

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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	April 25 <u>Saint Mark</u>
5:00pm	+Joan Marie Cooper r/o <i>The Hamas Family</i>
Sunday	April 26 <u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>
7:30am	+Violet Donato r/o <i>Susan Wood</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Nicholas Fiore r/o <i>Joseph DeSanto</i>
Monday	<u>April 27</u>
9:00am	+Robert Rehner r/o <i>The Soletto Family</i>
Tuesday	April 28 <u>Saint Peter Chanel</u> <u>Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort</u>
9:00am	+Holy Souls In Purgatory r/o <i>Bob & Debbie Smolar</i>
Wednesday	April 29 <u>Saint Catherine of Siena</u>
9:00am	Jim McAloon r/o <i>Barbara McAloon</i>
Thursday	April 30 <u>Saint Pius V</u>
9:00am	+Andy Morrisroe r/o <i>The Trimmer Family</i>
Friday	May 1 <u>Saint Joseph the Worker</u>
9:00am	Intentions for Bob Smolar r/o <i>Debbie Smolar</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, 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
<u>Weekend of April 11 / 12</u>	\$12,135.00
Electronic Giving	2,282.00
Total	\$14,417.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$6,020.94
<u>Weekend of April 18 / 19</u>	\$3,680.00
Electronic Giving	1,612.00
Easter	530.00
Other Income	638.00
Total	\$6,460.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,936.06)

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
If you have any questions, please call Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765 or 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.

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.



BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has so far pledged \$18,118.00 and has so far paid \$16,078.00 toward our parish goal of \$27,000.00. These pledges have been received from 92 households.

We just have a little over \$8,000.00 to go!

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

We certainly hope that you have been making use of the Parish Facebook Page (St. Joseph's Catholic Church) and also using the Parish Website www.stjosephwashingtonnj.org in order to keep up with what's going on at the parish.

Fr. Guy has been live-streaming Mass on Sundays at 11:00AM. In addition, every few days Fr. Guy also posts a live chat from his office in the Rectory just to stay in touch and offer some words of encouragement and some thoughts for reflection.

FROM THE PASTOR



Surrexit Dominus! Alleluia!
The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!
¡El Señor ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

We are continuing to celebrate the immense truth that Christ came back from the dead and conquered the power of sin and death. Through this He has made real forgiveness of our

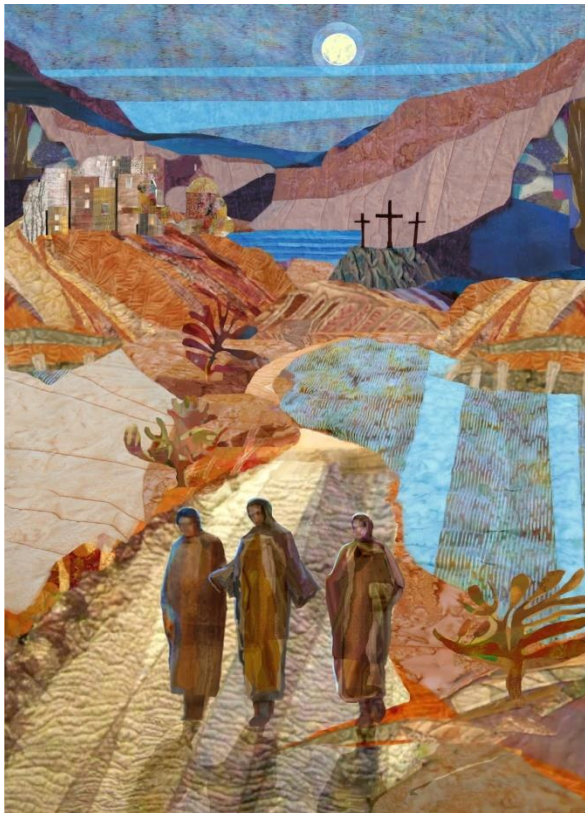
sins a possibility and granted to us the opportunity to have eternal life. This is true, whether we are together in church to hear about it or not.

Thank You to those of you who have made pledges to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of today we have pledges totaling \$18,118.00. That's great! We only have \$8,882.00 to go. The amount that has already been pledged is from just 92 households, however. That represents fewer than half the number of people who made pledges last year.

That means that if every other family in the parish who has not yet done so would simply pledge \$100.00 to the Bishop's Annual Appeal we would reach, and actually slightly surpass, our Parish Goal. We're almost there. Please, if you have not already made a pledge, consider doing so. Remember that we get 50% back on all money that goes over the goal we might raise.

I would be remiss if I didn't also add a word of **THANKS** for your kindness and generosity in remembering to send in (or to give online) your weekly parish offering. This is helping us tremendously to pay the bills and keep things running so that when this Pandemic is over you all still have a church to come back to!

If you haven't yet looked at the parish Facebook page I urge you to do so. In addition to live streaming Mass every Sunday at 11:00AM I also periodically check in with an online live chat. They're not long but I spend a few moments with some "*Coffee & Conversation*" to offer a word for thought, some encouragement, some news and a moment of prayer. After they are done live they continue to be available to be viewed at any time.



WHEN WILL WE BE COMING BACK TO CHURCH?

That is certainly a question on everyone's mind. The simple answer is that we simply don't know yet at this point. Pandemic Restrictions and social distancing are certainly going to remain in place throughout the rest of April and probably well into May. The NJ Schools aren't set to re-open (at least for now) until May 15. It is our sincere hope that by the middle of May we will be able to resume normal parish activity. But, we will keep you posted.

Please try to keep a positive attitude during these trying times. You know, prayer helps a lot with that! Open your heart to God and share with Him all you are going through. He is **ALWAYS** listening and happy to hear from you. Even if it is your fear, frustration or anger...He will take it all. You can say anything to God. So, don't hesitate to do so.

Remember I am praying for you and your intentions, especially in my prayers at Mass. Please pray for me as well. Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith.

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