

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	May 8
5:00pm	Friends and Family of Elisa
r/o	Elisa Lopez
Sunday	May 9
	Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30am	All Mothers
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	All Mothers
Monday	May 10
9:00am	+James Pullaro
r/o	Frank & Andrea Marsello
Tuesday	May 11
9:00am	+Florence Stern
r/o	Patricia Selvester
Wednesday	May 12
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the
r/o	Williams Family
	Maryellen Hudock
Thursday	May 13
9:00am	Daniel Walker & Family
r/o	Marie & Justin
Friday	May 14
	Saint Matthias
9:00am	+Mary Madleine
r/o	The Mensah 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, 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
Weekend of April 24 / 25	\$4,463.00
Electronic Giving	1,999.00
Total	\$6,462.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,934.06)
Weekend of May 1 / 2	\$5,373.00
Electronic Giving	1,197.00
Total	\$6,570.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,826.06)

2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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

MANY THANKS to everyone who has given so generously so far to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of the writing of this bulletin our parish has had **\$20,004.00** pledged and has already paid **\$18,661.50** towards our parish goal of **\$28,000.00**. That's 71.4% of our goal from 81 families!

We are well under way to reaching our parish goal once again this year. In fact, we're starting to close in on it. There is plenty of time to participate.

If all the remaining families would each pledge around \$100.00 - \$140.00 then we would easily make our goal and be done! Keep in mind such pledges can be paid in installments.

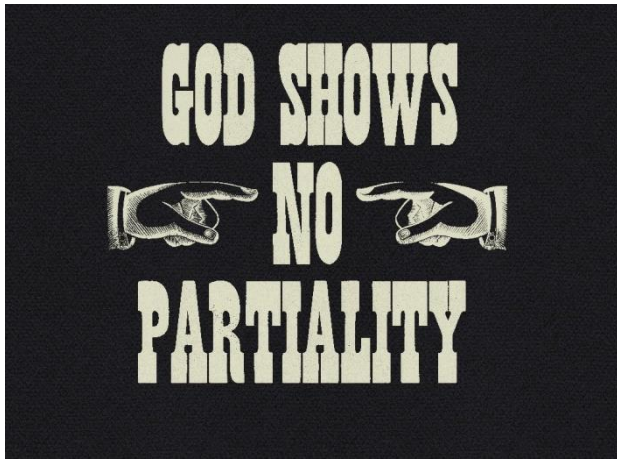
You can visit the diocesan website if you would prefer to make a pledge online. They have greatly simplified the online giving process. That can be found at www.diometuchen.org When you go to the website look for the blue box that says "Ways to Give" in the upper right corner and click on it. You may also scroll down the page to the links for the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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**. You may consider a sacrificial gift and then pay it in installments over the course of the coming months. Please consider making a pledge and helping us to do our part as a parish to achieve this year's 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.



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

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Our monthly collection of food for the Washington Food Pantry takes place THIS WEEKEND, May 8 & 9. Non-Perishable food items may be dropped off in the Church Narthex on Saturday and Sunday only, please.

Thank You for your generosity.

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>

FROM THE PASTOR



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

I wish to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and every other woman who is a mother figure for someone or a mother-to-be a very happy and blessed

Mothers' Day!

My own mother, who is always echoing the words of her mother, reminds me frequently, "You know, you only have one mother!" Truer words were never spoken. The unique love, help and understanding that we receive from our mothers is like no other. I know that, sadly, some people don't have a good relationship with their mothers. For people in that situation we can always look to our heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. She, too, gives us a mother's care and is always willing to listen to us, guide us by her example, and intercede for us with her Son.

Whether your mother is still alive and here with us or if she has already passed away to await the great day when we will all be reunited remember to give some time over today to think about your mother. Pray for her. If she is still here with you try, if you can, to do something nice for her whether that takes the form of an extravagant present, a meal in her honor or perhaps even just a phone call and some conversation. Most moms like to hear from their families even just to talk.

And if your mother is no longer in this life you can still "call her" and say hi...in your prayers. The late funny man, Don Rickles, used to conclude each and every one of his shows by saying, "And remember folks: be good to your mother. She's been good to you."

So, in this month of May, dedicated to the Queen of Heaven, our Mother, the Virgin Mary, I hope and pray all the moms in our congregation are blessed with love, affection and attention this Mother's Day.

One quick reminder: while normally Thursday, May 13 would have been the **Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension** this year - and for *this year only* - the bishops of New Jersey have transferred the observance of the Ascension from May 13 to **Sunday, May 16**. So, the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated next Sunday in lieu of the 7th Sunday of Easter.

I hope and pray your Easter season continues to be filled with the joy and the presence of the living God.

Christ is truly risen! Alleluia!

