

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

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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 30, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>May 29</u>
5:00pm	+The Donato Family
r/o	Emily Savarese
Sunday	<u>May 30</u>
	<u>The Most Holy Trinity</u>
7:30am	+Edna Hemsel
r/o	Charles & Rose Ann Hemsel
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Alfred C. Selvester, Sr.
r/o	Fr. Guy
Monday	<u>May 31</u>
	<u>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
9:00am	+Nancy Hulce
r/o	Charles & Rose Ann Hemsel
Tuesday	<u>June 1</u>
	<u>Saint Justin</u>
9:00am	+Christina Celeste Lethlean
r/o	The Finnegan Family
Wednesday	<u>June 2</u>
9:00am	+Paul Paliscak, Jr.
r/o	The Lusardi Family
Thursday	<u>June 3</u>
	<u>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions</u>
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the Webb Family
r/o	The Lusardi Family
Friday	<u>June 4</u>
9:00am	+Nicholas Bruffey
r/o	The Dante 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, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Pat Nilsen, 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

<u>WEEKLY OFFERING</u>	
<u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u>	
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of May 15 / 16</u>	\$5,178.25
Electronic Giving	2,756.00
Total	\$7,934.25
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$461.81)
<u>Weekend of May 22 / 23</u>	\$5,270.00
Electronic Giving	1,439.00
Other	121.50
Total	\$6,830.50
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,565.56)

2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

*"Transformed by Christ Body and Blood
Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church"*

Now things are REALLY starting to tighten up! We are almost there!

As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has had \$26,644.00 pledged and has already paid \$25,197.75 towards our parish goal of \$28,000.00. That's 95.15% of our goal!

We now have just \$1,356.00 to go! We are at the point that we simply need 43 more families to make a pledge of just \$31.50 each and we would be done!

Visit the diocesan website if you would prefer to make a pledge online. They have greatly simplified the online giving process. That can be found at

www.diometuchen.org/BAA

Of course, if you prefer, you can mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000.

Keep in mind that making a pledge means that you **do not have to send money right now**. We are now so close to making our goal and there is still plenty of time to participate. **PLEASE** pull together and make a pledge so that we can make it once again to our Parish goal.





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.

STOP YOUR TAX DOLLARS FROM PAYING FOR ABORTION

A serious effort is underway in Congress to force all taxpayers to pay for elective abortions. The Hyde Amendment and other similar laws have long protected taxpayers from funding elective abortions.

Now, powerful members of Congress want to get rid of these laws, which have been supported by both Democrats and Republicans for 45 years.

Without the Hyde Amendment and related policies, billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion in the United States and throughout the world. Don't let our government make you pay for the taking of innocent human life. Contact Congress and tell them to keep the Hyde Amendment and related policies and to oppose any bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion. Visit: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170

Currently the council is seeking new members who are eager to sustain the faith, strengthen families, support our local community, and to show pride in our country.

Any man, age 18 or older who is a practicing Catholic is eligible to join. Membership is free until June 30, 2021. Join at: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

CONFESSIONS JUNE 5

Please take note that on Saturday, June 5, 2021 there will be **NO CONFESSIONS at 4:00PM**. This change is just for that day only.

FROM THE PASTOR



Praise the Holy Trinity! Undivided Unity! Holy God; Mighty God; God Immortal, be adored!

A happy and blessed Trinity Sunday to all of you.

Our prayerful congratulations and best wishes go to the youngsters of our parish who received the Lord for the first time in the Eucharist on Saturday morning. This is a momentous day for them and one they will remember the rest of their lives.

Of course, this is also Memorial Day weekend which is considered by most to be the unofficial start of the Summer season, even though the actual start of Summer is still three weeks away.

In past years I think memorial Day had lost its true meaning for many people. It was a holiday about barbecues, sales in stores and relaxing. In more recent years, however, I think we have begun to recapture the meaning behind this observance. It isn't a holiday about all servicemen and women. Rather, it is specifically about those who made the supreme sacrifice and gave up their lives in the service of our country.

It is a day to remember with solemnity and emotion all those many young men and women who never made it out of whatever conflict claimed them. They never got to enjoy the fruits of victory. They never got to come home again to those who love them.

We owe them a great debt of gratitude. It is our responsibility to honor their memory. We can still have our holiday and the relaxation that brings. No one is suggesting otherwise. But, on Memorial Day we must also set aside some moments for reflection and expressions of gratitude for what those who have fallen have done for us. It puts me in mind of Binyon's poem, "For the Fallen" which, in part, says:

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

So, I hope and pray all of you have a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Please remember that this is the final weekend we will live-stream Mass. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday will once again be in effect starting next week.

God Bless You All. God Bless America!

