

# 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.*

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2, 2020



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 1</b> <b><u>Saint Alphonsus Liguori</u></b>
5:00pm	+Alfred C. Selvester, Sr. r/o Patricia Selvester
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 2</b> <b><u>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>
7:30am	+Laura Macarone r/o The Cruz Family
11:00am	+John W. Mulvenna r/o Mike & Lynn Downs
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>August 3</u></b>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Knights of Columbus Council 5170
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 4</b> <b><u>Saint John Vianney</u></b>
9:00am	+John W. Mulvenna r/o Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>August 5</u></b>
9:00am	+Leo Kim r/o The Webb Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 6</b> <b><u>The Transfiguration of the Lord</u></b>
9:00am	Fr. Guy r/o The Selvester Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>August 7</u></b>
9:00am	+Anna Nalatka r/o Mary Zvirblys

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, 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



### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<b>Weekend of July 18 / 19</b>	<b>\$4,687.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,257.00
Other Income	227.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,171.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,225.06)</b>
<b>Weekend of July 25 / 26</b>	<b>\$3,750.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,867.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,617.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,779.06)</b>

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Classes for 2020-2021 sessions is now in progress. Forms have been mailed to families.

**New registrations** and **first grade** registrations can be found on the parish website [stjosephwashingtonnj.org](http://stjosephwashingtonnj.org) or please stop by the Parish Office during office hours Monday – Friday from 9:00AM – Noon, 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Please note: new registrations require a Baptismal certificate.

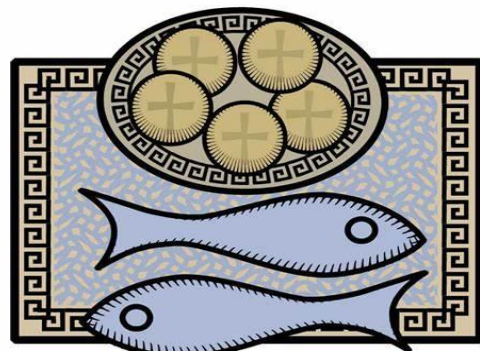
If you should have any questions, please call Mrs. Rock at the Religious Education Office 908-689-0093

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please take note that because of the restrictions involving Covid-19 the celebration of First Holy Communion was postponed. However, it can't be postponed indefinitely. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 1:00PM.

Each of the 24 children receiving First Holy Communion will be allowed THREE (3) guests only in order to comply with current maximum attendance allowed. If these guidelines change we will adjust accordingly. All Pandemic Protocols currently in place will be observed.

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





Transfiguration of Our Lord

## **MASS & CONFESSION**

### **Daily Mass**

**Monday - Friday at 9:00AM**

### **Saturday Evening Mass**

**Live-Streamed at 5:30PM (and available for viewing throughout the weekend)**

### **Sunday Mass**

**7:30AM & 11:00AM**

**There is a limit of 100 people at these Masses**

**There is NO Spanish Mass until further notice.**

### **Confession**

**Every Saturday from 4:00 - 5:00PM in the Sacristy.**

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, August 9 from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. Blood supplies are currently low so donors are genuinely needed. For proper safety the drive will be set up in the Parish Center Hall rather than the Bloodmobile. This will ensure proper distancing and safety measures for the Volunteers and the Blood Donors.

Schedule an appointment online at [giveapint.org](http://giveapint.org) (use sponsor code 2658) or call Terry Finnegan 908-689-3505

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Another month has come and gone and it's so hard to keep track! I fear that when 2020 is looked back on it will seem like a "lost year" for many of us.

This coming week we celebrate the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord** on **August 6**. This commemorates the moment when, on Mount Tabor, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James & John and His true glory appeared. They saw Him as He really is, in the splendor of holiness and the radiance of His divinity. It was only for a moment but it was real.

Jesus did this so they would remember when they saw His cruel Passion and death that it was a man who was also truly God who was suffering and dying for them. So, He wanted them to see His glory as God in order for them to later make the connection that He also revealed Himself as God while He was sacrificing Himself on the cross. This they would be able to bear witness to later on. The Transfiguration contextualizes the Crucifixion.

The point about seeing Jesus as He truly is becomes the central point. I fear that all too often we do not see Jesus as He truly is. Rather, we project our own ideas and feelings onto Jesus. We recreate God in our own image rather than the other way around.

Here's a simple way to find out if that happens with you. If you are ever in a discussion or even an argument with someone and you catch yourself beginning a sentence by saying, "Well, I don't think that Jesus would care very much about..." -OR- if you find yourself saying, "I don't think God cares one way or the other about that" -OR- "Well, that's not MY God!" then you might have a problem.

Each of those is a pretty good indicator that you've got your own preconceived notion of who God is and how He's supposed to act and it usually coincides precisely with your thoughts and ideas. How 'bout that?!

The task before us, like Peter, James & John, is to see the Lord as He truly is not as we would have Him be. That may be difficult and challenging at times. God may turn out to be more tolerant of others' faults, more caring, more forgiving, more loving, more understanding than we might wish to be at any given moment. Yet, to follow Him we must become like Him.

Have a week ahead filled with blessings and peace.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

## **PARISH PICNIC**

Due to the ongoing restrictions concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic we regret to say that this year the Parish Picnic is cancelled.