

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...

9:00 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

Parishioner on the Move
Please notify the Parish Office.

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

(Rt.) Rev. Guy W. Selvester, M.Div., M.A.----- *Pastor*

Rev. J. Michael Venditti, M.Div. ----- *In Residence*

Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.-----*Deacon*

Sylvan H. Webb -----*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*

Mary Jane Lusardi ----- *Trustee*

Patti-Sue 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: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6a, 7a, 8a

Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1b, 2b, 4b, 5b

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6b, 7b, 8b

SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY / 908-689-0058

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SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm

Sunday-----7:30 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass----- 9:30 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 7:15 to 8:00 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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 25, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	October 24
5:00pm	+Vera Quinnan <i>r/o A Parishioner</i>
Sunday	October 25 <u>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Family</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Joan Miller <i>r/o Celia Dubay</i>
Monday	<u>October 26</u>
9:00am	+Bonnie Tietjen <i>r/o Jim & Barbara McAloon</i>
Tuesday	<u>October 27</u>
9:00am	+Joseph Rotondo <i>r/o Ron, Deb & Katie Haber</i>
Wednesday	October 28 <u>Saints Simon & Jude</u>
9:00am	+Walter & Edna V. Gola <i>r/o Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gola</i>
Thursday	<u>October 29</u>
9:00am	+Joseph V. Tramontana <i>r/o The Bagatta Family</i>
Friday	<u>October 30</u>
9:00am	+Gilbert & Josephine Lacerenza <i>r/o Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gola</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Daisy Barczak, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Donna Rogulski, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr. Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Frances Wadnik, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma



WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of October 10 / 11</u>	\$5,235.00
Electronic Giving	1,184.00
Other	525.00
Total	\$6,944.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,452.06)
<u>Weekend of October 17 / 18</u>	\$4,001.00
Electronic Giving	1,292.00
Other	481.50
Total	\$5,774.50
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,621.56)
Diocesan World Mission Sunday	\$339.00

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, November 7 at 7:00AM in the Community Room (**please wear a mask**). We will be considering the Mystery of the Incarnation, and how to enter more deeply into it. The meeting lasts for one hour. The group meets every other Saturday. Participants may attend as their schedule allows. For more information contact Terry Finnegan at finneganterence@msn.com

UPDATED WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Starting **next week** on Saturday, October 31 we will resume a full weekend schedule with in-person Masses. This means the **5:00PM Mass on Saturday** will allow a congregation to attend in-person as well as be live-streamed via Facebook.

Confessions will take place from 4:00 - 4:45PM in the Sacristy. Mass will follow at 5:00PM.

Sunday Masses take place at 7:30AM, 9:30AM (in Spanish) and 11:00AM.

This means that our usual weekend schedule, originally interrupted in March of this year will be fully restored.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join the record number of Christians who have signed up not to erase history, but to make history. The September 23 – November 1, 40 Days for Life Campaign will be the largest global effort of 40 days of prayers and fasting for an end to abortion.

For more information please contact Jennifer English amjadopt@comcast.net 973-525-6692

Or visit <https://40daysforlife.com>

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Parish Altar-Rosary Society have resumed their regular meetings on the first Monday of each month in the Community Room at 1:00PM.

They will also sponsor a monthly Holy Hour with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on the first Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the church.

PLEASE NOTE: Because the first Monday in November is Nov. 2, All Souls' Day, the Holy Hour will take place on the second Monday, November 9.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in the Community Room at 9:30AM.

The next meeting will be held Friday, November 13



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Daylight Saving Time ends on October 31, 2020 in the middle of the night. When you go to bed on October 31 remember to set your clocks back one hour and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

ALL SAINTS' DAY is November 1 which, this year, falls on a Sunday. All of the Sunday Masses on November 1 will celebrate All Saints' Day.

ALL SOULS' DAY or the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is November 2. On that day we will have one Mass at 7:00PM to pray for all the dead and, in particular, for those from our parish who died during the past year. **Please Note:** there will be no 9:00AM Mass on Monday, November 2. The evening Mass will be the only Mass that day.

FROM THE PASTOR



Hallowe'en comes next Saturday! As a boy I loved this holiday. I enjoyed the costumes (home made ones were better than store-bought ones but it took me a few years to learn that!). I enjoyed all the candy and treats, of course. But, I also enjoyed actually going from door to door

with my friends and seeing everyone out in the neighborhood having fun and filling up my bag as the sun slowly sank in the sky and the atmosphere became spookier and a bit more magical.

All that is over for me now and, I fear, Hallowe'en isn't really the same anymore for anyone. Even before the pandemic safety concerns have drastically changed the way kids go trick-or-treating. The pandemic, of course, will make even more changes this year and I'm sure some kids won't go trick-or-treating at all.

Maybe, there is a tiny silver lining in all this for those of us who have faith. Namely, we can once again focus on Hallowe'en as the Eve of All Hallows (All Saints) and see this festival for what it is. Namely, a festival that was Christianized and used by the Church to focus on all the holy ones who have already left this life as we begin a month in November of remembering the dead. Too many people focus on how it was originally a pagan festival. But, the point is that it was Christianized to show the triumph of the true faith over the false gods of the pagan pantheon.

Christ and His saints are celebrated because they give the truth and true faith to the world. That's a good thing to focus on instead of only the candy, treats and costumes.

Oh...and remember to set your clocks **BACK** when you go to bed on Hallowe'en and catch an extra hour of sleep.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith

CHOICES MATTER – VIRTUAL CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE

During October (Respect Life month) the Office of Human Life and Dignity of the Diocese presents the annual Choices Matter - A Virtual Critical Life Issues Series. The theme this year is "**Living the Gospel of Life!**".

Please join us virtually on the following dates to hear these dynamic speakers:

October 29 - 7:00 PM - Kristen Hanson - Warriors of Hope: Fighting Assisted Suicide in America

October 31 - 10:00 AM - Stephanie Gray Connors - Abortion: The Great Debate

There is no fee, however, registration is required for this Virtual Conference Series. Donations are appreciated. To register please

visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>