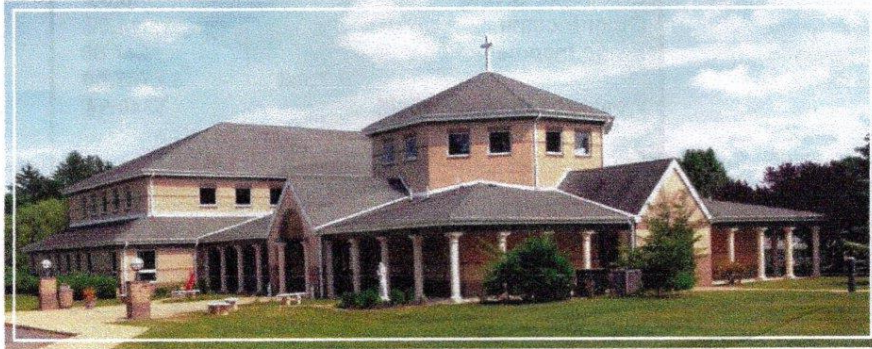


# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

Fax----- 908-689-3436

Website ----- stjosephwashingtonnj.org

Parish Email

-----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.*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 19, 2023



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

- Saturday**      **March 18**
- 5:00pm      +Andrew & Agnes Gomez  
r/o      *Renu Mendez*
  
- Sunday**      **March 19**  
                    **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
- 7:30am      +Rose Plakotariss  
r/o      *Yvonne & Family*
  
- 9:00am      People of the Parish  
(Spanish)
- 11:00am      Kenneth Selvester  
r/o      *Fr. Guy*
  
- Monday**      **March 20**  
                    **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the**  
                    **Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 9:00am      +Robert Wood  
r/o      *Alfred Selvester*
  
- Tuesday**      **March 21**
- 9:00am      +Joseph & Susan Stack  
r/o      *Maryellen Hudock*
  
- Wednesday**      **March 22**
- 9:00am      +Joseph Lynch  
r/o      *Joanne Ward*
  
- Thursday**      **March 23**
- 9:00am      r/o
  
- Friday**      **March 24**
- 9:00am      r/o

**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 Hemsell, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, Sharon Lawson, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, 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**

<b>WEEKLY COSTS:</b>	
Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
<b>March 4 / 5</b>	
Electronic Giving	2,708.00
Bingo Income	737.00
Other Income	77.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,479.75</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$4,015.75</b>
<b>March 11 / 12</b>	
Electronic Giving	2,731.00
Easter Flowers	825.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,347.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2,883.00</b>

**NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY**

May 21st, 2023  
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
1 Six Flags Boulevard, Jackson, NJ 08527

Registration is open for our Annual Statewide Youth Rally a day-long event that gathers teens from across the state of NJ for a day of fun, fellowship, Mass, and more held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. The day starts with dynamic opening ceremony hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen. Teens then get the day to enjoy the park and all the rides. The day concludes in the Batman Stunt Arena with a Mass. Open to all Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Scouting Parish/School Athletic Programs, and families!

Register by going to:  
<https://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally>

**2023 Choices Matter**  
A CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE

**Leah Darrow**  
Former Top Model  
Catholic Speaker & Author  
"Choices, Babies and Dreams"

**Dr. George Delgado**  
Medical Director of  
Abortion Pill Reversal (APR)  
"A Second Chance at Choice --  
Abortion Reversal"

**Lisa Rowe**  
LCSW, CEO of  
Support After Abortion  
"Healing the  
Walking Wounded"

**March 25, 2023 "Building a Culture of Life Post Roe"**  
Opening Mass at 9:00 am celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio  
Conference begins at 10:00 AM and ends with Benediction at 3:30 PM

St. John Neumann Conference Center 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854  
This event features a variety of exhibits and Eucharistic Adoration  
Lunch and handouts are included  
For more information, call 732-562-1990 exts. 1629 or 1543

2023 Choices Matter Conference Registration - \$35.00 includes handouts & lunch.  
College & High School Students only \$15.00! March 25, 2023 Program begins with 9:00 AM Mass  
To register online visit <http://diometuchen.org/critical-life>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ volunteer \_\_\_\_ clergy \_\_\_\_ educator \_\_\_\_ college/HS student \_\_\_\_ health care \_\_\_\_ other

Mail to Diocese of Metuchen, Respect for Life Office, P.O. Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840  
Or call 732-562-1990 ext 1629 or 1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org

Indicate any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

As you know, Fr. Guy Selvester, who has led your parish since 2015, reaches the end of his six-year term as Pastor this year. He has indicated to Bishop Checchio an openness to a different assignment in the hopes of living closer to his elderly mother. The Bishop has agreed so Father will step down as your Pastor this summer, and another priest will be appointed to lead your parish community around the end of August.

Pastors are appointed by the bishop to lead local parishes and give them pastoral care. They share in the bishop's ministry of teaching, sanctifying, and governing. With the bishop's mandate, the pastor has full responsibility for shepherding the local church community.

To facilitate the appointment of a successor to Father Selvester, Bishop Checchio has initiated a consultation process to elicit input from your entire parish community, including clergy, staff, and all parishioners. This consultation process includes meetings with both parish staff and interested parishioners.

**The meetings for parishioners will be held on Thursday, March 23, at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM in your Church.** These general meetings will be facilitated by Rev. Msgr. John Fell, Director of Priest Personnel. Members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, Trustees, and all parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate.

Through these guided listening sessions, information will be gathered from parishioners that will assist the Bishop and Priest Personnel Board to better understand the parish's current status and needs. It must be clearly understood that this is a listening session **only**, and that the information gathered at this meeting will be one factor among many which the Priest Personnel Board will consider in recommending candidates to the Bishop in ultimately choosing the next pastor of St. Joseph. This consultation is not to solicit the names of individual priests, and these will not be discussed.

**For any parishioners who might be unable to attend in person, there is also an option to be heard via email by writing to Msgr. Fell at [JFELL@DIOMETUCHEN.ORG](mailto:JFELL@DIOMETUCHEN.ORG) no later than March 23.** If you choose this option, please reflect on the following points: the nature and current status of St. Joseph Parish and its ministries; the qualities you feel would be most needed by the new pastor; the most salient features of the parish that the new pastor should be aware of; what you are most proud of at your parish, and the most pressing needs that you think the new pastor must be able to address in the short term.

All parishioners are asked to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and illumine this process and are encouraged to participate in person or by email to help the diocese more fully understand the status and needs of the entire St. Joseph Parish Family. Thank you for your kind assistance in this important matter.



## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Just a quick note from me this week. For those of you who didn't have the chance to join us for Irish Night last Saturday you missed a heck of a good time. The food was great; the prizes were great; the fellowship was great too. My very sincere THANKS go to Nancy and Glenn Mayer for coordinating the entire event. It was advertised as the "Irish Night Committee" and, to be sure, they did have some help but it was really a committee of two people. They did a marvelous job putting it together and, as they say, "a good time was had by all". My heartfelt thanks to them.

I hope that as many of you as possible will attend the Parish Listening Session on Thursday, March 23.

Have a great week ahead and remember above all to Keep The Faith!

## **WHAT IS GOING ON DURING LENT???**

**Confessions** will be heard this Lent on Wednesdays from 7:00-7:30pm and on Saturdays from 4:00-4:45pm. In addition, on Wednesday, March 29 there will be several priests here to hear Confessions during a Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00pm.

The Knights of Columbus are having a **Fish Fest** on **Friday, March 24** from 5:00pm – 7:00pm in the Community Room. Take out is available.

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent after the 9:00am Mass and also at 7:00pm in the church. March 24 the evening Stations will be led by the Knights of Columbus.

**Food Pantry Collection** on the evening the KofC are leading Stations (March 24) those attending are requested to bring a canned food item to be donated to the Washington Food Pantry.

**Holy Hours** in order to spend some extra time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament holy hour will take place on Wednesday, March 29 (with Confessions) & Wednesday April 5 (the Wednesday of Holy Week) from 7:00-8:00pm in the church. These celebrations are open to all and we be in English and Spanish.

