

# 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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Website----- stjosephwashingtongnj.org

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

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----- 9:30 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.*

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**April 12, 2020**



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 11</b>
	<b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b>
8:00pm	+Deceased Benefactors of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 12</b>
	<b><u>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u></b>
7:30am	+Betty Lou Brown
r/o	<i>The Hamas Family</i>
9:30am	+Bridget Wolverton
r/o	<i>Joseph &amp; MaryAnn Conroy</i>
11:00am	Living Benefactors of the Parish
1:00pm (Spanish)	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 13</b>
	<b><u>Monday within the Octave of Easter</u></b>
9:00am	+Dr. Muralidar Reddy
r/o	<i>Bob &amp; Debbie Smolar</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 14</b>
	<b><u>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</u></b>
9:00am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
r/o	<i>Bob &amp; Debbie Smolar</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 15</b>
	<b><u>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</u></b>
9:00am	+Frank & Dorothy Edolo
r/o	<i>Gale Edolo</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 16</b>
	<b><u>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</u></b>
9:00am	+John Wolverton
r/o	<i>Joseph &amp; Mary Ann Conroy</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 17</b>
	<b><u>Friday within the Octave of Easter</u></b>
9:00am	+Earl Dick
r/o	<i>Gale Edolo</i>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Denise Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Peter Garon, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Dave Lewis, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, John W. Mulvenna, Eddie O'Donnell, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Margaret Ricci, Charles Roseberry, Barbara Russian, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr. Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Frances Wadnik, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Jamie Zimmerman, Emma, Glen

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**WEEKLY COSTS:**

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<b><u>Weekend of March 28 / 29</u></b>	<b>\$4,870.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,342.00
Easter Flowers	275.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,487.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,909.06</b>
<b><u>Weekend of April 4 / 5</u></b>	<b>\$4,309.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,102.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,411.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,985.06)</b>

**10,000 VOLUNTEER HOUR PROGRAM**

Reminder ~ We should be tracking all our Volunteer hours for the month of March and ready to submit those hours soon. The box for the form return is in the Narthex with additional forms in the side pocket.

The Volunteer form is also posted on our website [stjosephwashingtonnj.org](http://stjosephwashingtonnj.org)

If you have any questions, please call Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765 or [kbradunas@comcast.net](mailto:kbradunas@comcast.net)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please take note that because of the Pandemic restrictions the celebration of First Holy Communion is being postponed. First Holy Communion will take place on [Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 11:00AM.](http://www.stjosephwashingtonnj.org)

Please note this in your calendars and plan accordingly. We regret that this may cause an inconvenience for some of you but it is unavoidable.





## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The Bishop has directed the suspension of all public Masses and devotions to extend through Holy Week and Easter as well. Please be aware of the following:

HOLY THURSDAY: there will be no public Mass or devotions.

GOOD FRIDAY: There will be no public Liturgy of the Passion -OR- Stations of the Cross. **YOU ARE STILL OBLIGATED TO FAST AND ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON GOOD FRIDAY!**

HOLY SATURDAY: there will be no blessing of Easter food and no Great Vigil of Easter. The Paschal Candle will be blessed and lit privately.

**EASTER SUNDAY: we will live stream Easter Mass at 11:00AM on Easter Sunday morning. The Mass will be available to be viewed for the rest of the day as well.**

The church building will be closed all through Holy Week and even on Easter Sunday because no one is allowed in the building while we are live streaming the Mass.

## THANK YOU

There are two big things to say "Thank You" for this week.

First, our **THANKS** to all of you who contributed generously to the collection of food and grocery items for the Washington Food Pantry. We are most grateful.

Second, **THANKS** to all of you who have been kind enough to mail in your weekly offering to the Rectory -OR- to drop it off in the Rectory mailbox -OR- have taken to time to give via online giving. We are grateful that you haven't forgotten your parish family during this recent crisis.

Online giving can be set up if you wish by going to the parish website, clicking on the icon for Online Giving and then clicking on "Create An Account". The parish website is found at: [stjosephwashingtonnj.org](http://stjosephwashingtonnj.org)

## GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE

Because it is not possible for us to have a safe way to distribute the candy purchased from Gertrude Hawk and remain in compliance with the directives from the Governor of New Jersey the distribution of the candy will take place at a later date.

We know this is a great disappointment for the 37 families who ordered candy this year. The candy that you ordered will be delivered and you will receive what you purchased.

We have arranged with the people at Gertrude Hawk to have the candy delivered after the isolation and social distancing restrictions have been lifted. We know this is definitely a big inconvenience and we apologize but the circumstances are genuinely unusual.

## FROM THE PASTOR



Christ is Risen! Indeed, He IS Risen!

A happy and holy Easter to all of you. I know that many feel as though this year's celebration of Easter is muted, very different or maybe even "ruined". Well, nothing could be farther from the

truth. It is definitely different and unusual but the reality that Christ is risen from the dead is true whether it is celebrated in a cathedral thronged with worshipers or by an individual at home in solitude. Christ's resurrection doesn't require a gigantic liturgy even though that may be what we are used to.

At the first Easter the resurrection of the Lord happened with absolutely no one there to witness it. The Lord was alone in the tomb. His resurrection occurred away from the gaze of anyone, even the soldiers posted to guard the tomb. There were no crowds, no followers, not even his enemies to be there and exclaim at the wonder of so great a Mystery. It was only a while later that a sole individual, Mary Magdalene, went to the tomb to discover He had risen. Then she told His disciples and they alone, still in hiding, heard the news.

No triumphant parade, no fanfare, no great announcement, no public acclaim accompanied the single most important event in all human history.

So, this year, as our liturgical celebrations are reserved and virtual and as our family celebrations are also curtailed that does not, *in any way*, diminish the significance of what we celebrate: Christ is Risen from the dead! By His own death He has conquered death and has offered us eternal life!

Because of the pandemic restrictions which are necessary and beginning to show some effect we have an opportunity this year to reflect in a deeply personal way on what the resurrection means to us. It's not about a giant celebration of the Church throughout the world in the conventional sense. Rather, we have a glimpse of what it must have been like for those first disciples. They knew that it really had happened and, for a time, they had to keep it to themselves. They had to celebrate quietly the fact that He truly was risen; He really was the Messiah. The enormity of that truth was something they allowed to penetrate them deeply, but in a personal way. And, now, we are called to do the same thing.

When the restrictions are lifted there will be time, later, to have a big liturgical celebration. Remember: Easter is *FIFTY DAYS* and when Pentecost comes this year, God-willing, we will all be together again. In the mean time **HAPPY EASTER!** I pray that all of you will have Easter blessings and joy in your lives. I also pray you and yours will be kept safe and healthy during this current crisis.

Keep the faith! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!