

# 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...

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## PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Rev. James A. Kyrpczak ----- *Pastor*

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## 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

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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 & 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.

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## 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.*

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 8, 2023



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

**Saturday**      October 7  
Our Lady of the Rosary

5:00pm      +Manuel Vidal  
r/o      *Family*

**Sunday**      October 8  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

7:30am      +Patti-Sue Rolak  
r/o      *Family*

9:00am      People of the Parish  
(Spanish)

11:00am      +Xavier Murphy  
r/o      *The Finnegan Family*

**Monday**      October 9

9:00am      +Robert Eauda  
r/o      *The Orłowski Family*

**Tuesday**      October 10

No Morning Mass

**Wednesday**      October 11

No Morning Mass

**Thursday**      October 12

No Morning Mass

**Friday**      October 13

9:00am      +Emily Setteducato  
r/o      *Mary & Bobby Kovacs*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Patricia BarozAdrianna Berrios, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rheh 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, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Angelo Saccos, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**WEEKLY COSTS:**

Church Expenses:      \$6,464.00

September 23 / 24      \$4,655.00

Electronic Giving      1,505.00

**Total**      \$6,160.00

**Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)**      **(\$304.00)**

September 30 / October 1      \$5,058.00

Electronic Giving      1,497.00

**Total**      \$6,555.00

**Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)**      **\$91.00**

**OUTREACH MINISTRY.....LOOKING AHEAD**

2023 Outreach Thanksgiving Program  
This year we are once again helping feed the people in our community. Along with other churches in the area, we will be contributing \$50 (2 - \$25 ShopRite gift cards) per family for a Thanksgiving dinner. We are hoping that Saint Joseph Parish can sponsor 25 families.

We will have sign-ups the weekends of October 14/15 and October 21/22. We would like to have the gift cards returned the weekends of October 21/22 and October 28/29. They can be put in the offertory basket. If you have any questions, please contact Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765 or [kbradunas@comcast.net](mailto:kbradunas@comcast.net)

Thank you again for your generous support!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a grounds clean-up on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Please bring tools such as rakes, weeding tools and saws.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS**

We are in need of additional volunteers at the food pantry. Our church assists on Tuesdays from 9:15am – 11:00am at the Presbyterian Church in Washington.

Please call Laura at the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number for more information.



## **FROM THE PASTOR**

At the time I was a middle school student, my parents introduced into my family, for my older sisters and myself, the recitation of the Rosary. At that time, I do not recall learning about the mysteries of the Rosary or how to meditate upon them. Instead, my focus was on saying the prayer, mainly, the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be as well as on counting on the beads.

A couple of years later, as a high school student, my parents began attending a weekly prayer meeting at our parish church where the Rosary was recited each time. I also, was invited to attend by my mother and began to learn more about the Rosary as I participated in the meetings each week. During that time, before each decade of the Rosary, someone read a short meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary. I learned that there were (at that time) fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, the Joyful mysteries, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary. (Later, of course, Pope Saint John Paul II added the five Luminous mysteries of the Rosary.) All of this was quite new to me, but I learned more and more each week. At one point, I was even invited to read one of the mystery meditations and henceforth began to take my turn to do so as the weeks went by. I recall, as I was just then becoming familiar with the mysteries, learning that you should meditate upon them while reciting the prayers of each decade of the Rosary. My natural approach was to try to understand each mystery, to interpret it as best as I could, relying on the insights offered by others in the group more experienced than myself. I looked for ways to apply the lessons I learned from each mystery to my own practices and life. This, at the time, was the guidance that came forth from adults around me in the group. I never thought to question it at the time. It seemed quite natural to me; and, in truth, it was indeed very beneficial for my formation in the Faith at the time.

As the years went on, even long after I no longer attended that prayer group, I continued to pray the Rosary and meditate on the mysteries as I had learned in that group. Even today, I am grateful for the time I had with them and what they taught me as a high school student. Eventually, as my knowledge of the Faith increased, my meditations became more profound. Especially when I studied in the seminary in preparation for priestly ordination did my understanding of the mysteries and their meaning and application for my life improve.

After ordination to the priesthood, as I continued the practice of praying the Rosary, my perspective and approach to meditating upon the mysteries developed even more. I had by then learned that our meditations on the mysteries of the Rosary could proceed in a more contemplative manner in which we open ourselves even more to the presence and communications of God. And so, I gradually found myself not so much making a study

of the mysteries during my meditations, not making a task out of it, but instead, simply enjoying the activities of God among His people to be found in each mystery. By way of example, I refer to the first joyful mystery of the Rosary, the Annunciation. In this mystery, which I believe we know so well, the archangel Gabriel is sent by God to the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce to her that, my the overshadowing and power of the Holy Spirit, she would become the Mother of God and give birth to a Savior for the good of all humankind. Now, so often, as I meditate upon this mystery, I simply place myself at the event by using my imagination to picture the splendor of the archangel and the joy of Mary in the presence of the Holy Spirit who brings Christ, the Son of God to her and, through her, to each and every one of us. Through this manner of meditation, I simply take joy in the presence of God at work among His people. I experience the peace of God's presence and the great hope that it brings! In this manner, rather than making a chore out of the Rosary, which can be the experience of many of our young people, I make it something that I can look forward to, a manner of praying that refreshes me and that I truly enjoy!

This month, October, is designated the month of the Holy Rosary. It's during this month, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, that the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Perhaps each parishioner and each family in our parish can consider what they can do to practice this great and treasured devotion of the Church or to deepen that devotion where already in practice.

May God shed His graces upon all of you through the recitation of the Rosary and through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary!

Your Servant in Christ,

Father James

**PLEASE NOTE:** Daily Mass will not be celebrated Tuesday, October 10 – Thursday, October 12. Father James will be attending the annual diocesan priest Convocation.

### **MASS INTENTION REQUESTS 2024**

The Mass book for 2024 will be opening during the upcoming week. Mass intention forms can be found in the Narthex. You may mail your intentions or stop in the Parish Office. Please note that Mass intentions cannot be placed over the phone.



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