

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

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	May 16
5:00pm	+Jean Vanderhoof r/o Maryann Maynard
Sunday	May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30am	+Maria & Peter Imperatrice r/o Family
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Florence Stern r/o Fr. Guy
Monday	May 18 Saint John I
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Jeff & Sharon Gulick
Tuesday	May 19
9:00am	+Isabel Giugliano r/o Marie Walker
Wednesday	May 20 Saint Bernadine of Siena
9:00am	Daniel Walker r/o Marie Walker
Thursday	May 21 Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions
9:00am	Angela Giugliano r/o Marie Walker
Friday	May 22 Saint Rita of Cascia
9:00am	Jerry Walker and Family r/o Marie Walker

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
Weekend of May 2 / 3	\$5,960.00
Electronic Giving	1,285.00
Mother's Day Offering	180.00
Other Income	330.00
Total	\$7,755.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$641.06)
Weekend of May 9 / 10	\$3,892.00
Electronic Giving	1,417.00
Mother's Day Offering	170.00
Total	\$5,479.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,917.06)
Diocesan Catholic Relief Services	\$200.00

ARE WE OPENING UP CHURCH AGAIN???

The Governor's Executive Order 107 (the shut down) **remains in effect** except for a few exceptions outlined in Executive Order 142.

Under these provisions gatherings of ten (10) people or fewer are permitted and gatherings of more than ten (10) people are **not** permitted except:

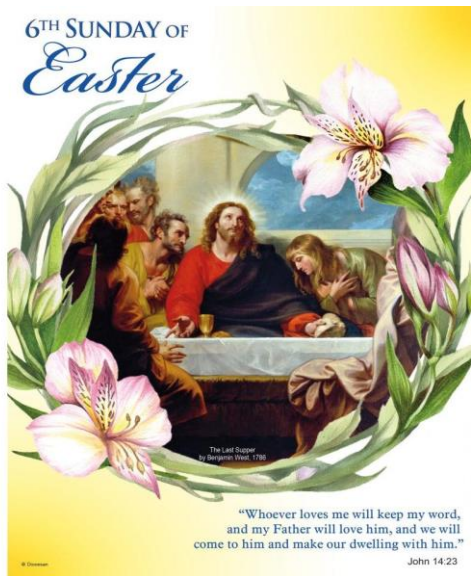
-outdoor religious services where attendees remain in their cars which are closed and parked six feet apart from each other.

Here at St. Joseph **we will not be having outdoor, "drive-in" Mass.** This is because we do not have the resources to carry this out with the dignity that is due to the Blessed Sacrament. We also don't possess the ability to provide Mass outside where people can effectively hear what is happening. **For the time being we will continue to live-stream Sunday Mass and celebrate daily Mass privately.**

However, beginning on Saturday, May 16 the church will be unlocked and open for private prayer on Saturdays from 12:00 Noon until 5:00PM and it will be open on Sundays for private prayer from 9:00AM until 10:30AM (it has to be closed while we live-stream the 11:00AM Mass). The church will also be open for private prayer Monday - Friday from 9:00AM until 6:00PM.

In addition, **CONFESSIONS** will be heard regularly on **Saturday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00PM.** Father will use the sacristy so that appropriate distance can be maintained while insuring privacy. Those wishing to go to Confession should wear a mask and may wait in the Narthex standing six (6) feet apart until they can go into the Sacristy to confess.





FROM THE PASTOR



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
Surrexit Christus! Alleluia!
¡Cristo ha Resucitado! Alleluia!

While the pandemic shut down keeps us locked away from each other, the joy and hope of the Risen Lord continues to dwell in our hearts and to liberate us from doubt and fear. Christ truly has risen so we no longer have anything to fear; not even sin, or illness, or death.

Please see the item elsewhere in this bulletin about how we will continue to be live-streaming Sunday Mass because an outdoor Mass with people in their cars is not feasible. However, we will once again be *opening the church for private prayer on the weekends* and we will also resume *regular Confession time on Saturdays* for those who want to go to Confession! **Please take note** that if you are coming to church to pray you should still *wear a mask* and practice social distancing staying at least six (6) feet away from anyone else who might be here. **If you are coming to Confession on Saturdays you MUST wear a mask and keep your distance from others waiting to go to Confession.**

Weddings will continue to be with only 10 people or fewer in attendance. Funerals will continue to be at the funeral home and/or the cemetery without a funeral Mass for the time being. These things will change once the Governor begins allowing gatherings larger than ten (10) people

So, a very tiny part of regular parish life is beginning to come back to us and this should be a sign of encouragement to everyone.

Also, elsewhere in this bulletin please note that the **Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension** is being transferred this year only from Thursday, May 21 to *Sunday, May 24*. The live-streamed Mass on May 24 will be for Sunday AND the Ascension. This decision was made by all the bishops of New Jersey.

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus says, "I will not leave you orphans". I know that right now some people are feeling a bit orphaned by their Mother, the Church. Many people are feeling the loss of coming to Mass and receiving Holy Communion very keenly. But, the Lord is always with us. The restrictions are severe but they are necessary because of the severity of the situation. Soon, indeed very soon, I hope, they will be lifted in stages and the normal life of our parish will be restored to us. Until then, a bit more patience and endurance is required of us. But, we can do it because the Lord is our help and our strength.

Have a Blessed Week ahead. Don't become discouraged. Stay calm; stay safe and keep the faith.

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MOVING THE ASCENSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Bishops of New Jersey (i.e. the Ecclesiastical Province of Newark) have decided as a group to transfer the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord **for this year only** from Thursday, May 21 to SUNDAY, MAY 24.

This action has been taken because of the pandemic and the fact that we are still under a statewide shutdown in addition to all Catholics being dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

This way, the Sunday, live-streamed Masses on May 24 will be those celebrating the Lord's Ascension. It is very important to note two things: 1) Most of the dioceses in the United States already transfer the solemnity of the Ascension to the following Sunday and 2) While we in NJ normally maintain the solemnity of the Ascension on a Thursday this year is not normal and the decision to transfer the solemnity to Sunday is for **THIS YEAR ONLY**.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has so far pledged \$22,343.00 and has so far paid \$22,863.00 toward our parish goal of \$27,000.00. These pledges have been received from 105 households.

We just have \$4,657.00 to go.

If you have not yet made a pledge **PLEASE** consider doing so. A pledge of just \$50.00 or \$100.00 would go such a long way to helping us reach our goal!

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

Please use the Parish Facebook Page (St. Joseph's Catholic Church) and also the Parish Website www.stjosephwashingtonnj.org in order to keep up with what's going on at the parish.