

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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 10, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday October 9

5:00pm +Richard Polhemus
r/o *Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi*

Sunday October 10
Twenty-Eighth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

7:30am +Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o *Family*

9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Mary Williams
r/o *Maryellen Hudock*

Monday October 11

9:00am +Al Daugert
r/o *Ann Daugert*

Tuesday October 12

9:00am Greg & Yvonne DeLorenzo
r/o *Family*

Wednesday October 13
NO MASS TODAY

Thursday October 14
NO MASS TODAY

Friday October 15
Saint Teresa of Jesus

9:00am +Frank Savarese
r/o *Emily Savarese*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Linda Detrich, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Jane Jenkins, Mary Kovacs, Brittany Lawrence, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Deborah Ann Matuszkiewicz, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, 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>	
WEEKLY COSTS:	
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of September 25 / 26</u>	\$4,779.00
Electronic Giving	1,129.00
Total	\$5,908.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,488.06)
<u>Weekend of October 2 / 3</u>	\$5,688.60
Electronic Giving	1,857.00
Bingo	953.50
Other Income	459.50
Total	\$8,958.60
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$562.54

DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

Due to the annual Priest's Convocation this week please note there will be no daily Mass on Wednesday and Thursday, October 13 & 14 and also no evening Confessions on Wednesday, October 13.

DAILY MASS IN CHURCH

Beginning this month the Daily Mass at 9:00AM will once again be celebrated in the main church rather than the Cry Room/Chapel. That room will remain set up as a chapel for smaller gatherings and it may be used on the weekends by those people who might need a space apart for a child who might be having a bad day or might become a bit too loud. **However, we still ask people NOT to use the Cry Room/Chapel for general seating at weekend Masses. Please sit in church.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents, if your child will be studying remotely, book distribution will take place Tuesday, October 12 and Wednesday, October 13 from 6:00pm- 7:00pm. Books will be located in the corridor of the Religious Education building.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rock at **908-689-0093**

PARISH PRAYER LIST

To add someone's name to the list of those who are sick and wish to be prayed for a family member must contact the Parish Office with the request. We cannot accept requests for this from anyone other than a family member.



FROM THE PASTOR



Happy Columbus Day to all! No, I'm not one of those who feels it's incorrect to honor Christopher Columbus. He was a great man who did many great things while at the same time being a human being he was also flawed. His legacy is neither evil nor racist. Those who believe that to be so do not know the real story and have chosen to believe redacted history which is skewed.

The reason Blessed Michael McGivney named his new fraternal organization The Knights of Columbus was to honor a great Catholic who was instrumental in opening up the Americas to the Old World. That is not a shameful legacy and it is right that Columbus is still remembered for what he did right, despite the things he may have done wrong.

In your charity please pray for all the priests of the diocese. This week we are gathering for our annual Convocation. This 3-day series of meetings, from Tuesday to Thursday, had to be cancelled last year due to the pandemic so we are all looking forward to a good gathering this year. The priests of our diocese attend workshops, meetings and have opportunities for prayer and fellowship down the shore in Spring Lake. The bishop, who will be freshly returned from meetings at the Vatican, will have the chance to spend some time with us and tell us about the state the diocese is in as well as what he hopes for the coming year.

It is a great opportunity for the priests to renew our fraternal bonds and to have a short break from our usual routine. As a result of the Convocation **please note there will be no daily Mass on Wednesday and Thursday, October 13 & 14 and also no evening Confessions on Wednesday, October 13.**

I hope you have a great week ahead filled with blessings. Keep the Faith!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING TO BEGIN

New Altar Server Training will take place for 30 minutes after the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday evenings beginning October 9 and continuing as needed. That way you can come to Mass and stick around for a bit afterwards in order to be trained.

FATHER GUY'S Q&A

Father Guy's Q&A, "*Everything You Always Wanted To Know About the Catholic Church...But Were Afraid To Ask*" will once again take place this coming October. These sessions are a relaxed evening during which people can learn more about their faith. Questions are submitted anonymously and pulled from a hat. This discussion is intended for those over 18 years of age. So, join us in the Community Room on **Thursday, October 21 from 7:00 - 8:30PM**. Everyone is welcome whether they are parishioners here or not, or even whether they are Catholic or not!

STAND UP FOR LIFE

On October 1 the House of Representatives voted to pass the most radical abortion bill ever. The so-called Women's Health Protection Act, H.R. 3755, would: Allow abortion on demand nationwide throughout EVERY STAGE of pregnancy; BAN pro-life laws in every state and local government; Force Americans to support abortions with their tax dollars; Likely eliminate conscience protections for doctors.

Please contact your Representative today either to express strong, but respectful, disagreement with this bill while urging him/her to reconsider support for this radical bill.

In addition, we believe it is likely that the Senate will also vote on this bill in the very near future. So, please also contact your two Senators to strongly urge their opposition to the Senate version of this bill (S. 1975) when it comes up for a vote.

Go to votervoice.net to learn more.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will hold an outdoor Diocesan Youth Day at St. Joseph Parish in Hillsborough, on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The cost to register is \$20. Throughout the course of the day, teens will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass, have fun with one another, hear a keynote and also from witness speakers, have an opportunity to meet Bishop Checchio, and enjoy some live music, good food, and more! For more information and to register, visit: <https://lightingheartsonfire.org/behold>

