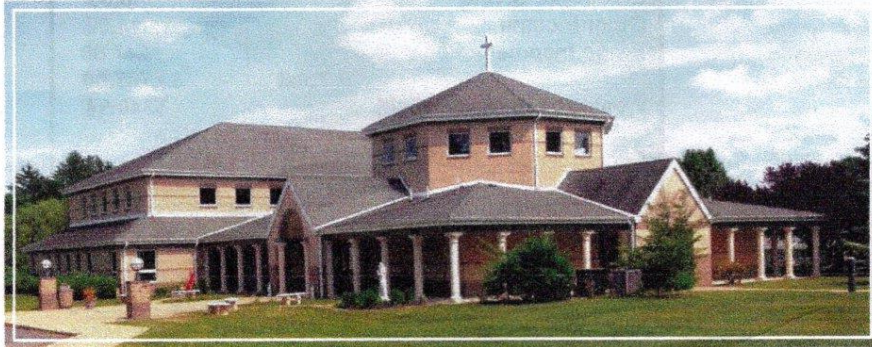


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	June 24 <u>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</u>
5:00pm	Members of the Order of Malta r/o Fr. Guy
Sunday	June 25 <u>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patrick Beirne r/o Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Grayce Wardlow r/o Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino
Monday	June 26
9:00am	+John Corollo r/o Artie & Diane Bagatta
Tuesday	June 27
9:00am	+Thomas Bukow r/o Tina Bukow
Wednesday	June 28 <u>Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</u>
9:00am	+Manuel & Elvira Costamoniz and Family r/o Family
Thursday	June 29
9:00am	+Megan Hartmann r/o Deacon Ed
Friday	June 30
9:00am	+Robert Milletich r/o Wife, Maureen

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, 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 10 / 11	\$4,659.00
Electronic Giving	1,512.00
Total	\$6,171.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$293.00
June 17 / 18	\$4,879.00
Electronic Giving	2,124.00
Father's Day Donations	895.00
Total	\$7,898.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,434.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

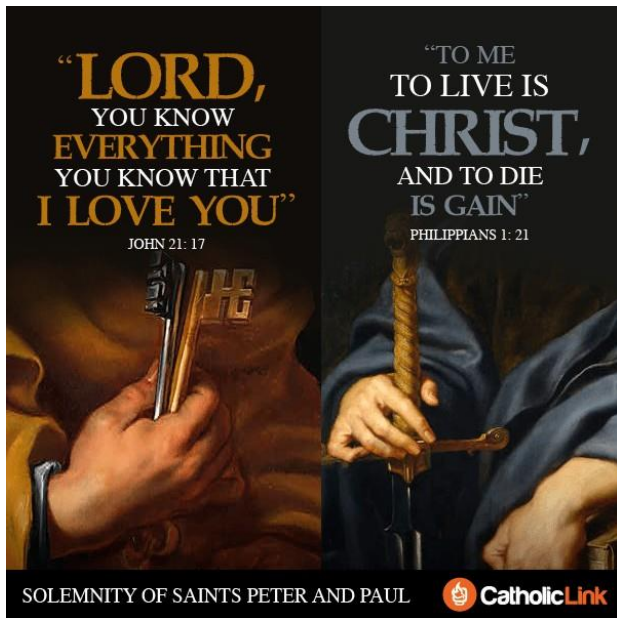
Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of June 16, our parish has pledged **\$16,792.60** which represents **59.97%** of our goal. So far there have been 86 individual donations made.

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 19 is: **\$432,462.00**. The total amount that has been paid is: **\$333,725.00**.

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: **\$210,867.00**.





FROM THE PASTOR



It's very good to be home! Last Sunday, I had the chance to concelebrate Mass in the great St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna (the Stephansdom) which was built in the 12th C. (see the photos on Facebook). It was a great experience but I missed seeing all of you. I'm at an age now when it feels funny not to be in my own parish church on a Sunday morning. No matter how exotic or magnificent the setting I may be in, it never quite feels the same as being in my own church. So, I thought of all of you and prayed for you.

I think the experience of traveling is wonderful but that same kind of longing for home seems always to overtake me when I go away. When I was younger I loved traveling and always wanted it to last longer. Now, the feelings are different. Travel expands your horizons. It opens you up to new vistas; exposes you to new customs; teaches you about someone else's history and even delights the pallet with different foods. (For example: when I travel in Europe I refuse to go into a McDonalds. Why go all the way across the world and eat something I can get on Route 31??)

I also find, however, that travel away from home shakes you up a little because it removes you from what is comfortable and routine. It forces you to see things and people in a different way and, hopefully, it also prompts you to reassess and re-appreciate what you are temporarily deprived of back at home. I think the whole experience should move you to look at your own life, and ways of doing things, in order to value them more. Maybe it will even jolt you into changing what you "normally" do a little bit in light of some of your new experiences.

The same is also true of the spiritual life. We get into ruts. We pursue our spiritual lives by doing the same things in the same way at the same time over and over. It's not hard to see that eventually this will become boring. It is then a short step to simply dropping it altogether. Maybe a better method would be to "travel" to new vistas and new experiences? Change the way you do things in your spiritual life a bit. Try a new kind of prayer. Go to some kind of spiritual or liturgical offering that you've never been to before. Heck! It might even be something as simple as going to a different Mass some weekend, or (God-forbid!) sitting in a different seat! Whatever it might be for you, don't hesitate to try different things in your spiritual journey. Repetition ad nauseam leads to stagnation and that kills faith. So—go on a trip! (spiritually speaking). I am convinced it will do a lot to inject new life into your own spirituality.

I hope the week ahead—in this first week of summer (ugh!)—is one that is filled with many blessings and spiritual gifts for you and your families. Enjoy the beautiful weather and have lots of fun. Take some time to slow down and relax even if you never leave your own back yard. But, remember, above all to Keep The Faith!

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

Starting this coming Friday, June 23 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.**

