

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

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 26, 2021



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	September 25
5:00pm	+George W. Melious <i>r/o Family</i>
Sunday	September 26 <u>Twenty-Sixth Sunday</u> <u>In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Family</i>
9:30am <i>(Spanish)</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Peter Ciculya <i>r/o The Ciculya Family</i>
Monday	September 27 <u>Saint Vincent de Paul</u>
9:00am	Fr. Guy Selvester 24th Anniversary of Ordination <i>r/o The Selvester Family</i>
Tuesday	September 28 <u>Saint Matthew</u>
9:00am	+Pelagia Balbuena <i>r/o Ali & Joanne Patino</i>
Wednesday	September 29 <u>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</u>
9:00am	+Steve Madonna <i>Maryellen Hudock</i>
Thursday	September 30 <u>Saint Jerome</u>
9:00am	+Michael Dante <i>r/o The Dante Family</i>
Friday	October 1 <u>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus</u>
9:00am	+Maggie & Will <i>r/o A Parishioner</i>

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 Hensel, 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

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of September 11 / 12</u>	\$5,700.00
Electronic Giving	1,394.00
Total	\$7,094.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,302.06)
Haitian Disaster Relief	\$2,087.00
Peter's Pence	\$619.00
<u>Weekend of September 18 / 19</u>	\$5,700.00
Electronic Giving	1,394.00
Bingo	864.00
Other Income	442.75
Total	\$8,400.75
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4.69

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.

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.



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>

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Sunday, October 3 at 12:00 Noon outside the church (parking lot side) we will have the annual blessing of animals in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

FROM THE PASTOR



This is a week for the angels! What I am referring to, of course, are two feasts in the Church calendar coming up this week. On September 29 we celebrate the **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**, the Archangels. Then, on October 2 the Church keeps the **Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels**. This week we will be reflecting a lot on these amazing creatures, the messengers of God. The word ἄγγελος (Angelos) in Greek means “messenger”. The angels serve the Lord and do His bidding. Among the things He expects of them is that they watch and guide God's other creatures: people.

Remember the prayer many of us learned as small children:

“Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard; to rule and guide. Amen.”

Also, in your charity, please be so kind as to spare a prayer for me this week. On Monday, September 27, the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, I celebrate the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Twenty four years ago I was ordained in Metuchen by the late Bishop Vincent (de Paul) Breen. So, now I will be entering into my 25th year of priestly service. Whew! It's hard to believe.

Have a good week ahead filled with many blessings. Have a peace-filled Autumn and...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!