

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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Website----- stjosephwashingtongj.org

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>September 11</u>
5:00pm	+Frances Bruno
r/o	Marie Marrello
Sunday	September 12
	<u>Twenty-Fourth Sunday</u>
	<u>In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Herbert J. Mitschele, Jr.
r/o	Knights of Columbus Council 10419
Monday	September 13
	<u>Saint John Chrysostom</u>
9:00am	Jim & Barbara McAloon
r/o	Family
Tuesday	September 14
	<u>The Exaltation of the Cross</u>
9:00am	Jeanne Selvester
r/o	Fr. Guy
Wednesday	September 15
	<u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u>
9:00am	+Maryann Piccolella
	Sandra Pappalardo
Thursday	September 16
	<u>Saints Cornelius & Cyprian</u>
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the
r/o	Hartmann Family
	Deacon Ed Hartmann
Friday	September 17
9:00am	+Louann Rutledge
r/o	Linda Walsh

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, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Brittany Lawrence, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Deborah Ann Matuszkiewicz, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Pat Nilsen, 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
<u>Weekend of August 28 / 29</u>	\$5,256.00
Electronic Giving	1,179.00
Total	\$6,435.00
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,961.06)
<u>Weekend of September 4 / 5</u>	\$4,598.00
Electronic Giving	1,782.00
Bingo Income	458.00
Other	379.35
Total	\$7,217.35
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,178.71)

BLUE MASS

At 10:30 a.m. on September 29, the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, patron saint of police officers, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the 19th Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Gathered together with local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths, who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen. All are welcome to attend. More information is available on the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org/bluemass.

GOLD & SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access the online registration, please contact your parish secretary or the Office of Family Life at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required donations of gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543.

BINGO IS BACK!

We once again have BINGO at our parish. There is a game twice every month on the **first** and **third** Sunday at 7:00PM. Doors open at 5:00PM. For September BINGO the next BINGO will take place on September 19.



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

LIFE CHAIN

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. All are welcome to attend Life Chain which will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2021, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the following locations throughout the Diocese of Metuchen:

Carteret – For Info Call (732) 541-8946

Flemington – For Info Call (908) 391-1566

Great Meadows – For Info Call (908) 637-4269

Perth Amboy – For Info Call (732) 442-0512

Phillipsburg – For Info Call (908) 454-9880

Sayreville – For Info Call (732) 619-4093

Somerville – For Info Call (908) 788-7736

Washington – For Info Call (908) 689-2462

For additional information visit:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>.

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>

FROM THE PASTOR



We are now entering into that time of the year when everyone gets busier and the time just seems to fly by. Before you know it the days will get shorter (and cooler...thank God!) and then we will be gearing up for the holiday season in the

wink of an eye.

Take some moments to savor this time of year. Don't let it all go rushing by. We sometimes focus so much on what's coming that we don't enjoy the things that are happening right now.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and are reminded that it is by His suffering and Death that Jesus Christ redeemed the world and accomplished our salvation.

We also remember to pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters as they have celebrated Rosh Hashanah and prepare to observe Yom Kippur this week. These are two of their most sacred festivals.

I hope that your lives, even if busier, are filled with many blessings this coming week. Keep the Faith!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are in real need to have some new altar servers in the parish! Any boy or girl in the parish may become an altar server for weekend Masses. Those who are in the fourth grade and have made their First Communion and First Confession are eligible to become servers.

*Training will take place for 30 minutes **after** the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday evenings. That way you can come to Mass and stick around for a bit afterwards in order to be trained. We hope to start training sessions in October. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 908-689-0058.*

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!