

# 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----- stjosephwashingtongj.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.*

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 2020



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

Saturday	August 15 <u>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
5:00pm	+Deceased Members of the Callahan Family <i>r/o Edie &amp; Bob Callahan</i>
Sunday	August 16 <u>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Robert Castella <i>r/o The Torres Family</i>
11:00am	+Christopher Dante Parents <i>r/o</i>
Monday	August 17
9:00am	+Helen Zvirblys <i>r/o Mary Zvirblys</i>
Tuesday	August 18
9:00am	+Patty-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Mary &amp; Bobby Kovacs</i>
Wednesday	August 19
9:00am	Jerry <i>r/o A Parishioner</i>
Thursday	August 20 <u>Saint Bernard</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Family</i>
Friday	August 21 <u>Saint Pius X</u>
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the Hogan Family <i>r/o Mary Zvirblys</i>

### 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, 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
<b>Weekend of August 1 / 2</b>	
Electronic Giving	1,520.00
Other	330.00
Total	\$6,359.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,037.06)
<b>Weekend of August 9 / 10</b>	
Electronic Giving	1,412.00
Other	30.00
Total	\$4,957.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,439.06)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registrations are now past due, please return immediately.

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

New registrations require a Baptismal certificate. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Joyce Rock at the Religious Education Office 908-689-0093

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER

The postponed celebration of 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.

We regret that this may cause an inconvenience for some of you and your families but it is unavoidable because of the restrictions.





## **FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY**

August 22 is the feast day of Our Lady, Mother & Queen. This is sometimes called the Queenship of Mary. Here in the Diocese of Metuchen it is the patronal feast of the Diocese. This year on that feast five men will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ for service to our Diocese at the Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima here in Washington!

Please remember to say a prayer for them as they begin their priesthood and for all in our Diocese as we celebrate our patronal feast.

## **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.**

## **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS**

If you can assist packing bags on Tuesdays from 9:00AM until Noon, please contact Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



“Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of Summer...” go the words of an old popular song. In the midst of August we do find ourselves in hazy, hot, humid temperatures. We also (most of us anyway) find ourselves in kind of lazy times where we’re trying to relax. Thanks to a global

pandemic and its government imposed effects we are, most assuredly, finding ourselves in what I feel comfortable calling the most crazy days I can remember.

This year has been like something out of a bad science fiction novel. I marvel at the resilience and the resolve of so many people to maintain a positive attitude in the face of this disease and the accompanying restrictions we have been asked to take. At the same time, like so many others, I find myself often giving in to the frustration, the boredom and the pessimism that have resulted from five months under lock down and/or quarantine conditions.

On a spiritual level this can be a vulnerable and dangerous time for us. It is when we become frustrated and downhearted that the Evil One looks to take advantage of that. He wants to break our spirits and see us lose heart. When that happens we are in what is known as the “near occasion of sin”. It is at that moment that we become most tempted to do the wrong things; to give in to all our negative and destructive temptations and to turn away from God in anger or in fear.

This is the moment to strengthen our resolve. We must pray more. We must try to find those good, healthy activities that will fill our time with good distractions and worthwhile pursuits. We must renew our faith and our trust in the God who always hears us when we pray and who watches our lives and cares for each and every little thing that happens to us. God does this even when we cannot perceive Him doing it. So, don’t lose heart! Don’t give in to the “craziness” of these Summer days. Be patient and stouthearted and believe, in hope, that better, brighter and happier days lie ahead...because they do!

I want to add one final word of thanks. I mentioned last week that during the effects of Tropical Storm Isaias the Rectory basement was flooded requiring an expensive clean up. Thanks to the donations of several parishioners the full cost of that clean up has been remitted. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

Such kindness and generosity reminds me of the goodness of God that comes to us in many and varied ways through the kind thoughts and gestures of others. It is evidence to us that God is with us.

Stay Safe; Stay Calm; Keep the Faith!

Have a Blessed Week ahead.