

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 23, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>January 22</u>
5:00pm	+Mary Zajac
r/o	<i>The Trimmer Family</i>
Sunday	January 23
	<u>Third Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Agnes D. Melious
r/o	<i>Family</i>
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+James Griffin
r/o	<i>The Griffin Family</i>
Monday	January 24
	<u>Saint Francis de Sales</u>
9:00am	+Josephine Ciszkowski
r/o	<i>Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi</i>
Tuesday	January 25
	<u>Conversion of Saint Paul</u>
9:00am	Gae Savino
r/o	<i>A Parishioner</i>
Wednesday	January 26
	<u>Saints Timothy & Titus</u>
9:00am	+Mrs. Theresa
r/o	<i>George Joseph</i>
Thursday	<u>January 27</u>
9:00am	+Berardini Brothers
r/o	<i>Sister, Rita</i>
Friday	January 28
	<u>Saint Thomas Aquinas</u>
9:00am	+Paul Paliscak, Jr.
r/o	<i>The Paliscak 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
January 8 / 9	\$6,535.00
Electronic Giving	954.00
Other	650.00
Total	\$8,139.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$257.06)
Diocesan Together in Charity	311.00
January 15 / 16	\$4,975.00
Electronic Giving	2,076.00
	\$7,051.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,345.06)

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

We wanted to give you as much notice as possible about the upcoming celebration of our parish's 150th Anniversary because it just became settled this past week.

The very first time Mass was celebrated in our parish was St. Joseph Day, March 19, 1872. So, this coming year we will celebrate our sesquicentennial anniversary at St. Joseph's Day. The bishop is not able to be here on March 19 itself so **we will observe the anniversary with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Checchio on SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022 at 11:00AM.**

That is a Sunday within Lent, but because of the special anniversary the Bishop has given us his permission to celebrate Mass that day in honor of our patron, Saint Joseph.

Mass will be followed by a reception for everyone in the Parish Center.

Please plan now to be around that weekend and to come celebrate with our bishop the conclusion of 150 years of Catholic presence in Washington.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Donate your loose change or bills to support Life Choice's Holy Family Center and Grandma's House in Phillipsburg. Both help foster a culture of life by helping pregnant women. Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex the weekend of January 22 / 23.

For more information or to volunteer go to lifechoicesonline.org

Please return baby bottles the weekend of February 5 / 6.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a gourmet coffee after all Masses on Sunday, January 30 in the Parish Center.



FROM THE PASTOR



It's almost hard to believe that we are entering the last full week of January already. The month is just flying by. This year we have a bit of a break in the liturgical action before Lent begins but before we know it we'll be into that season too and talking about the approach of Easter.

On Wednesday, February 2 the Church celebrates the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*. This day is also known as "Candlemas Day". It commemorates the time that the child Jesus was presented in the Temple by His parents. A prophetess who saw Him said He would be a "Light to the Nations and the glory of Israel". Because of that image of light the Church blesses candles on that day. If you have candles that you would like to have blessed for your own use then you may feel free to bring them to Mass that day and have them blessed.

It is customary to keep blessed candles in the house in order to have one lit if/when a priest comes to visit the sick and also to light during an oncoming storm as a symbol of prayer against danger or damage.

Now that the holidays are well and truly over I hope that those of you who have not yet made a pledge to the Parish Capital Campaign will consider doing so. My sincere thanks to all of you who have made a pledge and to those who have already begun to make payments toward that pledge. As of now we have only slightly more than half our goal pledged. However, that amount of pledged money comes from fewer than one quarter of the active households in the parish. Please think about that: ***fewer than a quarter of the parishioners have already pledged just over half the money to get us to our goal.***

Our goal will be easily achieved if everyone participates.

In addition, to those of you who have made "one time" gifts to the appeal: Thank You. However, it is my hope that you will consider making a contribution during all three years of the campaign. We started the campaign last November and it will run until at least November of 2024.

It is vital that as many people as possible take part and share in the burden of achieving the goal. The parish serves all of us; we ***all*** must do our part to ensure its continued existence, vitality and growth.

I hope the week ahead is one that will be filled with blessings and have few problems or worries. Please continue to be safe and healthy and, above all, Keep the Faith!

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed January 31 – February 4

SYNOD 2023

Due to ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic, the Synod 2023 Listening Sessions originally scheduled to take place on Jan. 25, have been postponed. More information and the new date(s) for the Listening Sessions will be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, all are invited to visit the Diocese of Metuchen's website, diometuchen.org/synod2023, to share feedback by completing the online questionnaire.

Ss. TIMOTHY & TERESA AWARDS

All are invited to the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, on January 26 at 7 p.m., to celebrate the youth of the Diocese of Metuchen. Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate a Mass and present the St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards to the young people in our diocese. The Mass will also be available via livestream: sfranciscathedral.org.

Congratulations to all the nominees!

EUCCHARISTIC 40 HOURS

While the 2023 Synod Listening Sessions have been postponed, the Eucharistic Forty Hours in each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen will still be held beginning on Sunday, January 23, and ending on Tuesday, January 25. This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our future listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023.

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.