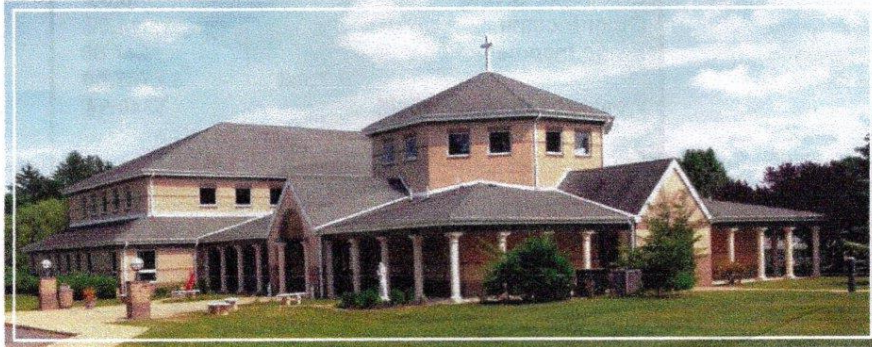


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>February 4</u>
5:00pm	+Deceased Members of the Williams Family
r/o	Maryellen Hudock
Sunday	February 5
	<u>Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	Knights & Dames of the M.O.C.
r/o	Fr. Guy
Monday	February 6
	<u>Saint Paul Miki & Companions</u>
9:00am	+William & Kathleen Melious
r/o	Family
Tuesday	<u>February 7</u>
	NO MORNING MASS
Wednesday	<u>February 8</u>
	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday	<u>February 9</u>
	NO MORNING MASS
Friday	<u>February 10</u>
	NO MORNING MASS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rheh 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 23 / 24	\$4,732.00
Electronic Giving	1,114.00
Total	\$5,846.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,550.06)
Diocesan Foundation for Catholic Education	\$532.00
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)

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.

TRICKY TRAY at ICS

Immaculate Conception School- Annandale will be hosting a Tricky Tray Fundraiser on Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 2:00-6:00pm in the Church Parish Hall at (316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale). Tickets can be purchased at the door or pre-ordered online at <https://icsannandale.org/tricky-tray> (Cash and check only).

A 50/50 raffle is also being held- tickets may be purchased at the Tricky Tray or online at <https://icsannandale.org/50-50>. The 50/50 drawing will take place on March 11, 2023 at the Disco Fever Gala - winner need not be present. Any Questions contact: icsgala@icsclinton.org





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

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a "Superbowl Sunday Breakfast" on February 12 in the Parish Hall from 8:00am – 11:00am. This is a "free-will" donation and all proceeds will benefit our parish Capital Campaign.

FROM THE PASTOR



As you all know I am not with you this weekend because I am away in Catania, Sicily attending the *Festa di Sant'Agata*, the huge festival in honor of the city's patron saint. Since 2004 I have served as a Chaplain in the Military Order of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, St. Agatha which is headquartered in Catania. So, members of our Order from all over the world have come to celebrate our devotion to St. Agatha. (I will also be stopping in Rome for a few days and to attend a meeting at the Vatican's Dicastery for Christian Unity in my capacity as the Diocesan Ecumenical Director).

This Sunday—February 5—is the actual feast of St. Agatha. In the rest of the world it is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time but here in Catania where she is the patron saint it is a huge solemnity. All of the bishops of Sicily come here for this occasion and the Pope always sends a personal representative as well.

Agatha was a 3rd Century martyr. She was born in Catania in 231 AD and met her death in 251 AD. She was a devout girl who dedicated herself to virginity. The Roman Prefect, Quintianus, made advances to her in the hope of getting her to marry him. When she refused he first sent her to a brothel and had her tortured. He also reported her as a Christian to the Roman authorities during the Persecution of Decius. All this failed. Her torture was gruesome and her breasts were torn off with tongs. When an earthquake prevented her being burned at the stake she was imprisoned again and was visited in prison by a vision of St. Peter and an angel who healed her wounds. She was later pulled over hot coals mixed with shards of glass and eventually died in prison.

When faced with torture and death Agatha prayed, "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil".

In the second reading today St. Paul says, "I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

This, too, is what Agatha has done. Her faith-filled actions are a demonstration of the grace of the Holy Spirit and the power of God. An innocent little girl, armed only with her faith in Christ, resisted torture, prison, humiliation and suffering and stood up against the might of the Empire. These things she could do because she lived a life dedicated to Christ and in complete faith and trust of God, the Father.

Now you see why her feast day is such a big deal. 1,772 years later we still remember her and her powerful witness of faith. Have a great week and, like St. Agatha, remember to Keep The Faith!