

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*

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.

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

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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 MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST**

June 11, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday June 10
5:00pm +Bill & Rosalie Wargin
r/o Stephanie & Family

Sunday June 11
The Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ
7:30am +Claire Giannattasio
r/o Family

9:00am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am r/o +William Paul
Sharon & Andy Levin

Monday June 12
9:00am r/o +Jane Streiff
Terry & Lori Finnegan

Tuesday June 13
Saint Anthony of Padua
No Morning Mass

Wednesday June 14
No Morning Mass

Thursday June 15
No Morning Mass

Friday June 16
No Morning Mass

**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES
TUESDAY, JUNE 13 – FRIDAY, JUNE 16
FATHER GUY WILL BE AWAY**

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

<u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u>	
Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
<u>May 27 / 28</u>	\$5,496.00
Electronic Giving	1,022.00
Total	\$6,518.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$54.00
<u>June 3 / 4</u>	\$6,115.00
Electronic Giving	1,082.00
Other Income	250.00
Total	\$7,447.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$983.00
Missionary Cooperative Plan	\$1,360.00

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On behalf of the Bishop, all are invited to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations and the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 23, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Included in the intentions of this Holy Hour are Deacon Jose Lim, who will be ordained a priest the following day, and the sanctification of all priests of our diocese. Everyone is also invited to the Priesthood Ordination, which will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral in Metuchen. Bishop Checchio will ordain Deacon Jose Lim as a priest for service in the Diocese of Metuchen. Access to the livestream and updates about the ordination can be found on the diocesan website: diometuchen.org/ordinations.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of June 2, our parish has pledged **\$16,542.60** which represents **59.08%** of our goal. So far there have been 85 individual donations made.

WARREN COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Warren County Habitat for Humanity is currently accepting applications for its Home Repair for Critical Home Repair and Aging in Place.

Projects with costs of up to \$20,000 can be approved to low and moderate income homeowners that need repairs such as roof or window replacement, heating, plumbing or electrical issues, or home safety modifications that may be needed by the elderly.

Project cost forgiveness and 0% interest loans are available if you qualify. Additional information can be obtained at www.warrenhabitat.org or by calling 908-835-1300 Ext. 16. The deadline for applications is June 20, 2023.



CORPUS CHRISTI

On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (usually called Corpus Christi) we will be doing two things to mark the observance.

The first is as a result of a request from our Bishop. Beginning on that day, June 11, we will observe a period of silent reflection after Communion. 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.**

In addition, On June 11, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi we will expose the Blessed Sacrament on the altar at the conclusion of the 11:00am Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed for adoration until 3:00pm at which time we will celebrate Solemn Benediction.

During the period of adoration (from Noon until 3pm) the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. There needs to be at least two people in church all during that time. Next week after all Masses there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex so that individual parishioners can sign up to spend either 30 minutes or an hour in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. In particular, I call on members of the Knights of Columbus, the Rosary Altar Society, the Choir and all other Parish organizations to volunteer for a time slot.

FROM THE PASTOR



"Oh God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant, we pray, so to receive the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption..."

These words, prayed in the Collect of the Mass and also used at Solemn Benediction, express our faith in the true Presence of Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist. It is not merely a symbol. We do not merely re-enact the Last Supper at Mass. What starts out at the beginning of Mass as a piece of bread and a cup of wine does not remain merely bread and wine. By the power of God working through the actions and words of His priest and joined to the faith of all those present, that bread and wine—while appearing outwardly to be the same—becomes the True Presence of Christ.

The Eucharist, called "the Sacrament of Sacraments" enables us to participate, in an un-bloody way, in the bloody sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The grace and mercy flowing from that one act of self-sacrifice over 2,000 years ago is extended to us each and every time we come to Mass. Christ is not crucified over and over. His death happened once for all time. But, the grace that comes from His sacrificial death is extended to us over and over again through the power of Almighty God.

This is why the Eucharist is the central act of worship in the Church. This is why it is so vital to our lives as Catholic Christians. This is why so much of the spirituality of the Church and our confidence in God's continued Presence with us here in this life is focused on Jesus Christ and the cross. It is through the sacrifice Christ made on the cross that the work of the salvation of all humanity was accomplished. This sacrifice we participate in at Mass and it allows us to be united to God, through Christ, truly Present in the Eucharist.

The Church is experiencing a renewed effort to bring attention to this most important dogma of our faith. A Eucharistic revival is going on throughout the Church all over the world. This is because it has become painfully obvious in recent years that far too many Catholics—**some 26% of those under 40—do not believe that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ!** Brothers and Sisters, this belief is one of the things that sets us apart from other Christians. It is **NOT** a matter of opinion. It is a dogma of the faith *which must be believed to be considered a true Catholic and a part of the Church.*

In this Eucharistic Revival may God shower His blessings on the Church and help all those trapped in the darkness of error to come to the light of true faith. May He bless them and all of you with His abiding Presence. May the week ahead be filled with good things and much peace. Remember, above all things, Keep The Faith...especially our faith that Jesus Christ is truly Present in His Body and Blood!