

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

12 Jackson Valley Road • Washington, New Jersey

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday May 14
Saint Matthias

5:00pm +William Blockus
r/o Jeff Paliscak

Sunday May 15
Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Hugh Clarke
r/o Ralph & Marge Parise

9:00am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Jean Vanderhoof
r/o Family

Monday May 16

9:00am +Marie Hartmann
r/o Husband, Deacon Ed

Tuesday May 17

9:00am +Florence Stern
r/o Fr. Guy

Wednesday May 18

9:00am +Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o Family

Thursday May 19

9:00am +Mary Lou Petro
r/o Maryellen Hudock

Friday May 13

9:00am +Florence Marie Stern
r/o Patricia Selvester

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., Emily Setteducato, 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
April 30 / May 1	\$6,673.00
Electronic Giving	1,209.00
Bingo Income	1,027.00
Other Income	272.00
Total	\$9,181.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$784.94
May 7 / 8	\$6,733.00
Electronic Giving	1,154.00
Other Income	875.00
Total	\$8,762.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$365.94
Diocesan Catholic Relief Services	\$492.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

In Summer of 2022, Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will award two \$500 college scholarships. Catholic youth from Saint Ann's Parish, Hampton, Saint Joseph Parish, Washington, Saint Patrick's Parish, Belvidere, and Saint Rose of Lima, Oxford are eligible to apply.

Applicants currently must be attending high school or enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. **High school age winners will receive their award during the Fall of their first undergraduate year.** Council 5170 will issue a check directly to the college or university that a student attends in the Fall.

Applications are due on June 17, 2022. For more information and to download an application please go to www.council5170.org

RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE

From April to August 2022, the relics of Saint Bernadette will tour the United States for the first time, bringing the grace of Lourdes to parishes across the country. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is organizing the pilgrimage of the relics in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, North American Volunteers, Hospitalité of Miami and the Order of Malta. The Relics of Saint Bernadette will visit the Diocese of Metuchen, the only diocesan stop in New Jersey, from May 17-20, 2022. Learn more: diometuchen.org/saintbernadette





FROM THE PASTOR



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

We congratulate our 8th graders who, last weekend, received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This coming Saturday our 2nd graders will receive their First Holy Communion. May God bless them and their families as they prepare to take this next important step in their Christian Initiation.

Remember that beginning this year the Ascension of the Lord will not take place on a Thursday but has been moved to the following Sunday. The Ascension will be celebrated this year on Sunday, May 29.

There is a lot in the news lately about the Supreme Court of the United States considering the repeal of the Roe v. Wade decision that paved the way for legalized abortion on demand in the United States. The Church is, of course, staunchly pro-life. We believe that all children have the right to be alive. Many people criticize the Church for being merely “pro-birth” but doing little or nothing to help pregnant women in need or to help their children in need.

Nothing could be farther from the truth! The Church provides all kinds of pre-natal and post-natal care to women and children in crisis and/or in need. We have Catholic hospitals, pregnancy centers, women’s shelters, adoption agencies, addiction resources and aid, food banks, Homes and Shelters for abused women, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and that’s only to name but a few. Most of these are available for free and regardless of religious affiliation.

The Church doesn’t just preach to people in the abstract. We put what we say into practice every single day. Abortion is a moral question and the civil law cannot determine whether or not something is right. It can only define whether or not something is legal. The Church will always be opposed to abortion on demand. However, that does not mean that we don’t recognize the very real need for alternative assistance to those considering an abortion. Instead we are doing all we can to give women in need a viable option...a true CHOICE.

Remember: abortion is not just an issue of “women’s rights”. It is an issue of HUMAN RIGHTS.

In the week ahead may God fill you with blessings. Hug your children and pray for those who are facing a time of crisis and need our help. Above all: Keep the Faith!

Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be CLOSED all day on Monday, May 16.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will be sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, June 19 in the Parish Center 8:00am -2:00pm.

Appointments are required. To schedule your appointment follow this link

donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/driveschedule85313

NJ SAFE HAVEN LAW

Under the NJ Safe Haven Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being killed or hurt from an unsafe environment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid or rescue squad in NJ that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline - 1-877-839-2339 - and get the address and directions to any of the locations mentioned above within the state.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONFESSIONS

Please note that there will be **no Confessions next Wednesday evening, May 18**, due to a scheduling conflict.

Also, please be aware that, as we do every year, we will suspend the Wednesday evening Confessions during the months of June, July and August. The last Wednesday evening Confessions before the summer will take place on May 25.

Confessions will, of course, continue to be heard on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45PM.

