

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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"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*

Sonia Amparo Arevalo --- *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

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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 & 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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	July 8
5:00pm	America r/o Elisa
Sunday	July 9 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am	+Rose Plakotaris r/o Yvonne & Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Michael Hogan r/o Mary Zvirblys
Monday	July 10
9:00am	+Ruth Treffinger r/o Theresa Cappello
Tuesday	July 11
9:00am	+William Dennis Livesey r/o Robert & Carmen Kadi
Wednesday	July 12
9:00am	+Roger DeLuca r/o Family
Thursday	July 13
9:00am	+Betty Deremer r/o Maryellen Hudock
Friday	July 14
9:00am	+Rosalie & Bill Wargin r/o Bobby & Mary Kovacs

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, 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, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, Sharon Lawson, 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
June 24 / 25	\$3,691.00
Electronic Giving	1,012.00
Summer Fuel Donations	648.00
Total	\$5,351.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,113.00)
July 1 / 2	To Be Updated

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of June 30, our parish has pledged \$16,992.60 which represents 60.69% of our goal. So far there have been 87 individual donations made.

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 June 23 is: \$443,612.00. The total amount that has been paid is: \$340,235.00.

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 \$122,858.00. That means our adjusted cash-on-hand is: \$217,377.00.

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Immaculate Conception Elementary school, Hunterdon County's sole Catholic parish school with a 400+ student enrollment, is seeking to hire dynamic teachers with a passion and love for teaching young children. Candidates with creative energy and a collaborative mindset are encouraged to apply. These positions are full-time, offer a competitive salary based on years of experience, and offer full benefits. All candidates must be certified by the State of New Jersey or preparing for teacher certification through the NJ State Department of Education's alternative programming. Master's degree preferred, but not required. Seeking a Middle School Math/Science teacher; Preschool teacher and a 3rd grade teacher. Applicants may apply by emailing: principal @ icscdinton .org by July 24

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.

If you have any questions please call Mrs. Joyce Rock at the Religious Education Office 908-689-0093



COMMUNAL THANKSGIVING AT MASS

As part of the ongoing effort to effect a revival of Eucharistic devotion we will observe a period of silent reflection after Communion at all Masses. This is a moment for everyone to make a personal thanksgiving after Communion and to reflect on the awesome Mystery of the Eucharist we have just received. Then we will recite together a communal thanksgiving by praying the prayer written by St. Thomas Aquinas known as "O Sacrum Convivium" (O Sacred Banquet) which goes:

"O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us."

After that we will have the Prayer After Communion followed by the announcements and then the blessing and dismissal. **This practice will continue at every Mass until further notice.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office Hours will change slightly for the summer. The office will be open **Monday through Thursday** from 9:30am until 12:00 Noon and then **after lunch** from 1:00 until 4:30pm. On **Fridays**, the Office will be open from 9:30am straight through until 1:00pm and then **close** for the day.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Joseph Council 5170 will sponsor a blood drive in the Parish Center on **Sunday, July 30** from 8:00am until 2:00pm.

Donors must schedule an appointment to donate blood. Appointments can be made at www.council5170.org or by scanning the QR code on the flyers in the Narthex. Save a life – give blood!

FROM THE PASTOR



247 years ago a group of mostly well-educated, mostly wealthy, mostly leaders in their own communities gathered in Congress in the hot and sticky city of Philadelphia to write down and declare some self-evident truths.

These truths were about equality, justice, tyranny and liberty. It was also a document about the sovereignty of the people and their ability to govern themselves even if it meant revolting against legitimate authority when that authority stepped beyond its proper bounds and engaged in the tyrannical oppression of its own people.

To be sure, the American Revolution was also about many more things, including trade and economics. Nevertheless, the fundamental truth that it was a Declaration of Independence motivated by a desire for self-governance and attempting a bold experiment in democracy so that the country would be a collection of sovereign states united by a government, "...of the people; by the people and for the people..." as Abraham Lincoln would later famously call it, remains as true today as it was then.

Our democracy may have been tried and tested over the years and it may, indeed, have taken a bit of a beating lately, but it is still here, and it is still a cause for hope for millions of people, and it still stands at the vanguard of the free world. Our country is far from perfect but when you examine the history of the world and its nations it remains one of the very best attempts that has ever been. That is surely worth celebrating.

(We even managed to stay friends with the country we rebelled against and have a "special relationship" with them to this day!) So, as we have celebrated much this past week I think we all—no matter what our political stripe—have good cause to say: **GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

