

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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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

12 Jackson Valley Road • Washington, New Jersey

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>September 19</u>
5:00pm	+Michael Dante r/o Parents
Sunday	<u>September 20</u> <u>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in</u> <u>Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Knights of Columbus #5170
11:00am	Immediate Family of Elisa r/o Elisa
Monday	<u>September 21</u> <u>Saint Matthew</u>
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the r/o Hogan Family Mary Zvirblys
Tuesday	<u>September 22</u> <u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Family
Wednesday	<u>September 23</u> <u>Saints Pius of Pietrelcina</u>
9:00am	+Martin Rock r/o Joyce Rock & Sons
Thursday	<u>September 24</u>
9:00am	+Elizabeth & Felix Smith r/o The Lusardi Family
Friday	<u>September 25</u>
9:00am	+Clementina Giblin r/o Patricia Selvester

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, Nina Lopez, 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 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)
<u>Weekend of September 12 / 13</u>	\$4,488.00
Electronic Giving	1,942.00
Other	90.00
Total	\$6,520.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,876.06)

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!

LIFE CHAIN

The Life Chain takes place on Sunday, October 4 from 2-3:30pm (rain or shine). St. Joseph Parish stands with other Christians for life in front of Planned Parenthood at 66 East Washington St. (Rt.57). Contact Joyce Lopez for info 908-689-2462. Bring baby carriages, chairs and your rosary beads, do not bring signs, they will be provided.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The ministry will begin meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in the Community Room from 9:30am-11:30am.

Our next meeting is Friday, September 25

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.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer here at our parish. We need lots of help!

1. We need Volunteers to clean the Mens' Room and the Ladies' Room after every Mass beginning the first weekend of October. In order to re-open the bathrooms they must be lightly cleaned after every Mass. This includes wiping down door handles, faucets and counter tops. Two volunteers are needed after each Mass (so, that's six volunteers per Sunday every Sunday). Please call the Rectory Office.

2. We are in need of BINGO workers! We haven't had BINGO in our parish since March. This is our principal fundraising effort and it has cost us approximately, \$4,000.00 per month in added income to the parish. We are hoping to start at least having one BINGO per month on the first weekend of each month as soon as we can (but probably not until 2021). If we get enough volunteers we might be able to do two per month. There will be NO FOOD CONCESSION at all because of current restrictions but we need other workers to have BINGO! Please contact the Rectory Office if you can help.

3. We are in need of people to come and clean the church. This activity has previously been taken care of by one family in the parish. But, we need some help. This involves cleaning the restrooms, vacuuming the church and narthex, dusting especially the light fixtures, statues, and corners. It would be nice if at least once a month we had a group of Volunteers to keep the church clean. Many hands make for light work. Contact the Rectory Office if you can help.

4. There is an **extreme** need for volunteers at the Washington Food Pantry. The work is light and involves handing out prepared bags of food at the Presbyterian Church in Washington on Tuesdays from 9:00 - 11:00AM. If interested in volunteering please call Mary Jane Lusardi at 908-689-0257.

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.

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

FROM THE PASTOR



Autumn will soon be upon us! I love being able to say that every year. Autumn is my absolute favorite time of the year. It includes so many holidays that I'm fond of, including my favorite —Thanksgiving. It also has the weather that I am fondest of where it starts out being cool, then turns chilly and ends up being really quite cold. But, usually, the really horrible weather including snow holds off until Winter.

Autumn is a time of turning leaves, vibrant colors and waning daylight hours. I always like to see it not as a time when things are dying. Rather, as I have said in the past, I see it as a time when all of nature around us is settling down to fall asleep and rest during the long Winter months. But, that isn't final. Rather, it's simply a prelude to a reawakening in the Spring.

Just as it feels good after a long day, on a chilly night, to settle in with a good book or perhaps some interesting television and after a quiet evening to climb happily into bed and fall effortlessly asleep so, too, the same thing is happening in the created realm around us. That's how I prefer to look at Autumn. It's not an end; it's just a pause. Looked at in that way it is a season that is rife with possibility and hope. It's true that the long and often harsh Winter must first be endured but that doesn't diminish our hope.

As a body craves rest especially when it is sick or injured the season of Autumn can have a healing aspect to it as the natural world begins its slumber during which, unseen by our eyes, renewal and refreshment are beginning in the fading away of the old.

And after the last seven months that we have endured what more could we be in need of than rest, renewal and healing?

Next Saturday, September 26, there will be 24 young people of our parish who will be receiving their First Holy Communion. They have been patiently waiting as this celebration has had to be postponed more than once because of the pandemic. Next Saturday they and their families will finally be able to celebrate the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. It's a celebration for our Parish Family as well so I ask all of you, please, to remember them in your prayers as they take this next step in the Initiation into the Church. I'm sure that you can all remember the day of your First Holy Communion very well. It is a big moment in the life of any Christian.

May you all have a week ahead that is filled with blessings and peace. Celebrate the miracle of life as we begin Autumn on Tuesday, September 22.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!