

# 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

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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>May 1</u></b>
5:00pm	+Andy Morrisroe <i>r/o The Trimmer Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>May 2</u></b> <b><u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u></b>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Family</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Art Brachat <i>r/o Ralph &amp; Marge Parise</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>May 3</u></b> <b><u>Saints Philip and James</u></b>
9:00am	+The Melious Brothers <i>r/o Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>May 4</u></b>
9:00am	+Florence Stern <i>r/o Patricia Selvester</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>May 5</u></b>
9:00am	Jerry Walker & Family <i>r/o Marie &amp; Justin</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>May 6</u></b>
9:00am	Gae Savino <i>r/o A Parishioner</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>May 7</u></b>
9:00am	+Adele Bradley <i>r/o Andy &amp; Sharon Levin</i>

### 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, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Donna Rogulski, 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 April 17 / 18</u></b>	<b>\$3,338.00</b>
Easter Offerings	2,850.00
Electronic Giving	3,001.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,189.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>792.04</b>
<b><u>Weekend of April 24 / 25</u></b>	<b>\$4,463.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,999.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,462.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,934.06)</b>

### FR. GUY'S Q&A

It has been quite some time since we had a session of Fr. Guy's Q&A entitled "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About the Catholic Church...But Were Afraid To Ask".

The pandemic still prevents in-person gatherings to hold one but we are going to have another virtual session on Wednesday, May 5 at 1:00PM. This will be live-streamed on the parish Facebook page. It will also be available for viewing at other times so if you can't watch it live you can view at a later time.

Questions for consideration should be emailed to Fr. Guy. They can be sent to the Parish email address at:

[stjosephchurch1871@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephchurch1871@gmail.com)

So, any questions you have about the Scriptures, the liturgy, Church History, moral theology or anything else involving the Roman Catholic Church can be submitted for consideration. **PLEASE NOTE:** This is **NOT** the appropriate forum to ask questions about parish life or the administration of the parish. All such questions will not be considered in this forum.

### PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Parish Council Meetings are not private but are open to anyone wishing to attend. However, only Council members have a voice or a vote at the meeting.

### FELITTI & SUTTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will award two \$500 college scholarships during Spring 2021.

High school and college students are eligible to apply. Applications are due by May 15 and can be downloaded from [www.council5170.org](http://www.council5170.org)





## **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin, Metropolitan Archbishop of Newark, asked all the bishops in the Ecclesiastical Province of Newark (i.e. the state of New Jersey) to vote on whether or not to transfer the observance of the Ascension from Thursday to the following Sunday. Most of the dioceses in the United States have transferred this observance to the following Sunday. Only the Provinces of Boston, New York, Hartford, Newark, Philadelphia and Omaha continue to observe the Ascension on a Thursday.

The bishops of New Jersey voted to move the observance of the feast for this year. So, the **Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension is transferred** from Thursday, May 13 to **Sunday May 16** in all the dioceses of New Jersey.

This change is to take effect for **this year only**. At present the bishops decided to make this change but it will be revisited and evaluated at their next regular meeting. This may become a permanent change but for now that remains an open question.

## **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

We will take up our monthly food collection for the Washington Food Pantry the **weekend of May 8 / 9**. You may drop off **non-perishable** food items in the church Narthex. Thank you for your support and generosity.

## **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 3 at 1:00pm in the Choir Room.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Surrexit Dominus! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Our Easter joy continues. We congratulate the 25 young people who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday morning. They have now completed their Initiation into the Church. Now, the real work of becoming a disciple begins!

Today we also pray in joy and in solidarity with all Orthodox Christians throughout the world who are just now celebrating Easter Sunday on the old Julian calendar. Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

Please take note elsewhere in this bulletin about my **Q&A session** which will take place virtually on our Facebook page on **Wednesday, May 5**. It will take place live at 1:00PM and will then also be available for viewing after that. If you wish to submit a question for me you may send it to me at the Parish email which is:

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I also wish to draw your attention to the fact that elsewhere in this bulletin there is a notice that for this year only the observance of the **Solemnity of the Ascension** is being transferred from May 13 to **Sunday, May 16**.

**Monday, May 3** is the Feast of Ss. Philip & James and it also marks the fifth anniversary of Bishop James Checchio becoming the Bishop of Metuchen. So, please remember in your charity to pray for our bishop that God will continue to guide and sustain him in his episcopal ministry.

Of course, next Sunday, **May 9** is **Mothers' Day**. I'll have more to say about that next week but you have plenty of notice now to think of something nice to do for your mother. Whether she is here with you or has already passed to the next life be sure to think of, pray for and possibly do something nice for your mother next Sunday.

Jesus reminds us that He is the vine and we are the branches that stem from that vine. If our lives are attached to Him; if we are rooted in Him then we can and will bear much fruit. That means that we will be able to help others but it also means that there will be great spiritual fruitfulness even in our own lives. That fruitfulness will help us to have the grace, faith and courage to handle **anything**.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

