

# 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.

**Parishioner on the Move**

Please notify the Parish Office.

## PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

(Rt.) Rev. Guy W. Selvester, M.Div., M.A.----- *Pastor*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.----- *Deacon*

Sylvan H. Webb ----- *Deacon*

Laura A. Torres----- *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Joyce Rock---- *Director of Religious Education (DRE)*

Shirley A. Firling----- *Director of Sacred Music*

James Mc Aloon----- *Pastoral Council Chairperson*

Jim McAloon----- *Trustee*

John 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: 1, 2, 3, 4

7:00 - 8:00 pm / Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8

## 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-----9:00 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 7:00 to 7:30 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.*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 2, 2022



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

**Saturday**      **October 1**  
**Saint Therese of the Child Jesus**

5:00pm      +Leonetta Marotta  
r/o      *The Flynn Family*

**Sunday**      **October 2**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

7:30am      +Patti-Sue Rolak  
r/o      *Family*

9:00am      People of the Parish  
(Spanish)

11:00am      +Laura Mc Laughlin  
r/o      *Andy & Sharon Levin*

**Monday**      **October 3**

9:00am      +Jeremiah Hogan  
r/o      *Mary Zvirblys*

**Tuesday**      **October 4**  
**Saint Francis of Assisi**

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

**Wednesday**      **October 5**

9:00am      +Angelina & Robert Fenwick  
r/o      *Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi*

**Thursday**      **October 6**

9:00am      +Elizabeth & Felix Smith  
r/o      *Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi*

**Friday**      **October 7**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary**

9:00am      +Karen Wiessler  
r/o      *The Whang Family*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Karole Bradunas, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Kristine Rhee Cy, 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, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr., Emily Setteducato, Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**WEEKLY COSTS:**

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<b>September 17 / 18</b>	<b>\$4,782.00</b>
Electronic Giving	2,436.00
Bingo Income	394.25
Other Income	93.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,705.25</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$690.81)</b>
<b>September 24 / 25</b>	<b>\$5,518.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,114.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,632.00</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,764.06)</b>

**OUR PARISH IS 150!**

Sunday, November 6, 2022 we are celebrating Mass in honor of the Parish's 150th Anniversary. On that day we will celebrate our sesquicentennial with a Mass presided over by our Bishop, James Checchio. We will mark 150 years of a Catholic presence in Washington and also the paying off of the mortgage on our present church building. The 11:00AM Mass will be followed by a free luncheon in the Parish Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

This is coming up and worth putting on your calendar now so that you can plan to be here and share in it. **Sunday, November 27, 2022: Vespers with Benediction for the First Sunday of Advent.** To spend some extra time in prayer to prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus BUT before things get too busy for the holidays we will have a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration from **4:00 - 5:00PM**. During this hour we will pray evening prayer (vespers) and the hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

The traditional Blessing of Animals associated with the Feast of St. Francis (October 4) which is the patron saint of our diocesan cathedral and, therefore, the Secondary Patron of our Diocese, will take place **TODAY, October 2 at 12:00 Noon** outside the church on the parking lot side. Bring your furry, hairy, feathery or scaly friends down to receive a blessing. (Please put those who need it on a leash or in a cage/crate).





## **Q&A IS BACK!**

Do you want to learn a bit more about your faith but aren't really interested in attending a lecture or taking a class? Are you interested in a lively and fun conversation with other adults about what it means to be Catholic? Father Guy's Q&A, which is nicknamed: "*Everything You Always Wanted To Know About the Catholic Church...But Were Afraid To Ask*" will once again take place this coming October. These sessions are a relaxed evening during which people can learn about the Church and share their faith. Questions are submitted anonymously and pulled from a hat. This discussion is intended for those over 18 years of age. So, join us in the Community Room on **Thursday, October 20 from 7:00 - 8:30PM**. Everyone is welcome whether they are parishioners here or not, or even whether they are Catholic or not!

## **LEARN ABOUT WHY WE CHANGED THE MASS**

Catholics still talk about Vatican II all the time even 57 years after it took place. Perhaps the single most impactful set of changes that came from the Council were the liturgical changes. Have you ever read the document that called for those changes? Do you know what the Council actually said about the Mass? Do you think Mass can be boring? Do you understand how and why the Church changed things? Come find out! Fr. Guy is offering a one-time session for adults to discuss the document that changed the liturgy, "*Sacrosanctum Concilium*" (The Most Holy Council). Come spend an evening learning more about what actually happened and why. This session will take place on **Thursday, November 10 at 7:00PM**. No pre-registration. Just come!

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Last Sunday's celebration of my Silver Jubilee was really wonderful. It was touching and moving and also, I thought, very spiritually beneficial. I hope you felt that too. The day went smoothly and was wonderfully arranged. I really wish to express my thanks to so many.

To our **Deacons, Ed, Paul and Sylvan** and to all the liturgical ministers including ushers, lectors and servers for your help with the Mass. To **Shirley Firling** and our wonderful music ministry, especially the handbell choir. Many people who were visiting remarked to me on how lovely the Mass, and especially the music, was.

To **John Rolak** for organizing the Knights of Columbus to set up and break down the hall for the reception and for all the members of the KofC who helped out. I'm also grateful that members of the Knights 4th Degree were at Mass to add an escort of honor.

I'm, grateful to **José Santiago** and **Miguel Sanchez** who assisted in moving things around in order to make the hall prepared for the reception.

My particular thanks go to all those who organized the food and drinks for the reception, especially **Nancy & Glenn Mayer** and all those who helped them and, as always, my very sincere thanks to our intrepid Parish Secretary, **Laura Torres**, who helped me out in a thousand different ways to get things ready to have a nice celebration.

One of the things that got mentioned more than once that day was how nice it was just to have an event of that size at our parish once again. It was so nice to be together in the hall and to enjoy one another's company. It has been far too long since we have done that.

But the President has declared that the pandemic in this country is over. It is time—it's well past time, in my opinion—for us to stop behaving as though Covid prevents us from doing things. My hope is that this is just the beginning of returning to our usual activities. I hope there are many more occasions when we will gather together. As you can see, however, that requires the help and the talents of many people.

So...get involved! And more importantly, when asked please lend a hand. The only way our parish can do the things we want to do in order to build community is if everyone takes part. During the pandemic after our church re-opened people have become accustomed simply to going to Mass and then moving on. For St. Joseph to feel like a spiritual home it can't be that way. We need **YOU** to be a part of what's happening here.

***My sincere thanks to you all for your kinds words of support and encouragement and for the many generous gifts for my anniversary.*** Have a week ahead filled with blessings. Remember, above all things, to Keep The Faith!