

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

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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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>May 23</u>
5:00pm	Friends & Family of Elisa r/o <i>Elisa Lopez</i>
Sunday	<u>May 24</u> <u>The Ascension of the Lord</u>
7:30am	+Barbara Russian r/o <i>Michael & Sue Fleming</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Jean Vanderhoof r/o <i>Deacon Ed Hartmann</i>
Monday	<u>May 25</u> <u>Saint Bede the Venerable</u> <u>Saint Gregory VII</u> <u>Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o <i>Marie Watson</i>
Tuesday	<u>May 26</u> <u>Saint Philip Neri</u>
9:00am	
Wednesday	<u>May 27</u> <u>Saint Augustine of Canterbury</u>
9:00am	
Thursday	<u>May 28</u>
9:00am	Maggie r/o <i>Family</i>
Friday	<u>May 29</u>
9:00am	

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. Mulvena, 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
<u>Weekend of May 9 / 10</u>	\$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
<u>Weekend of May 16 / 17</u>	\$5,645.00
Electronic Giving	3,117.00
Other	450.00
	Total \$9,212.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$815.94
Diocesan Development of Peoples	\$90.00

ARE WE OPENING UP CHURCH AGAIN???

The Governor's Executive Order 107 (the shut down) **remains in effect**. Under these provisions gatherings of ten (10) people or fewer are permitted and gatherings of more than ten (10) people are **not** permitted.

Here at St. Joseph **for the time being we will continue to live-stream Sunday Mass and celebrate daily Mass privately.**

However, 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.

MASSES ARE AVAILABLE!!!

Please note in the column to the left there are three days this week with no Mass intentions; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If you would like a Mass said for your intention these days are available. In addition, there are many open Mass times in the weeks ahead. Please notify the parish office of any Mass intentions you have.



FROM THE PASTOR



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

This Sunday we keep the (*transferred*) Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It was transferred from Thursday to Sunday by the Bishops of NJ for

this year **only**. We celebrate the completion of the Paschal Mystery when Christ ascended again to the Father from Whom He came. This is a feast that very much marks a “passing of the torch” moment; from Jesus doing the work of salvation to us, the Church.

Next week we celebrate the birth of the Church at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down upon the Disciples-turned-Apostles. I was hoping we would have been back in church for Mass by Pentecost but we know now that isn't going to be possible. Public Masses will remain suspended for the time being.

Many people have made inquiries about how, if at all, it would be possible to receive Holy Communion during these days of social distance lock down. There might be a solution but it is **FAR** from an ideal one. It has been suggested that it might be possible to for people to see the Mass live-streamed in their homes and then afterwards make their way over to church and receive Holy Communion while remaining in their cars.

To me that sounds a little bit too much like the drive-thru window at McDonalds! But, it would provide people who have been deprived of physically receiving Communion for some nine weeks to do so (under strict conditions and guidelines) which could be a great comfort to them and a great benefit spiritually.

The Bishop has issued instructions on how we might do this and I am carefully considering it. Please recall that I have two pre-existing conditions (asthma and diabetes) that make me especially vulnerable to the virus and I want to avoid infection if I can. However, I am sympathetic to the needs of people who want to receive Holy Communion.

I am considering doing this on Pentecost Sunday as a way to celebrate extra specially that important feast of the Church which concludes the Easter season. It would be something we do **ONCE** and not something we would do every week. There are a number of rules people will have to follow in order to participate. The idea is that people could receive on this occasion to “tide them over” until we are able to return to public Masses. I will announce this week what I have decided to do via the website and Facebook page.

Please continue to pray for each other, for the rest of the world, and please pray for me too. You are all remembered in my prayers, especially at Mass.

Have a Blessed Week ahead. Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has so far pledged \$22,343.00 and has so far paid \$20,863.00 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.