

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father." —Matthew 10:32



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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.



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will resume on Wednesday, April 14 and take place every Wednesday evening from 7:15 - 8:00PM and also every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45PM. Confessions are heard in the sacristy until further notice due to pandemic restrictions and the need for social distancing.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

We have resumed our full schedule of Masses:

Saturday Evening at 5:00PM (this Mass is also live-streamed on our Facebook page)

Sunday Morning at 7:30AM, 9:30AM *in Spanish* and 11:00AM

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 9:00AM

Confessions Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00PM, Fridays IN LENT from 6:30-7:30PM and Saturdays from 4:00-4:45PM

Church open daily for private prayer.

NOTE: There will be a maximum of 200 people allowed in church at each Mass.

FROM THE PASTOR



Surrexit Dominus! Alleluia!

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!

It feels so good once again to say Alleluia (which means "praise God") and to proclaim the amazing news that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Especially in these days of uncertainty and fear we know there is one absolute truth on which we can all rely: that sin and death have not had the final word; that darkness cannot quench the light; that good always - *always* - triumphs over evil and that Christ is alive!

We always refer to Him as "the living God" because He is not totally absent from us off in some far-flung heaven. Jesus lives in all of us. From the moment He claimed you in Baptism you have been His and He dwells in you by the power of the Holy Spirit. He lives, and moves, and works in this world through us. Our hearts burn within us with the tremendous news that He is risen from the dead.

I pray that all of you, as I say even in these difficult and uncertain times, have a renewal of faith and of hope at this time when we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. I hope this Easter is one that is filled with joy for each of you and for your families and your loved ones. It is a hallmark of the Christian people to always find hope even in the face of doubt; to always be a light shining in the darkness; to always be channels of love to a world that so desperately needs it.

The battle has already been fought and won and the victory is ours through Jesus Christ!

In the days ahead set aside some time to offer your thanks and gratitude to God for the great work of salvation offered to us through His Son. Spend some time in the coming week in prayer. Also, remember to do something fun and relaxing! While keeping yourself and those around you safe please celebrate in some way and allow the joy of Easter to find you and help you forget, even momentarily, about the health and safety concerns that surround us.

Last year we had no Holy Week liturgies and no gathering on Easter Sunday. We had just one live streamed Mass and I was all alone in the church. But, you know what? The joy of Easter was still there as it is for us now. And this year we **are** together in church and we have moved closer to a return to normal. Progress has been made and it will continue. God is always with us and it is not a God from some distant past. He is here, now and alive. **Alleluia!**

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith! Have a Blessed & Happy Easter. He is Truly Risen!