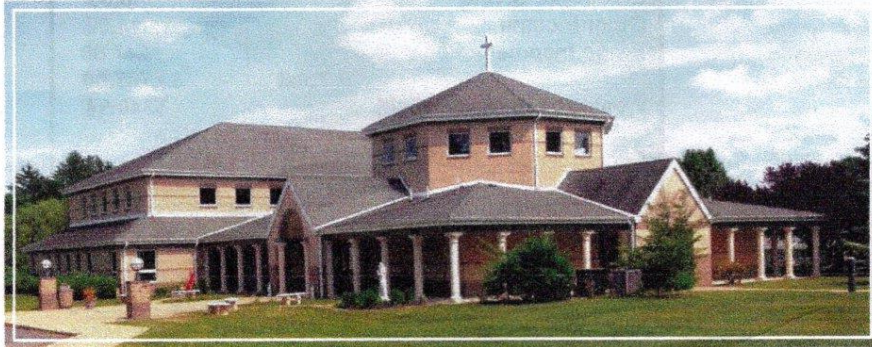


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.

The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

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| Saturday | <u>May 20</u> |
| 5:00pm | +Christine Wilson <i>r/o Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino</i> |
| Sunday | May 21 <u>The Ascension of the Lord</u> |
| 7:30am | +Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Family</i> |
| 9:00am (Spanish) | People of the Parish |
| 11:00am | +Louis Parise <i>r/o Ralph & Marge Parise</i> |
| Monday | <u>May 22</u> |
| 9:00am | +Roger De Luca <i>r/o Family</i> |
| Tuesday | <u>May 23</u> |
| 9:00am | +Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 5170 <i>r/o Knights of Columbus Council 5170</i> |
| Wednesday | <u>May 24</u> |
| 9:00am | +Karen Schoenig <i>r/o Family</i> |
| Thursday | <u>May 25</u> |
| 9:00am | +George W. Melious <i>r/o Family</i> |
| Friday | <u>May 26</u> |
| 9:00am | +Roger De Luca <i>r/o 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 Trimarcho, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Emma

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Starting this coming Monday, May 22 the Parish Office will resume regular Office Hours. The office will be open **Monday through Friday from 9:30am until 12:00 Noon and then after lunch from 1:00 until 4:30pm.**

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

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| Church Expenses: | \$6,464.00 |
| May 6 / 7 | \$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 |
| May 13 / 14 | \$5,392.00 |
| Electronic Giving | 2,769.00 |
| Mother's Day | 1,128.00 |
| Other Income | 200.00 |
| Total | \$9,489.00 |
| Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) | \$3,025.00 |

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. 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 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.



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

The Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day, commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. It is one of the ecumenical (shared by multiple denominations) feasts of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday) and Pentecost. Following the account in Acts 1:3 that the risen Lord appeared for forty days prior to his Ascension, the Ascension has traditionally been celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter although some parts of the Catholic Church, as well as other Christian denominations have moved the observance to the following Sunday. The day of observance varies by country in the Catholic Church and, as in the case of the USA, by ecclesiastical province within the same country.

Ascensiontide—a word you don't hear all that often in Catholic circles—refers to the period between the Solemnity of the Ascension and the Solemnity of Pentecost. The Latin terms used for the feast, *ascensio* and, occasionally, *ascensa*, signify that Christ was raised up *by his own powers*, (as opposed to Mary being assumed into heaven by God and not by her own powers) and it is from these terms that the holy day gets its name.

The Ascension is an essential part of the Paschal Mystery. Usually that Mystery is referred to as the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus and all too often leaves out the very important consummation of the whole thing: the Ascension into heaven. It was important that Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Second Person of the Holy Trinity, once again returned to the Father from whom he came.

The mission and work of the Christ—the Anointed One—was to come into the world and accomplish the work of the salvation of all humanity by his own sacrifice on the cross. It was not intended that he take up residence in this world permanently. Rather, once he had risen to a new and glorified life his proper place was with God, the Father in heaven. This, too, is the path we will go: through death and into a new and glorified life in heaven. Where our Master has first gone, we who believe are also destined to follow. This truly is what we believe as Catholic Christians. Any other propositions or ideas are not of our faith.

Easter seems like a long time ago already but I hope that you are still experiencing the joy of the Easter season and that the Lord gives you many blessings in the coming week. Even though life in today's world can at times be difficult and challenging remember, above all things, to Keep The Faith!

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of May 12, our parish has pledged **\$15,392.60** which represents **54.97%** of our goal. So far there have been 83 individual donations made.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

After Fr. Guy's renewed appeal at all Masses last weekend we want to present you with an updated picture of where the Capital Campaign stands at the moment. Our goal is to raise \$600,000.00. As of May 17, 2023:

Total Pledged: \$413,199.00

Total Amount Received: \$343,877.51

Total Currently On Hand: \$221,019.51

Of the total amount we have received in donations \$40,000 was paid to Giving Trend, the company administering the Campaign for their fees. Last year \$28,000 was given to the Diocese of Metuchen to guarantee our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal for 2022. Also in the past year \$54,858.00 was spent from the Campaign funds to replace the HVAC units in the Parish Center. That expenditure was approved by the Parish Trustees and the Finance Council.

FROM THE PASTOR

