

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



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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

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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.



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.

So, please consider donating a pint of blood to help others.

FROM THE PASTOR



I want to express my gratitude to the Knights of Columbus who do a great deal in our parish. Today, via Zoom because of the pandemic, the new slate of officers will begin their term for the coming fraternal year. Our sincere thanks to outgoing Grand Knight Terry Finnegan for his

tireless efforts through the KofC but also for the many and varied ways he is involved in our parish. My congratulations to incoming Grand Knight Chuck Roberto.

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose." We hear this in the letter of St. Paul to the Romans and it is proclaimed in the Scriptures at mass this weekend.

But, do we believe it? Do we believe that for those of us who have faith in the God who has called us to holiness that all things work for good...all things? We must try with all our might to have this perspective in life. If we do then even things like our present difficulties with a global pandemic will, nevertheless, be viewed as something from which good may come. We don't always have the broad perspective that God has. We can't always see ahead to how things may yet work out for the good.

This is where we must move forward by faith. It's not that we simply have to have blind faith that "somehow" things will work out. Rather, we have to place our faith and trust in the God who is Father of all so that we allow Him to guide and guard us. We must put into practice what He taught us. We must abandon our desire to fix everything ourselves and allow things to unfold as God would have them do.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith.

FOOD DRIVE

A word of **THANKS** to all of you who contributed so generously to the July Food Drive. In these days when everyone is concerned about health and safety reaching out to others who are in greater need is so important. Your generous donations will do a lot to help a lot of people. Thank You!

