

# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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*"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.

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**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 OF LENT

March 20, 2022



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

Saturday	March 19	
	<u>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>	
11:00am	Parish Anniversary Mass	
5:00pm	+Josephine Ciszkowski	
	r/o Joanne Glossek	
Sunday	March 20	
	<u>Third Sunday of Lent</u>	
7:30am	+Reverend Robert Hammond	
	r/o The Men's Spirituality Group	
9:30am	People of the Parish	
	(Spanish)	
11:00am	+John & Mary Ann Milewski	
	r/o Knights of Columbus Council 5170	
Monday	<u>March 21</u>	
9:00am	+Margaret Hackett	
	r/o Mary Zvirblys	
Tuesday	<u>March 22</u>	
9:00am	+Mrs. Lottie Fryc	
	r/o Dominick Mosco	
Wednesday	<u>March 23</u>	
9:00am	+Madeline Mooney	
	r/o Mary & Stephen Yakimec	
Thursday	<u>March 24</u>	
9:00am	+John F. Arrigan	
	r/o Sarah Alicea	
Friday	<u>March 25</u>	
	<u>The Annunciation of the Lord</u>	
9:00am	+George W. Melious	
	r/o Family	

**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
<u>March 5 / 6</u>		\$6,822.00
Electronic Giving		1,124.00
Bingo Income		1,267.50
Other Income		399.00
	Total	\$9,612.50
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$1,216.44
<u>March 12 / 13</u>		\$6,076.00
Electronic Giving		2,256.00
	Total	\$8,332.00
Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$64.06)

**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.**

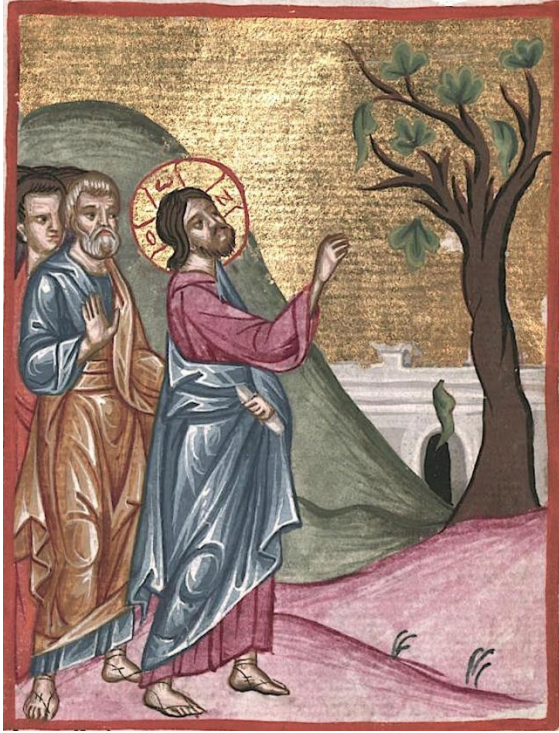
**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE  
DIACONATE?**

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting. A General Information Meeting will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732) 562-2457 or diaconate@diometuchen.org

**SPECIAL AID TO UKRAINE**

On Sunday March 27 —Laetare Sunday— there will be a special second collection to aid the suffering people of Ukraine. There was a diocesan-mandated collection for the Ukraine on Ash Wednesday. The collection on March 27 is an effort of our own parish. Funds from this collection will be donated through Catholic Relief Services which is a reputable charity. Please be as generous as your means allow.





## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

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.

**If you are making a payment on the amount you already pledged we request, please, that you make that payment separately from your regular weekly offering. Please do not put Campaign payments in weekly Parish envelopes. Thank you.**

## **TAX NOTICES**

If you have not already done so and you wish to have a letter from the parish detailing your contributions to the church for the 2021 Tax Year, please contact the Parish Office at 908-689-0058 to request one.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS**

Please note that the March Madness Bracket Challenge had been cancelled due to insufficient participation. Funds will be returned for those who did wish to participate.

Sadly, the Free Family Pasta Dinner last Saturday was also cancelled due to lack of sufficient participation.

The next Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 25 from 5:00 - 7:00 in the Parish Center.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



I hope that you are all having a good and spiritually fruitful Lent.

Please take note that the Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturdays (4:00-4:45pm), Wednesdays (7:15-8:00pm), and Fridays in Lent (7:00-8:00pm). n Fridays the Blessed Sacrament is also exposed in church for adoration.

Every Friday in Lent right after the 9:00 morning Mass Stations of the Cross are prayed communally in church.

This year the Special Lenten Penance Service will take place on Wednesday, April 6 from 7:00-8:00pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and during that time five priests will be available to hear your Confessions (including one who speaks Spanish). I hope that as many of you as can will come to make a good Confession before Holy Week.

**These will be the last scheduled Confessions prior to Easter. Regular Confessions will not resume in the parish until after the Easter Octave on Saturday, April 30.**

Something else to take note of is that this coming Friday, March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. It's not a holy day of obligation. But, it is significant this year because it is a major solemnity and it happens to fall on a Friday in Lent. So what? Well, on solemnities in the Church calendar it is not appropriate to do acts of penance. **So this year on March 25 even though it is a Friday you do not have to abstain from eating meat. In celebration of the Lord's Annunciation you are dispensed from the obligation to abstain.**

Of course, if you wish to abstain from meat that day you are free to do so. In addition, if you choose you can abstain from eating meat on another day this coming week in order to "make up for" Friday. That is entirely up to you.

I hope you have a blessed week ahead. Remember, always, to Keep The Faith!

## **IMMACULATA HS INFO EVENT**

Still thinking about which high school to attend this fall? Join us at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 28 for an hour of conversation, presentations, and a campus tour and learn how Immaculata High School can provide the high school experience you are looking for. We offer a small school environment, a challenging academic program, competitive athletics teams, opportunities to show off your creativity, and so much more! Open to students entering Grades 9 -11 in September. RSVP at [www.immaculatahighschool.org/hourimmaculata](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/hourimmaculata).

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

To assist the families in need in our community with Easter dinner, we are collecting \$25 & \$50 ShopRite gift cards. Please return them next weekend March 26 / 27