

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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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

Rev. James A. Kyrpczak-----*Pastor*
Paul Flor-----*Deacon*
Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.-----*Deacon*
Laura A. Torres-----*Parish Secretary*
Mrs. Joyce Rock-----*Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL)*
Shirley A. Firling-----*Director of Sacred Music*
James Mc Aloon-----*Pastoral Council Chairperson*
James McAloon-----*Trustee*
John Rolak-----*Trustee*
Anthony Tomeski-----*Web Master*
Bob Opdyke-----*Finance Council Chairperson*
Sonia Amparo Arevalo---*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 & 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 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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 19, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>November 18</u>
5:00pm	+Michael A. Kovacs r/o R. Kovacs & Family
Sunday	<u>November 19</u> <u>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Phyllis Chiappa r/o The Hamas Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Peter Meagher r/o Mary Zvirblys
Monday	<u>November 20</u>
9:00am	+All Souls r/o A Parishioner
Tuesday	<u>November 21</u> <u>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
9:00am	+Toshiko Urban r/o Ileana Hannema
Wednesday	<u>November 22</u> <u>Saint Cecilia</u>
9:00am	Vincent Pizzo r/o Family
Thursday	<u>November 23</u> <u>Thanksgiving Day</u>
9:00am	People of the Parish
Friday	<u>November 24</u> <u>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions</u>
9:00am	+Martha Monsalve-Montoya r/o Adelina De la Cruz

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Patricia Baroz, Adrianna Berrios, Benjamin Bernstein, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rhee Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Peter Garon, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, James Herring, Sharon Lawson, The Lewis Family, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Maureen Milletich, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Vincent Pizzo, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Angelo Saccos, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, George Stine, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
<u>November 4 / 5</u>	\$6,866.00
Electronic Giving	1,587.00
All Saints Donations	<u>1,242.00</u>
Total	\$9,695.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$3,231.00
<u>November 11 / 12</u>	\$5,664.00
Electronic Giving	1,932.00
All Souls Donations	545.00
Snow Removal Donations	<u>1,505.00</u>
Total	\$9,646.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$3,182.00

OUTREACH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We will be taking on a new endeavor and assisting a cottage at the **Hunterdon Developmental Center** in Clinton.

There are 18 gift tags now placed on the Giving Tree located in the Narthex. All items should be returned unwrapped by December 2 / 3. Your support and generosity is much appreciated.

GIFT BEARERS AT MASS

If the Mass intention is for your loved one, please see an Usher prior to Mass and let him / her know that you would like to bring up the gifts. If you choose not to do so, please let the Usher know that so other arrangements may be made. With that being said, we are in need of Gift Bearers.

SAINT THEODORE'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Saturday, December 2, 2023 to be held at Mansfield Elementary School All-Purpose Room
50 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, New Jersey

Doors Open at 10:15am Drawings begin 11:45am
General admission \$15.00 / person OR reserve a table for 10 for \$150 by November 10

For more information contact 908-313-0081
No one under the age of 18 admitted
No alcohol permitted on premises



FROM THE PASTOR

Immediately prior to going over to the church this morning for a Mass of Christian Burial, Laura reminded me that my column for the bulletin would be due not long after the funeral. Most often, it's usually the same. At the last minute, the parish secretary reminds me that the column is due. Then I have to think about what I might write about. That's how the chicken soup recipe got into my column. I was still in High Bridge, this was a couple of years ago, and was just on my way to the kitchen to make my mother's homemade chicken noodle soup when the parish secretary reminded me that she had to submit the bulletin within the next 30 minutes. And so, instead of heading for the kitchen, I went back upstairs to my office (in High Bridge, my office was located on the second floor) and on the stairwell, wondering what I would write about, it dawned on me to share my mother's chicken soup recipe. The one I wrote here was a recycled version.

During the funeral Mass this morning, I recalled that the bulletin column awaited me and it was then that it came to me to write about the importance of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at funerals. More and more, I find that families do not have a Mass of Christian Burial for their deceased loved one. Instead, they have a funeral service at the funeral home. One reason for this, I believe, is that the younger generation is largely un-churched and so feel uncomfortable at Mass. I find it upsetting that, an older person who was so devoted to church attendance (sometimes even attending daily Mass) is deprived of the benefits of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because their children do not feel comfortable inside a church. I have in my office a children's book entitled *The Weight Of A Mass* which is intended to express the value of the Mass as a source of grace for our souls. So many people, modern day Catholics included, have little or no concept of the eternal value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In the entire universe, there is no prayer or gift more powerful than the Mass.

Sometimes our loved ones, prior to their passing from this life, will say something like this: "Don't fuss over me, I don't need a Mass, just a simple service will do." Anyone among us might say

something like that during our lifetime on earth, but from the perspective we will have on the other side of eternity, we would insist upon the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for the repose of our soul!

Feeling uncomfortable at Mass, or any other sacrifice we need to make in order to attend Mass, is well worth the good effect the Mass has for us who attend and for those for whom it is offered. As a matter of fact, when we participate in the Mass, we participate in the suffering of Christ on the Cross as well as in the joy of His resurrection. So sacrifices at Mass can help our participation as much as the experience of being uplifted by the prayers, liturgical music and reception of our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.

Please do not deprive others, especially your loved ones, of the benefits of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; especially at the time of their deaths when they most likely need it to complete their journey to our Heavenly Homeland!

If, for whatever reason, your deceased loved one did not have a Mass of Christian Burial at the time of their passing from this world, it's never too late to have a Mass offered for them. It's as easy as contacting Laura, our parish secretary here at Saint Joseph's, who can assist anyone wishing to have a Mass offered.

May God bless all grieving the loss of a loved one with the consolation that only He can give!

In the love of Christ Jesus our Lord,

Father James

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.