

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

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	May 30
5:00pm	+Kristin Schoenig Thorsen r/o Mike Thorsen
Sunday	May 31
	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Marie Watson
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Alfred C. Selvester r/o Fr. Guy
Monday	June 1
	<u>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Yvonne DeLorenzo & Family
Tuesday	June 2
9:00am	<u>Saints Marcellinus and Peter</u>
Wednesday	June 3
	<u>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions</u>
9:00am	
Thursday	June 4
9:00am	
Friday	June 5
9:00am	<u>Saint Boniface</u>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, John W. Mulvenna, 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,

JUNE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

There will be a FOOD COLLECTION for the Washington Food Pantry on **MONDAY, June 8, 2020** all day at our church. Food items may be dropped off between 9:00AM and 6:00PM.

Items particularly needed are:

Coffee, Cereal, Cake Mix, Mayonnaise, Paper Towels, Facial Tissues, Cookies, Snacks, Instant Potatoes
-OR-
Shop Rite Gift Cards, Please, NO perishable items because we cannot store them.

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
Weekend of May 16 / 17	\$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
Weekend of May 23 / 24	\$2,190.00
Electronic Giving	1,017.00
Ascension of the Lord	245.00
Other	32.50
Total	\$3,484.50
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,911.56)

ARE WE OPENING UP CHURCH AGAIN???

The Governor's Executive Order 107 (the shut down) **remains in effect**. Under these provisions gatherings 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. We do not plan to have "drive-in Mass -OR- offer "drive-thru" Communion at present.**

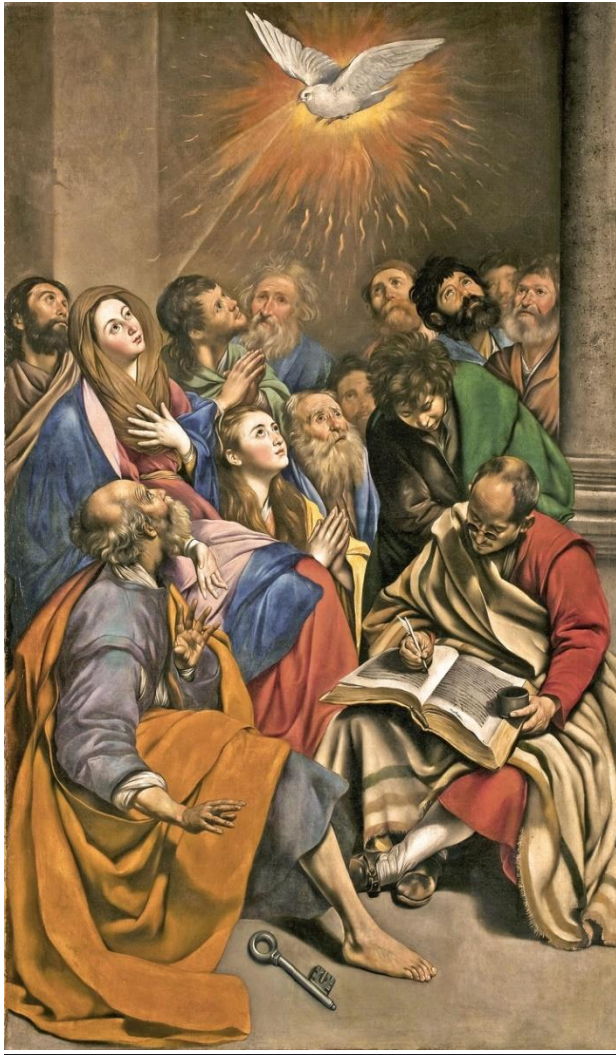
The church will be unlocked and open for private prayer on Saturdays from 12:00 Noon until 5:00PM and on Sundays for private prayer from 9:00AM until 10:30AM (it has to be closed while we live-stream the 11:00AM Mass). The church will also be open for private prayer Monday - Friday from 9:00AM until 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 four days this week with no Mass intentions; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 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! Aleluia!

Pentecost Sunday has arrived. The day on which we celebrate the birth of the Church which was “conceived”, as it were, on Good Friday when Christ laid down His

life for us.

We echo the words of the ancient prayer: Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth!

That is something for which, I think, we are all praying in these anxious and troubling times: a renewed face of the earth. We are all longing for things to be different. I don't think I can say that I'd like things to go back to normal. We can't ever go backwards. We must always continue to live and to grow forwards.

Nevertheless, I'm praying that we can once again resume our routines of work, school, play and prayer but that we can do so changed for the good by this experience. I hope and pray that when the restrictions are lifted we go into the future a bit more considerate of others, a bit more mindful of how our presence and interactions affect others, a bit more appreciative of each other and of the little things that matter to us when we can't have them, a bit more mindful of our mortality and the fragility and preciousness of human life.

I most definitely want to resume the daily life that has been interrupted for us all but I hope and pray we can do so with a renewed outlook and attitude. We can, perhaps, take fewer things for granted. It might be nice if we cared for each other more as people have exhibited time and again in the last 10 weeks.

As your priest I have been very keenly aware how many of you have greatly missed coming to church, celebrating the Sacraments together, and enjoying the fellowship of community. I hope and pray that when our parish life resumes in full all of us will have a renewed and refreshed outlook on life together as a parish family and there will be a reinvigorated spiritual life for us all. Our faith is communal and we can help each other in our spiritual endeavors.

For all of this we can and should pray for the strength, the comfort and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He was present at the creation of all things; He inspired the earliest Christians to build a community of faith and love and take it on the road to the whole world; He comes to dwell within each of us and constantly renews of life and our love of God.

So...Happy Birthday, Church! Let's all have a Blessed Week ahead. Stay calm; stay safe and keep the faith!

...and let us continue to pray for each other.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has so far pledged \$25,413.00 and has so far paid \$22,863.00 toward our parish goal of \$23,711.00. These pledges have been received from 120 households.

We have now reached 94.12% of our goal. We really are almost there! We just have \$1,587.00 to go.

If you have not yet made a pledge **PLEASE** consider doing so. A pledge of just \$25.00 or \$50.00 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.