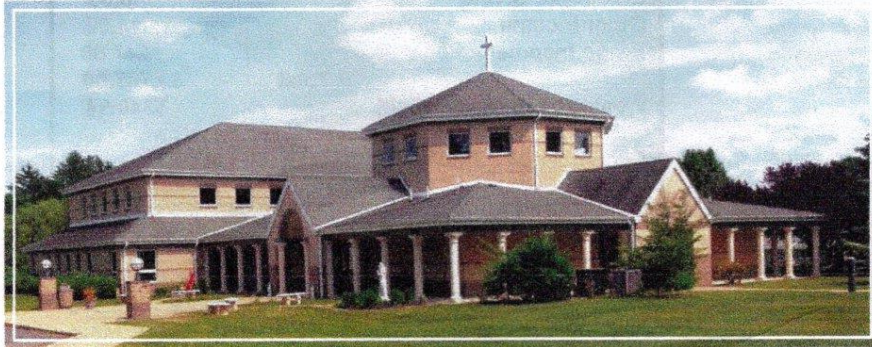


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

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-----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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	March 25	
		<u>The Annunciation of the Lord</u>
5:00pm	+George W. Melious	
<i>r/o</i>	<i>Family</i>	
Sunday	March 26	
		<u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u>
7:30am	+Thomas James McDonald	
<i>r/o</i>	<i>Maribeth Palmer</i>	
9:00am	People of the Parish	
<i>(Spanish)</i>		
11:00am	+Anthony Aquino	
<i>r/o</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino</i>	
Monday	<u>March 27</u>	
9:00am	+Barry Biederman	
<i>r/o</i>	<i>Frank & Andrea Marsello</i>	
Tuesday	<u>March 28</u>	
9:00am	+Margaret Hackett	
<i>r/o</i>	<i>Mary Zvirblys</i>	
Wednesday	<u>March 29</u>	
9:00am	+Mary Jane Flynn	
<i>r/o</i>	<i>Helen Merlo</i>	
Thursday	<u>March 30</u>	
9:00am		
<i>r/o</i>		
Friday	<u>March 31</u>	
9:00am		
<i>r/o</i>		

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, 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:	\$6,464.00
March 11 / 12	\$5,791.00
Electronic Giving	2,731.00
Easter Flowers	825.00
Total	\$9,347.00
Weekly Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,883.00
March 18 / 19	\$5,101.00
Electronic Giving	1,079.00
Easter Flowers	205.00
Bingo Income	746.75
Other Income	69.00
Total	\$7,200.75
Weekly Surplus (Deficit)	736.75

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		Leah Darrow Former Top Model Catholic Speaker & Author "Choices, Babies and Dreams"
Choices Matter		Dr. George Delgado Medical Director of Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) "A Second Chance at Choice - Abortion Reversal"
A CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE		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: _____



FROM THE PASTOR



With this fifth Sunday of Lent we now enter into what is called "**Passiontide**". The final two weeks of Lent focus on the Passion of the Lord. The principal distinguishing feature of Passiontide is the traditional veiling of all the statues in the church. It is slightly jarring for people to come into church and see all the familiar images that decorate the building covered in purple. That's the idea. It strikes you and makes you think. It removes the distractions of beautiful decoration and the difference in appearance helps to focus our attention in the proper place, namely, the suffering and death of Our Lord.

This old custom of veiling the statues was commonplace in the Church before the reforms of the 1960s. Then there was a period of time when it was actually discontinued. In some countries it remains a custom that is not permitted. Here in the U.S. it was later made optional. However, in the last decade or so it has once again become common and is actually encouraged. So, many people don't recall seeing it when they were younger because it was temporarily discontinued. However, it is once again a custom that has resurged and is quite common again.

If your Lent hasn't exactly been going the way you wanted it to; if it seems like you haven't really entered into the spirit of the season; if you haven't always been faithful to what you had resolved to do, or given up what you promised to give up: don't despair! Just go back to square one and make a new start in these final two weeks. Use Passiontide as an opportunity to make a good preparation for Easter and spend these days getting closer to the Lord. Remember to take seriously the idea of making a good Confession prior to Easter!

Have a blessed week ahead. 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.

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.

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 will be in English and Spanish.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00-10:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Baskets

There is No 5:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday

7:45pm Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday

7:30am Mass in English

9:30am Mass in English

11:00am Mass in English

12:45pm Mass in Spanish*

**The time of the Spanish Mass is changed only for Easter Sunday.*

CONFESSION BEFORE EASTER

This coming Wednesday, March 29, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration in the church from 7:00 - 8:00pm. During this time five priests will be available to hear Confession, including one who speaks Spanish. Please take advantage of this opportunity to be reconciled with God before Easter.

