

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 6, 2022



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday March 5
 5:00pm **+Margaret & Raymond Rathyen**
r/o The Dante Family

Sunday March 6
First Sunday of Lent
 7:30am **+Patti-Sue Rolak**
r/o Family
 9:30am **People of the Parish**
(Spanish)
 11:00am **+Dr. Amy Stauffer**
r/o Paul Paliscak & family

Monday March 7
 9:00am **+Martha Maggini Stenger Setter**
r/o The Stenger Family

Tuesday March 8
 9:00am **+Joseph Selvester, Sr.**
r/o Fr. Guy

Wednesday March 9
 9:00am **+Anthony Edolo**
r/o Gale Edolo

Thursday March 10
 9:00am **+John Koch**
r/o Jim & Barbara McAloon

Friday March 11
 9:00am **+Hanora Maher**
r/o Mary Zvirblys

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, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
February 19 / 20	\$5,311.00
Electronic Giving	1,009.00
Bingo Income	143.50
Other Income	43.00
Total	\$6,506.50
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,889.56)
February 26 / 27	\$5,686.00
Electronic Giving	1,149.00
Other Income	16.50
Total	\$6,851.50
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,544.56)

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

The following are the Lenten Obligations as they currently stand for dioceses in the USA:

1. The days of strict fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15).
2. All other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation to fast from food applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. In the Catholic tradition fasting means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals. The two smaller meals combined together should not be equal to a normal full meal. The idea is to experience being hungry during the day.
4. The obligation of abstinence (not eating meat) applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. There is no upper limit. *After age 14 the obligation to abstain on Fridays in Lent lasts for life.*

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church every Friday in Lent at 9:30AM right after morning Mass. There are no evening Stations due to lack of interest.

Each Friday in Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 - 8:00PM. Confessions will also be heard during this time **except on March 25 when there will be adoration but no Confessions.**





LENT & OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As you can easily see by the thermometer in the Narthex our Parish Capital Campaign is continuing. We have a little more than half our goal pledged.

However, that amount comes from approximately 78 households, far fewer than the number of households in the Parish. Lent is the time of year that our Diocese conducts its Bishop's Annual Appeal and, of course, this year we are exempt from that appeal due to our own Campaign.

One of the reasons the Church frequently asks people for money during Lent is that the Lenten season includes many acts of penance and piety including almsgiving, that is, making a sacrificial offering.

For those of you who have pledged to our Campaign: **THANK YOU!** For those who have not we urgently appeal to you to consider making a sacrificial pledge during this holy season of Lent. We need everyone to participate! Whatever you pledge now can be paid in increments throughout the rest of the three year campaign.

PLEASE consider a sacrificial gift to your parish at this time and help us to reach our goal.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights will be hosting a family pasta dinner in celebration of the Feast of Saint Joseph and the 150th anniversary of the parish on Saturday, March 19 from 5:00PM until 7:00PM in the Parish Center. Dinner includes pasta, sauce (meat or meatless), garlic bread and salad. Please bring a dessert to share. Dinner is free but registration is required via www.council5170.org

FROM THE PASTOR



Lord, who throughout these 40 days, with us did fast and pray...

The familiar words of the old hymn remind us that as we enter into this holy season of Lent doing penance in preparation to celebrate the great feast of Easter, our movement through Lent is not undertaken alone. The Lord is with us.

As I always do, I exhort all of you not to see Lent as a depressing time of self-denial for the sake of punishment. Rather, see it as a time of spiritual cleansing and embrace the opportunity to become even closer to God by what we sacrifice, what we abstain from, what we fast from and the acts of charity, kindness and prayer that are also hallmarks of this time of year.

The Lord wants to do good things in your life! Each year we have this chance to reset ourselves and make a fresh start. The word Lent comes from a word that means "Spring". It is the harbinger of the coming of new life (i.e. the Resurrection) and a reminder of the promise of the new life that will be ours through salvation.

So, Lent really is a joyful time of year. Not everyone sees it that way, I'm afraid, but genuinely it is so.

In my almost 25 years of priesthood I still cannot figure out why people are so reluctant to turn to the Lord and ask for His forgiveness. I'm stumped as to why people want to deny themselves the experience of God's overabundant mercy. Of course, doing penance can be a bit unpleasant. It would hardly be penance if it weren't, would it? But, a momentarily unpleasant thing helps to lead us into a much better place. The analogy is quite apt that penance is like medicine for your soul. We have all had the experience of a medication that tastes bad, or one that has difficult side effects. We all have experienced the fleeting pain of an injection. These things really are for our own good. They help to bring about healing.

The same is true for penance. We have to administer this remedy to ourselves and embrace the idea of repenting for our sins as our own spiritual therapy. Lent is a time when, spiritually speaking, we are all "in treatment". God is the Physician but we ourselves are like the doctors, nurses and other medical personnel who administer the treatment...on ourselves.

So, have a good Lent. Have a Lent filled with the knowledge that the penitential practices we undertake are medicines for us leading to the healing that is ultimately our salvation. May your Lent be filled with many blessings. I pray you all happily enter into Lent and that God richly rewards all of your efforts, great or small. And remember, above all, to Keep the Faith!