

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----- stjosephwashingtongnj.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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 20, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	February 19
5:00pm r/o	+Paul Paliscak, Jr. <i>Family</i>
Sunday	February 20 <u>Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am r/o	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>Yvonne DeLorenzo & Family</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am r/o	George Joseph <i>George Joseph</i>
Monday	February 21
9:00am r/o	+Gloria Roy <i>Peter & Ann Kelderhouse</i>
Tuesday	February 22 <u>The Chair of Saint Peter</u>
9:00am r/o	+Thomas Bowne <i>The Finnegan Family</i>
Wednesday	February 23 <u>Saint Polycarp</u>
9:00am r/o	+William J. Scharpf, Sr. <i>The Stenger Family</i>
Thursday	February 24
9:00am r/o	+Robin Hissim <i>Grace Scodari</i>
Friday	February 25
9:00am r/o	+George W. Melious <i>Family</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Karole Bradunas, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Kathy Chiarulli, Arsenia Del Rosario Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Emma Parrales, 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
February 5 / 6	\$5,887.00
Electronic Giving	1,119.00
Bingo Income	673.40
Other Income	411.00
Total	\$8,090.40
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$305.66)
February 12 / 13	\$5,931.00
Electronic Giving	2,351.00
Other Income	375.00
Total	\$8,657.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	260.94

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA – Are you thinking of joining the Catholic faith? If you are an adult and missing one or all of the following sacraments (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation) then let us have a conversation.

Please note that you could be of another faith and wish to convert to Catholicism or someone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to become a member of the Catholic faith. Please contact Deacon Sylvan 908-581-5968 for further information.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

As you may recall the Synod Listening Sessions originally scheduled for January were postponed. They have now been rescheduled. In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Synod Listening Session will be held in order that we may respond to the Holy Father's call to journey together, to engage in dialogue with one another, and to listen to what the Lord is asking of us. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Upcoming events:

There will be a Fish Fry held in the Parish Center on the following Fridays of Lent: March 4, March 25 and April 8. Pricing and menu will be published in a future bulletin.

Family pasta dinner will be hosted on Saturday, March 19 following the 5:00PM Mass. There is no charge but families must sign-up so we can know how much food to prepare. Details will be in next week's bulletin. The dinner is to commemorate the Feast of Saint Joseph and the 150th anniversary of the parish.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Two things coming up that you may wish to mark your calendars for:

Monday, February 21 is **Presidents' Day** and the Parish Office will be closed all day in observance of the holiday.

Ash Wednesday beginning the discipline of Lent is on Wednesday, March 2 this year.

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8 week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning March 16, 2022 at St. Francis Cathedral Parish Center, 45 Library Place in Metuchen, NJ. For more information or to register contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947.

Registration deadline is March 7, 2022.

FROM THE PASTOR



It's *Presidents' Day* this coming Monday so the Parish Office will be closed in observance of that federal holiday. Many people think the holiday is supposed to commemorate all the U.S. Presidents. Actually, it's still a holiday intended to celebrate primarily

Washington's birthday and secondarily Lincoln's birthday which was moved to a Monday in accord with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1971. See? The Church isn't the only one that moves holidays! Whether or not to include Lincoln's birthday is decided on a state-by-state basis since his birthday was never a federal holiday. So, even though we no longer have separate Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday celebrations that is what is being commemorated on President's Day.

Today is also a day that a little known saint is remembered but he's not on the Universal Church Calendar. February 20 is the feast of *Saint Leo Thaumaturgo*. (which means "The Wonderworker").

He was a learned priest in Ravenna and later in Reggio Calabria, Italy. St. Leo served as Bishop of Catania in Sicily. Legend says that an angel appeared in dreams to the people in Catania to point them to Leo. He fought to suppress blasphemous magicians that people in his diocese saw as an alternative to the Church. Leo opposed the iconoclasm ordered by the Byzantine Empire; the governor of Sicily ordered his arrest for this stance, and the bishop spent time in the mountains in exile, living as a hermit in a cave. Known always for his care for the poor and for working several miraculous cures.

In 2014, the Military Order of the Collar of St. Agatha, which I serve as a Chaplain, bestowed upon me the Titular (i.e. honorary) Abbacy of the now defunct Abbey of St. Leo. This honor was confirmed by the Archbishop of Catania. So, St. Leo has become a saint of importance to me even though by most people outside the area of Catania, Sicily he is rather unknown. He was a good shepherd so I pray to him so that he will intercede and ask God to help me to be a good pastor.

I pray to intercede for all of you before the Lord that He will guide you, keep you safe from harm or illness, and fill you with rich blessings. Turn to Him in all the moments of your life: those that are filled with happiness as well as those that trouble you and cause you pain. The Lord is the greatest Wonderworker of them all and He will hear you, bless you and answer you. Place all your trust in Him.

Have a good week ahead. Keep the Faith!

