

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

Fax ----- 908-689-3436

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

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2020



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday **March 21**

5:00pm +Joseph & Susan Stack
r/o *Ann Daugert*

Sunday **March 22**
 Fourth Sunday Of Lent

7:30am +Thomas Helmstetter
r/o *Joyce Rock*

9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Anthony Aquino
r/o *Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino*

Monday **March 23**
 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

9:00am Dan Walker
r/o *Marie Walker*

Tuesday **March 24**
 Saint Oscar Romero

9:00am +Dame Sandra Kale
r/o *Jim & Barbara McAloon*

Wednesday **March 25**
 The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00am +Thomas J. Burke
r/o *Jeanne Selvester*

Thursday **March 26**

9:00am In Thanksgiving to the
r/o Blessed Mother
 Bob & Debbie Smolar

Friday **March 27**

9:00am +Margaret Hackett
r/o *Mary Zvirblys*

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
<u>Weekend of March 7 / 8</u>	\$6,297.80
Electronic Giving	572.00
Bingo Income	1,278.15
Other Income	1,870.00
Total	\$10,017.95
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,621.89
<u>Weekend of March 14 / 15</u>	\$4,535.53
Electronic Giving	1,302.00
Total	\$5,837.53
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,558.53)

This Week in Our Parish.....

ALL ACTIVITES HAVE BEEN CANCELED

MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

Saint Mary's Parish in Hackettstown is in need of a music director for Masses on Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and Noon.

Also to conduct weekly music practice and play for Holy Days of Obligation. Please contact Mrs. Arlene Pidgeon, Secretary 908-852-3320 for more information or send resume to secretary@aaumptionbvmnj.org

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



PLEASE NOTE

As of the time this was printed (March 20) we will have:

No Public Masses
No Confessions
No Public Devotions
No Parish Group Activities of any kind
No Meetings or Social Gatherings

at out church.

For the time being the church building is unlocked and available for private prayer each day from 9:00AM until 4:00PM.

The Parish Office will be opened Monday through Friday from 9:00AM until 12:00PM

The current instructions from the Bishop are to maintain this until April 4 **HOWEVER** this is subject to change. As things change we will update you.

For the time being any funerals may have no more than 25 people in attendance. Any scheduled weddings may go ahead with no more than 25 people present in church. All Baptisms will be postponed until after this ban is lifted unless there is an emergency.

Masses are still being said privately every day so all the requested Mass intentions are being fulfilled. It is possible to have Anointing of the Sick and Communion brought to the sick and homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for Anointing or Communion for the sick and homebound.

Some have asked about our scheduled celebration of First Holy Communion on May 2. At present we simply **do not know** if this will go ahead as scheduled. As that becomes more clear we will update you as soon as possible.

Live streamed Mass can be seen from the Cathedral in Metuchen by going to the Diocesan website at www.diometuchen.org or on EWTN. Check your local listings.

Please continue to be safe and pray for one another.



FROM THE PASTOR



Well, here is a bulletin column I never would have imagined I would have to write. These are certainly strange times in which we are living, to be sure. But, with the strange-ness also comes fear and anxiety. Our Lord reminds us, "Who among you, by worrying, can add a moment to your life?" (Matt 6:27) and elsewhere he said to Jairus, "Fear is useless; what is needed is faith." (Like 8:50)

In these troubling times we must work to strengthen our faith in God, in each other and in the ability of men and women who are working hard to find solutions to the problem at hand.

In the mean time, even though it is a hardship, we must make some sacrifices. Of course, one of the big sacrifices we must make is to stay away from gathering at our church for Mass, Confessions, devotions, liturgies, activities or meetings of any kind. This would be a problem at any time but because it has come during Lent and in the days leading up to Easter it seems even worse.

However, this is being done to protect people from the spread of disease, especially the most vulnerable among us. Last January when I suspended Communion under both species for cold & flu season some people weren't happy and a few even laughed at me. Well, no one is laughing now. That was just the tip of the iceberg.

But, *the Church* is not the church. What I mean is: the Church (i.e. the People of God and Mystical Body of Christ) is not the church (a building). We remain united as a community of faith even when we can't be physically together because we are united in prayer. Many people have lost touch with the idea of making a "Spiritual Communion" even when they can't make a physical one. This is important. Remember that God is always with you even when you can't be physically united to Him.

These strict measures are not unprecedented. During the 1918 flu epidemic churches all over America were closed for weeks. Once again, we are being asked to endure this but we should try to see it as an opportunity to make a real sacrifice for Lent and to offer up this small and temporary suffering for all those suffering much more and whose lives may be at risk.

As more news unfolds regarding Holy Week and Easter I will keep you informed as best I can. In the mean time, practice social-distancing; employ good hygiene; pray more and unite yourself to God and to each other in prayer. Stay safe and be assured I am praying for you all.

