

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

Fax ----- 908-689-3436

Website----- stjosephwashingtongj.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

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>September 5</u>
5:00pm	+Frances Bruno
r/o	Marie Marello
Sunday	September 6
	<u>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Jean Vanderhoof
r/o	Deanna, Alyssa & Families
11:00am	+John Aquino
r/o	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino
Monday	<u>September 7</u>
9:00am	+Suzie Cascardo
r/o	Emily Savarese
Tuesday	September 8
	<u>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
9:00am	+Hartmann & Meleo Families
r/o	Deacon Ed
Wednesday	September 9
	<u>Saint Peter Claver</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
Thursday	<u>September 10</u>
9:00am	+Mel Williams
r/o	Maryellen Hudock
Friday	<u>September 11</u>
9:00am	+Angelina Perricone
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, 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

This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ...

Grace Napolitano

Requested by Mary Lou Trimmer

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage) \$8,396.06

Weekend of August 22 / 23

\$3,797.00

Electronic Giving

1,642.00

Other Income

450.00

Total \$5,889.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)

(\$2,507.06)

Weekend of August 29 / 30

\$3,861.00

Electronic Giving

957.00

Total \$4,818.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)

(\$3,578.06)

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 resume on Saturday, September 12 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

Beginning on Saturday, September 19, the Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will sponsor a monthly takeout dinner in honor of a saint whose feast day is celebrated during the month.

The first dinner will honor Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and will feature Filipino cuisine.

Ordering information and pricing will be published in a future bulletin.



DAY OF PRAYER ABOUT RACISM

The US Bishops are asking Catholics to fast and pray for an end to racism on Wednesday, September 9, the feast of St. Peter Claver who was a missionary who ministered to African slaves in South America during the 17th Century. Catholics are urged to attend Mass that day, or pray a rosary, or pray asking the intercession of saints who fought racism in their lifetimes such as Peter Claver or Katherine Drexel, an American. Additional resources can be found at USCCB.org/Racism

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



It's nice to see that the State has begun to loosen some of the restrictions due to the pandemic. Slowly but surely we are returning to some sense of normal even if it isn't the way things had been. We are now allowed to have as many as 150 people at indoor gatherings so, hopefully, we will see an increase of people coming to Mass. In addition, we plan to resume the Sunday morning Spanish Mass on Sunday, October 4. By that time I am also hoping that we will be able to have the bathrooms in church opened again.

In order to do that we would appreciate the assistance of some volunteers. After each one of the Sunday Masses we would like a volunteer to be willing to go into the bathrooms to do some **LIGHT** cleaning: wipe down all door handles, faucets and countertops with wipes. Cleaning supplies and rubber gloves will be provided.

All we need is two people (one for each bathroom) after each Mass on Sunday. In total it will take about 10 minutes of your time. If you are interested in helping us out with this please call the Rectory Office to let us know at 908-689-0058. We are looking to start this on Sunday, October 4.

In the mean time the bathrooms do remain off limits because we are not able to do even light cleaning after each Mass.

Monday, September 7 is, of course, **Labor Day**. It's the traditional ending of the summer leisure season. This year has been so stressful for so many people and a large number of people have had to adjust to working from home -OR- have found themselves unemployed because of covid-19 that I think this year's Labor Day takes on added meaning. Everyone needs and deserves to have a holiday to relax and try and relieve the stress we are all under.

Human labor not only provides food, clothing and shelter but affirms the dignity of the human person and enables the right of all people to engage in work that is meaningful as well as providing for their basic needs. Everyone who engages in honest work deserves to have a holiday to celebrate their accomplishments and enjoy the fruits of their labor. So, a Happy Labor Day to you all. **The Rectory Office will be closed all day on Monday in observance of the holiday.** I think one of the people who works for all of us here in this parish is our Secretary, Laura. I **know** she has earned a holiday.

Please continue to pray for one another and, in your charity, please pray for all the faithful departed, especially those buried in our Parish Cemetery.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!