people, the history and, of course, the **food!** On my father's side I am Italian. Both of my paternal grandparents were born in Italy. In fact, our name was originally "Silvestri" before they emigrated to the U.S. and changed it to Selvester to sound "more American". So, going to Italy always feels like a homecoming of sorts to me. It is a place deeply rooted in my heart. BUT...as I say, it is good to be home!

This week in Matthew's gospel we hear a challenging message. We are asked to take what has been handed to us in the form of the Commandments and to strive to obey them but not by doing the minimum. We are asked to surpass them. This is partly because Jesus wasn't just interested in the mere observance of the law. He had come into the world to take God's people to the next level. In the gospel today we hear Jesus presenting that challenge to "level up" to His disciples (and to us!).

This is part of what we mean when we say we want to keep the faith. It's not that the faith is some static thing that must be preserved untouched like a precious jewel. We can't lock it away in the hopes that it will remain undisturbed. Our faith is a living thing and it must be used, and lived, and expanded. Each and every day of our lives we must strive to help our faith grow and flourish. That can't be done if we see it merely as the observance of rules and guidelines.

Rather, we must look deeper to what the rules really mean. Why are they in place? What are they designed to accomplish? Where are they leading us? Once we know that then we can take it upon ourselves to go the extra mile. If we know our ultimate goal then why hold back on the way? Instead we should look to be running toward that goal and giving more and more of ourselves to accomplish our task. We have to know and understand the Commandments and then blow past them into an even greater effort to live the faith that has been handed on to us.

Now, it's not easy! No one says that it is. In fact, what Christ calls us to is extremely challenging and difficult. Nevertheless, it is our calling. We can accomplish far more than we might ever imagine with the help of God's grace.

As the week ahead unfolds before you be mindful of that. There are difficulties to be sure but with God's help we can overcome any difficulty. I hope the week affords you many blessings. Remember above all to Keep The Faith!