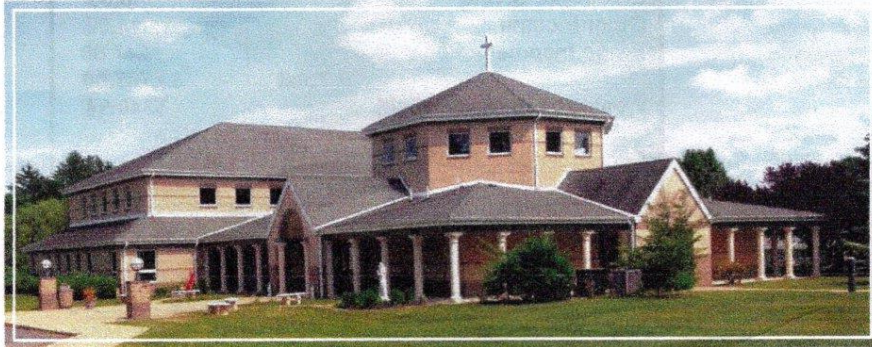


# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.*



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>May 27</u></b>
5:00pm	+Bill Wargin <i>r/o The Torres Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 28</b> <b><u>Pentecost Sunday</u></b>
7:30am	+Ellen Stoessel <i>r/o Jo-Anne Ward</i>
9:00am <i>(Spanish)</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Mary Mears <i>r/o Mr. &amp; Mrs. Richard Aquino</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 29</b> <b><u>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</u></b>
9:00am	+Bill Wargin <i>r/o The Paliscak Famly</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>May 30</u></b>
9:00am	+Edward B. Locke <i>r/o Deacon Ed Hartmann</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 31</b> <b><u>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u></b>
9:00am	+Alfred C. Selvester, Sr. <i>r/o Fr. Guy</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 1</b> <b><u>Saint Justin</u></b>
9:00am	+William Wargin <i>r/o Lou &amp; Mary Jane Lusardi</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>June 2</u></b>
9:00am	+Kristen Schoenig Thorsen <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 Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Emma

## WEEKLY OFFERING

### WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
<b>May 13 / 14</b>	<b>\$5,392.00</b>
Electronic Giving	2,769.00
Mother's Day	1,128.00
Other Income	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,489.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$3,025.00</b>
<b>May 20 / 21</b>	<b>\$5,882.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,132.00
Bingo Income	426.75
Other Income	96.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,537.67</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,073.67</b>
Diocesan Communication Campaign	\$204.00

## 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](http://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 19, our parish has pledged **\$15,642.60** which represents **55.86%** of our goal. So far there have been 84 individual donations made.

## MEMORIAL DAY

The Rectory Office will be **CLOSED** all day on **Monday, May 29** in observance of Memorial Day





## CORPUS CHRISTI

On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (usually called Corpus Christi) we will be doing two things to mark the observance.

The first is as a result of a request from our Bishop. Beginning on that day, June 11, we will observe a period of silent reflection after Communion. This is a moment for everyone to make a personal thanksgiving after Communion and to reflect on the awesome Mystery of the Eucharist we have just received. Then we will recite together a communal thanksgiving by praying the prayer written by St. Thomas Aquinas known as "O Sacrum Convivium" (O Sacred Banquet) which goes:

*"O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us."*

After that we will have the Prayer After Communion followed by the announcements and then the blessing and dismissal. **This practice will continue at every Mass until further notice.**

In addition, On June 11, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi we will expose the Blessed Sacrament on the altar at the conclusion of the 11:00am Mass. The blessed Sacrament will remain exposed for adoration until 3:00pm at which time we will celebrate Solemn Benediction.

During the period of adoration (from Noon until 3pm) the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. There needs to be at least two people in church all during that time. Next week after all Masses there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex so that individual parishioners can sign up to spend either 30 minutes or an hour in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. In particular, I call on members of the Knights of Columbus, the Rosary Altar Society, the Choir and all other Parish organizations to volunteer for a time slot.

## FROM THE PASTOR



Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love! Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the Earth!

Indeed, it is Pentecost —50 days— since the start of the Easter season and we reach the third most important feast in the entire Church year. We keep this solemn feast to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles...and to all of us. The Spirit of God guides, strengthens and animates the Church. God is with always, always in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This weekend we also celebrate something that is not a Church festival: Memorial Day. Each year I usually say this or something like this: Remember that on Memorial Day we are not celebrating all servicemen and women. There is a holiday called "Armed Forces Day" which occurs on the third Saturday in May. This year it was on May 20. That's the day to celebrate and honor all the men and women who currently serve in our nation's armed forces right now.

November 11 is, of course, Veteran's Day. On that day we pay tribute to all those men and women who have served our country in the past and have now left the armed forces. Their past service is never forgotten and is rightly honored.

But, this weekend as we keep Memorial Day we do something specific and different. We remember all of those brave souls of the men and women who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duty. We remember our honored dead. Memorial Day isn't a day for all those who have served. It is for those who have died in the service of our country. They deserve this day that is focused exclusively on them.

These are the ones who never saw the end of the conflict that took their lives. They did not get to enjoy the fruits of peace. They never came home again to marry, or raise a family, or pursue professional goals. They never got to enjoy success in what they achieved or to reap the benefits of the work they accomplished. They left their homes and their loved ones...and never got to come home or see them again.

It is for these men and women —these brave men and women— who were willing to give what Abraham Lincoln called , "The last full measure of devotion" so that others might live, and be free, and be at peace. It's important that we give them this day which is theirs alone. So, this Memorial Day spare a thought and a prayer for our beloved dead. We will never forget them.

Have a blessed and a great week ahead. As we move back into Ordinary Time may the fruits and the joys of the Easter season follow you throughout your days. Remember, above all things, to *Keep The Faith!*