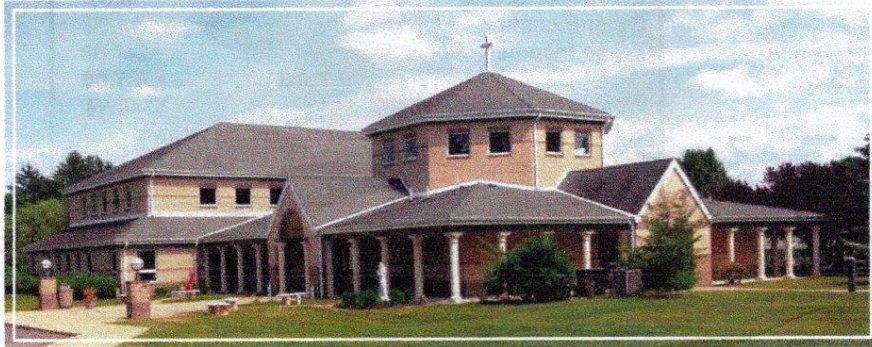


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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*

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

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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, 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>March 4</u>
5:00pm	+The Marrello Family
r/o	Marie Marrello
Sunday	March 5
	<u>Second Sunday of Lent</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:00am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Margaret & Raymond Rathyen
r/o	The Dante Family
Monday	<u>March 6</u>
9:00am	+Catherine Hogan
r/o	Mary Zvirblys
Tuesday	<u>March 7</u>
9:00am	+Joann Hoffman
r/o	A Parishioner
Wednesday	<u>March 8</u>
9:00am	+Joseph Selvester, Sr.
r/o	Fr. Guy
Thursday	<u>March 9</u>
9:00am	+Grace E. Valverde-Acuna
r/o	Nicholas & Laura Torres
Friday	<u>March 10</u>
9:00am	+Hanorah Maher
r/o	Mary Zvirblys

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, 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 (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
February 18 / 19	\$5,082.00
Electronic Giving	1,064.00
Bingo Income	657.50
Other Income	60.50
Total	\$6,864.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,532.06)

February 25 / 26	\$5,249.00
Electronic Giving	1,474.00
Total	\$6,723.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,673.06)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FEST

Don't miss our 2023 Lenten Fish Fest on the following Fridays – March 10 and March 24 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm in the Community Room. Take out is available. Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Kids 5-12 \$5, Under 5 is free. All proceeds will benefit the parish Capital Campaign.

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

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL???

The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States — healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist — and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.” These three years will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. Almost a hundred thousand Catholics will join together in Indianapolis for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the “source and summit” of our Catholic faith. For more

information and for a schedule of planned events, please visit: diometuchen.org/eucharisticrevival.



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 March 10 and March 24. ***Please see details elsewhere in this bulletin.***

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. On March 10 and March 24 the evening Stations will be led by the Knights of Columbus.

Food Pantry Collection on the evenings the KofC are leading Stations (March 10 & 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.

FROM THE PASTOR



I hope that you are all having a spiritually fruitful Lent so far and that you are taking advantage of the opportunities to pray more, to help the poor and to do small acts of penance so that you can make a good spiritual preparation to celebrate Easter.

Please take note of the things that are on offer here at the parish to give you a "little something extra" to do for Lent. There are notations about them elsewhere in this bulletin.

In particular I wanted to note that the Bishop has kindly extended a dispensation to everyone in the Diocese regarding St. Patrick's Day. This is one of those years when St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday. Of course, on all the Fridays of Lent we are required to abstain from eating meat.

However, on St. Patrick's Day, a holiday that has become very widely celebrated in this country, lots of people really like to eat what has become an Irish-American tradition: corned beef. Now, the eating of corned beef isn't really an "Irish" thing. Over there people tend to have ham and cabbage. I knew one man from Ireland who said they used to have salmon on St. Patrick's Day in his family. That was a real treat for them. Corned beef became a thing here in the US after many Irish immigrants arrived in America and started settling mostly in the East. Corned beef (a beef brisket that has been salt-cured with large grains, or "corns" of salt) was far more readily available and became a substitute for ham.

Of course, in Ireland St. Patrick's Day is a solemnity—the most important kind of Church feast day—and it is a national holiday. Here in the US it is celebrated in most places as a mere commemoration—the lowest kind of Church feast day—because it is subordinate to Lent which is considered far more important. There are some exceptions to be sure. In New York, for example, where St. Patrick is the patron saint of the cathedral and the Archdiocese it is also a solemnity. But, for much of our country it isn't and on the liturgical calendar it is a relatively minor day. Culturally, however, it has become widely celebrated.

Mindful of this and of the custom of eating corned beef on that day the Bishop has commuted the obligation to abstain from Friday to another day that week. What that means is that it's *not* OK just to skip it that week. Instead, you must abstain from eating meat on some other day in order to make up for Friday, March 17. This is binding on everyone, regardless of your age, and failure to observe it is considered a serious sin (not because meat is bad, but because you would be blatantly disobedient).

So, I hope everyone understands and does the right thing. Have a blessed week ahead and remember above all to Keep The Faith!

