

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>September 12</u>
5:00pm	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Barbara Oroneo
Sunday	<u>September 13</u>
	<u>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Jim & Barbara McAloon
r/o	Family
11:00am	+Ernest C. Bonnevier
r/o	Family
Monday	<u>September 14</u>
	<u>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</u>
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the
r/o	Zvirblys Family
	Mary Zvirblys
Tuesday	<u>September 15</u>
	<u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
Wednesday	<u>September 16</u>
	<u>Saints Cornelius and Cyprian</u>
9:00am	+Philip Albanese
r/o	Emily Savarese
Thursday	<u>September 17</u>
9:00am	+Suzie Cascardo
r/o	Emily Savarese
Friday	<u>September 18</u>
9:00am	+Nicholas Torres, Sr.
r/o	Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hensel, Jane Jenkins, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, 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, Emma



WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of August 29 / 30</u>	\$3,861.00
Electronic Giving	957.00
Total	\$4,818.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,578.06)
<u>Weekend of September 5 / 6</u>	\$4,390.00
Electronic Giving	1,470.00
Other	500.00
Total	\$6,360.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,036.06)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION UPDATES

The postponed celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 1:00PM.

There will be a "refresher class" for all children receiving First Communion on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30PM in the classroom building and at the same time a Parents' Meeting with Fr. Guy in the Church also at 6:30PM.

First Communion Practice will be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30PM in the church.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, September 26 at 7:00AM in the Community Room (**please wear a mask**). We will be considering the Mystery of the Incarnation, and how to enter more deeply into it. The meeting lasts for one hour. The group meets every other Saturday. Participants may attend as their schedule allows. For more information contact Terry Finnegan at finneganterence@msn.com

TAKEOUT DINNERS WITH THE SAINTS

This month the Knights of Columbus Council 5170 honors Saint Lorenzo Ruiz with a delicious Filipino dinner on Saturday, September 19 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

The main dish is either Chicken Adobo or Barbecue Pork Kabobs. All meals come with dessert, Leche Flan, a drink and a prayer card to Saint Lorenzo Ruiz.

Pricing and ordering information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y27zyosx> or call Terry Finnegan 908-689-3505

Pickup will be via the Community Room on the westside of the Parish Center. This fundraiser supports local charities in Warren County. Thank you for your support!



GOLD & SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating Gold & Silver wedding anniversaries this year are invited to receive a special congratulatory message from the bishop. This year an in-person celebration is not possible. You may register to receive this message by mail. Please register online at www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access it online you may contact the Parish Office for assistance. No fee is required. **Registration closes on October 15, 2020.**

COUNSELING & WELLNESS SERVICES

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling & Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

VOLUNTEER TO MAKE ROSARIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Diocesan Office of Family Life has formed The Blue Rosary Guild. The purpose of this Guild is for community members of all ages to make pocket rosaries for law enforcement officers providing them with support and spiritual strength as well as promoting devotion to Our Lady and to the rosary among all the faithful. All material and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. Anyone who is interested should contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins at the Office of Family Life at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join the record number of Christians who have signed up not to erase history, but to make history. The September 23 – November 1, 40 Days for Life Campaign will be the largest global effort of 40 days of prayers and fasting for an end to abortion. Offer time to peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Avenue. There will be an opening rally on September 20 from 2:30pm – 4:00pm outside Planned Parenthood.

For more information please contact Jennifer English amjadopt@comcast.net 973-525-6692
Or visit <https://40daysforlife.com>

FROM THE PASTOR



“O Cross of Christ, immortal tree on which the Savior died! The world is sheltered by your arms that bore the crucified.”

So go the words of an old hymn extolling the importance of the holy and life-giving cross. It is a supreme irony that the Roman instrument of torture and execution should become the principal tool used by Jesus Christ to accomplish the work of salvation. A crude instrument of death became the quintessential symbol of life and the central image of the Christian faith.

Monday, September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The origin of the feast had to do with excavations undertaken in Jerusalem under the supervision of the Empress St. Helena (the mother of Constantine) during which they found what is believed to be the true cross of Christ. The feast, as a separate celebration from Good Friday when we focus on the Passion and death of Jesus, instead places the focus on the cross itself as the “tree of life” and as a kind of altar on which Jesus Christ the High Priest offered the sacrifice of Himself being both the Victim (the word “host” as a reference to the bread of Holy Communion comes from the Latin word host which means “victim”) and the priest.

This feast reminds us that it was through His self-sacrificing death that Jesus offers us eternal life. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You; for by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world!

PARENTS OF THOSE CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR: please take note that there is a “refresher class” for First Communion students and at the same time a Parents’ Meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30PM. The children should go to the classrooms and the parents are meeting in the church, please.

PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please note that the Bishop has not yet informed us of our Confirmation date for early Spring of 2021.

Autumn —my favorite season of the year—will soon be upon us. Oh, I know many people think it’s already here because school has started and it’s past Labor Day, etc. But, I’m sorry, they’re wrong. When temperatures are still climbing into the low 80s it ain’t Autumn yet! Autumn actually begins on September 22. I hope and pray that this Autumn, usually a time of healing as all of nature enters into a repose for the Winter, is just that for all of us. We do so desperately need a time of healing and of restfulness.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith.

