

# 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*



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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.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2021



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>February 27</u></b>
5:00pm	The Serrao Family
r/o	Mom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
	<b><u>Second Sunday of Lent</u></b>
7:30am	+Chesterine Rolak
r/o	Family
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Susan & Joseph Stack, Jr.
r/o	Ann Daugert
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>March 1</u></b>
9:00am	James Merlo
r/o	A Parishioner
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>March 2</u></b>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>March 3</u></b>
9:00am	Family of Janis Block
r/o	Janis Block
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>March 4</u></b>
9:00am	+Souls In Purgatory
r/o	Janis Block
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>March 5</u></b>
9:00am	+Eleuterio C. Nucum, III
r/o	The Nucum Family

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Charlotte Barczak, Daisy Barczak, 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, Laura Marie, Barbara McAloon, AnnMcComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Donna Rogulski, Charlie Post, Pat Post, 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
<b><u>Weekend of February 13 / 14</u></b>	<b>\$3,499.00</b>
Electronic Giving	2,381.00
Other	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,380.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,016.06)</b>
<b><u>Weekend of February 20 / 21</u></b>	<b>\$4,659.00</b>
Electronic Giving	2,911.00
Ash Wednesday	190.00
Other	650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,410.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$13.94)</b>

### TAX INFO

Those of you who would like a summary of the donations you have made to the parish during the past year in order to file your income taxes **PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR REQUEST** and a summary will be mailed to your home. Please, kindly, do not come into the office to make your request expecting to receive it right away. If you call us with your request we are happy to send you one but we cannot stop and prepare one on demand. Thank You!

### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The monthly meeting **will not** take place on Monday, March 1.



## **MASS 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 at each Mass and the bathrooms in church remain CLOSED.**

## **FYI**

Just to give you some idea of why we are taking up a special collection for snow removal we'd like to share the following for your information. We have two separate contractors who remove our snow. One takes care of the parking lots and driveways. The other specifically clears the entrances, walkways and sidewalks.

So far we have only received bills from the contractor who plows and salts the parking lots and driveways. **This year up to this point we have had to spend \$4,960.00 for snow removal.** Keep in mind we have not yet been billed by the other contractor who cleans the sidewalks and walkways!

This gives you some idea of what we are spending to clear away the snow.

## **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

Our monthly collection of food for the Washington Food Pantry will take place the weekend March 6 & 7. Non-Perishable food items may be dropped off in the Church Narthex on Saturday and Sunday only, please.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Easter Food Collection will commence the second week of March and food will need to be returned the weekend of March 20 & 21 in time for Easter.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the 9:00AM Mass and also at 7:00PM every Friday in Lent. In addition, Confessions will be heard from 6:30-7:30PM during Stations each Friday.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



When will it end? The snow has been relentless this year. I suppose it is fair to say that the last few winters haven't been so bad and I guess we were due for another harsh one. Please take note of the fact that we have had to pay out a lot for snow removal. The diocese authorized all

parishes to take up a special collection for snow removal. There is a second basket in church so you can separate your regular weekly collection from the special snow removal collection. In addition, there is a separate fund on the Online Giving Page dedicated to the special snow removal collection. So, if you use Online Giving you can separate your regular weekly offering from the special collection for snow removal.

Just to update you on the classroom building roof: we have had an engineering study of the building performed (the cost of which was paid for by a single anonymous donor whose generosity to the parish is greatly appreciated!) in order better to estimate the overall cost of repairing the roof. I'm happy to say the building is structurally sound and will be able to withstand a roof replacement. Our plans to conduct a campaign to raise the funds to cover the cost of replacing the roof has been temporarily sidelined by the Covid-19 pandemic but we still are planning a major fundraising campaign in order to accomplish this.

Now...with the "housekeeping" out of the way I can say a word or two about something spiritual. We have only reached the second Sunday of Lent and there is much more of this grace-filled season ahead of us. If you haven't been living up to your Lenten resolutions so well, don't worry! There is time to get back on track. Remember that God appreciates *each and every* effort we make to get closer to Him whether they are big and successful or small and weak. Everything we do to grow in holiness and to deepen our relationship to God is blessed by Him and appreciated by Him. Your Lent doesn't have to be **perfect**; it merely has to be sincere.

Remember, too, that in addition to things like fasting and abstaining one of the more important aspects of Lent is prayer. Use these days to pray more. That doesn't have to be lengthy. Even just spending *five minutes* more each day in prayer than you might habitually do is a significant thing. So, in addition to doing penance: pray! Speaking of penance, elsewhere in this bulletin please see the expanded opportunities to go to Confession in the parish for Lent. Confession is good for you. You should go!

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

