

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

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 27, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>September 26</u>
5:00pm	+George Hoffman
r/o	Family
Sunday	<u>September 27</u>
	<u>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Laua Macarone
r/o	The Cruz Family
11:00am	Fr. Guy Selvester ~ 23 rd Anniversary
r/o	Family
Monday	<u>September 28</u>
9:00am	+Leonard Rosko
r/o	The Torres Family
Tuesday	<u>September 22</u>
	<u>Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</u>
9:00am	+Isabel Giugliano
r/o	Marie Walker
Wednesday	<u>September 30</u>
	<u>Saint Jerome</u>
9:00am	+Joseph & Florence Hudock
r/o	Ann Daugert
Thursday	<u>October 1</u>
	<u>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus</u>
9:00am	+Matt Pang
r/o	A Parishioner
Friday	<u>October 2</u>
	<u>The Holy Guardian Angels</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
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 Hemsel, 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 12 / 13</u>	\$4,488.00
Electronic Giving	1,942.00
Other	90.00
Total	\$6,520.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,876.06)
<u>Weekend of September 19 / 20</u>	\$4,490.00
Electronic Giving	2,852.00
Other	597.50
Total	\$7,939.50
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$456.56)

SPANISH MASS - MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Mass in Spanish will begin again on Sunday, October 4 at 9:30AM and continue each week after that. Fr. Gustavo will be here October 4 to hear Confessions at 9:00 before Mass.

La misa en español comenzará nuevamente el domingo 4 de octubre a las 9:30 de la mañana y continuará cada semana después de eso. P. Gustavo estará aquí el 4 de octubre para el Sacramento de la Penitencia a las 9:00 antes de la Misa.

FOOD COLLECTION

There will be a collection of non-perishable food items for the Washington Food Pantry on October 3, 4 & 5 here at our church. Non perishable food items can be dropped off in, or next to, the shopping cart in the Narthex on Saturday, Sunday and Monday when the church is open. Please check the Facebook page for a list of needed items.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, October 10 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

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.

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



First Holy Communion finally occurred this weekend for twenty three little boys and girls in our Parish Religious Education Program. It's always a great joy for me as a Pastor to administer the Sacrament of the Eucharist to young people for the first time.

The reception of First Holy Communion is an important "next step" in the process of becoming a fully initiated Christian. It's a process that begins with Baptism, continues through First Communion and is finalized and sealed at Confirmation. My hope and prayer is that our young parishioners will remember the day of their First Communion always and that it will be a milestone on their journey to heaven. Please remember to pray for them and for their families at this important time in their lives, and in the life of our parish.

Please also pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters who are our "elder cousins" in the faith in the one true God who are keeping their holiest festival, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement on Monday.

This is a good week to spend some time thinking about and praying about angels. On Tuesday, September 29 we celebrate the **Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, the Archangels**. St. Michael is, of course, the patron saint of police officers and all those who work in law enforcement. They can always use our prayers but this week spare one for them in particular. Then on Friday, October 2 we celebrate the **Memorial of All the Guardian Angels**. Remember in prayer to thank the angel that guards and guides you throughout your life. If you've never thought about your Guardian Angel or said a prayer for your Angel perhaps this week would be a great opportunity to do so?

NOTE: The annual Blessing of Animals will take place next Sunday, October 4 at 12:00 Noon. Please bring your furry, feathered and scaled friends by to receive a blessing on the Feast of St. Francis.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Rosary Society will resume their meetings beginning Monday, October 5 at 1:00pm in the Community Room. Meetings will then be held the first Monday of each month.

The Rosarians will sponsor **Holy Hour** followed with Benediction on Monday, October 5 at 7:00pm. Holy Hour will be held the first Monday of each month.

