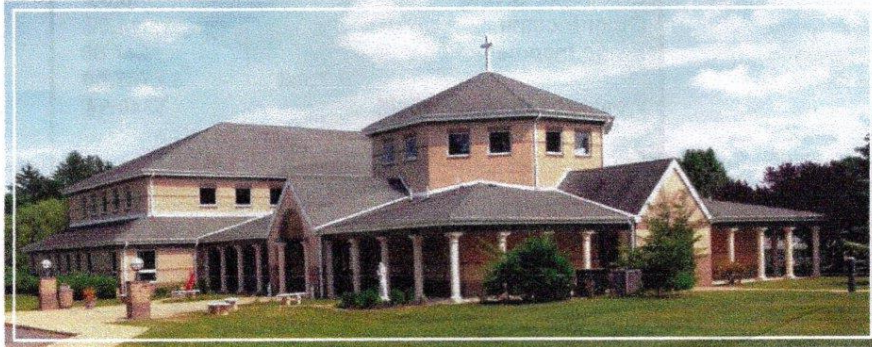


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>May 13</u>
5:00pm	+Jennie Milliken r/o <i>Karole & Terry Bradunas</i>
Sunday	May 14 <u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u>
7:30am	+Deceased Mothers of the Parish
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	Living Mothers of the Parish
Monday	<u>May 15</u>
9:00am	+Mary Lou & Ed Petro r/o <i>Maryellen Hudock</i>
Tuesday	<u>May 16</u>
9:00am	+Marie Hartmann r/o <i>Husband, Deacon Ed</i>
Wednesday	<u>May 17</u>
9:00am	+Florence Stern r/o <i>Patricia Selvester</i>
Thursday	<u>May 18</u>
9:00am	+Emil Hudock r/o <i>Maryellen Hudock</i>
Friday	<u>May 19</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o <i>Family</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 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, 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
<u>April 29 / 30</u>	\$5,137.00
Electronic Giving	1,207.00
Other Income	264.00
Total	\$6,608.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$144.00
<u>May 6 / 7</u>	\$6,256.00
Electronic Giving	1,117.00
Bingo Income	1,407.75
Other Income	69.00
Total	\$8,849.75
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$2,385.75

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

In the Spring of 2023, the Knights of Columbus Council #5170 will award The Frank & Rose Felitti Memorial Scholarship and The John & Dorothy Sutton Memorial Scholarship. Two scholarships for qualified students from Saint Joseph's Parish in Washington are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applicants currently must be attending high school or enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. High school age winners will receive their \$500 award during the Fall their first undergraduate year. Council #5170 will issue a check directly to the college or university that a student attends in the Fall. Each winner may receive one award each year but scholarships winners are eligible to submit applications for future awards as they are announced.

Please go to www.council5170.org for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY DEVOTION will take place on Sundays during the month of May. A rosary, focused on the Eucharist, will be prayed after Mass. Devotional booklets will be provided. The rosary will be prayed according to the following schedule:

May 21 9:00am Mass The Glorious Mysteries (Spanish)
May 28 11:00am Mass The Glorious Mysteries

A social event will follow the recitation of the rosary.

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 May 5, our parish has pledged **\$15,170.60** which represents **54.18%** of our goal. So far there have been 80 individual donations made.

LITURGY OF LIFE

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians Metuchen, NJ Chapter Presents The Liturgy of Life: Experiencing God in Everyday Life With Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 8:30am - 12:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 105 Summer Rd., Three Bridges, NJ, 08887. In this year of the National Eucharistic Revival, liturgical ministers, religious educators, musicians, parish leaders, and all God's people are invited to join Fr. Ricky Manalo for a morning of prayer and reflection to grow in Eucharistic understanding and reconnect Sunday worship with daily life. Registration fee of \$45.00 includes a light breakfast. Register at www.npmmetuchen.org

ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

Are you an adult child of divorce, separation, or family brokenness? The **Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat** will take place on Saturday, June 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling, NJ. Topics discussed will include identity, relationship with God, suffering, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Cost is \$75 for adults and \$25 for students. For more information and to register, please visit diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce. For questions, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

FROM THE PASTOR



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

As I mentioned last week in this space the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is now permanently transferred to the 7th Sunday of Easter in the Province of Newark (i.e. all the dioceses in the state of NJ). This transfer is in keeping with others we have already done, like moving Corpus Christi to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday instead of it being on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. We also moved the Epiphany from January 6 to the Sunday which falls between January 1 & 6.

We have also, at times, made other changes to the liturgical calendar. Some of these changes happen on a diocesan level; some on a provincial level; some on a national level and some are universally done in the whole Church. One example of a change on a national level is how there are certain holy days of obligation which, when they fall on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation is dispensed that year. Some holy days—like Christmas or the Immaculate Conception—are considered too important so they always get celebrated. But for others we get a pass when they fall near a Sunday -OR- we have decided to move them TO a Sunday in order to celebrate them more easily.

Why has this happened? The answer is simple: it's because of all of **YOU**.

For some reason, Catholics in America find it to be the most horrible and inconvenient thing on earth to have to attend Mass more than once in the week. So, with increasing frequency they have just not shown up for holy days of obligation. The problem there is that when you just choose to blow off a holy day of obligation you incur a mortal sin. That means that you can't receive Communion properly until you go to Confession. If you do, then you are committing another mortal sin, through receiving a sacrilegious Communion.

So, the Bishops of this country decided that in the case of most holy days of obligation (except the two I mentioned) we will be dispensed from the obligation when those days fall on a Saturday or a Monday. In addition, they decided to move some holy days of obligation, like the Epiphany and now in New Jersey, the Ascension, to a Sunday to spare everyone the horrible inconvenience of having to give the Lord a second hour in the same week. The decision was made to prevent people from committing sacrilege and also from incurring another mortal sin.

So, for those of you who don't like that we have moved the Solemnity of the Ascension from a Thursday to a Sunday, please don't blame the Bishops. If you want to know who to blame...look around you.

Despite my chiding you a bit my prayers are that all of you will have a blessed week filled with good things. None of us are perfect but the Lord is still good to us. Remember above all things this week to **Keep The Faith!**