

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

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SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm

Sunday-----7:30 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass-----9:00 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2022



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday September 10

5:00pm **+Mel Williams**
r/o **Maryellen Hudock**

Sunday September 11
Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am **+Hamza Muheisen**
r/o **Finnegan & Muheisen Families**

9:00am **People of the Parish**
(Spanish)

11:00am **+Florence Griffin**
r/o **The Griffin Family**

Monday September 12

9:00am **Jim & Barbara McAloon**
r/o **Family**

Tuesday September 13
Saint John Chrysostom

9:00am **Jeanne Selvester**
r/o **Fr. Guy**

Wednesday September 14
The Exaltation of the Cross

9:00am **+Vincent Fortunato, Jr.**
r/o **Frank & Andrea Marsello**

Thursday September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00am **+Michael Wojtowicz**
r/o **Bobby & Mary Kovacs**

Friday September 16
Saint Cornelius

9:00am **+Robert Despres**
r/o **The Merlo 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
August 27 / 28	\$5,164.00
Electronic Giving	1,139.00
Other	45.00
Total	\$6,348.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,048.06)
September 3 / 4	\$6,735.00
Electronic Giving	1,249.00
Total	\$7,984.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$412.06)

SAVE THE DATE!

Two events in the parish that are coming up are worth putting on your calendar now so that you can plan to be here and share in them.

Sunday, November 6, 2022: The Mass in celebration 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 refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, September 25, 2022: This year Fr. Guy celebrates his Silver Jubilee. He was ordained on Sept. 27, 1997. We will celebrate this milestone with him on **Sunday, September 25 at the 11:00AM Mass** and this will be followed by a light reception in the Parish Hall. Come and help our Pastor celebrate 25 years of priestly ministry.

YOU'RE INVITED
BISHOP BOOTKOSKI'S SILVER JUBILEE
OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

Bishop Bootkoski was the shepherd of our diocese for fourteen years and still offers his priestly ministry to our parishes.

All are invited to celebrate with the Bishop at a Mass of Thanksgiving for this special milestone on Sunday, September 11 at 4:00pm, at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.





FROM THE PASTOR



So the summer has now unofficially ended. Labor Day marks the end of the summer for most people. Then again, according to the astronomical measurement, summer won't end until the Autumnal Equinox on September 22.

However, according to the meteorological measurement (which some countries use) the seasons end and begin on the first day of the month which contains either an equinox or a solstice so, by that method, summer ended on September 1. No matter how you look at it we are in a period of transition from the summer to the autumn.

As we look forward this week we see two feasts coming which speak of an important part of our faith. Wednesday, September 14 is the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross* when we commemorate the cross itself as the instrument not only of the Lord's death but also of our salvation. By His death, Jesus Christ accomplished the work for which He came into this world; to save all humanity from the power of sin and offer us life eternal. It is by His cross that He redeemed the world.

The next day is the *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows* when we remember that it was Mary who remained utterly steadfast and faithful to her divine Son and stood at the foot of the cross where she became the Mother of the whole Church. His suffering was painful for her too and she accepted that things had to happen that way in accord with God's will showing us the faithful acceptance of difficulty that marks the life of all disciples.

A reminder that Wednesday evening Confessions will resume on Wednesday, September 14 but at a modified time: from 7:00 until 7:30, PM.

Have a blessed week ahead. Keep the Faith!

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULT

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 be someone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become a member of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know would like to learn more, please contact Deacon Sylvan Webb at 908-581-5968 for further information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CONFESSIONS

The Wednesday evening Confessions resume on Wednesday, September 14. This year the time for those Confessions is being changed. This is because of requests from some people for an earlier time and also because Religious Education will take place on Tuesdays only this year. Part of the reason for Wednesday Confessions was to provide a time when parents could go while their children were in Religious Ed. class and that will no longer be happening on Wednesdays. **The time for Wednesday Confessions is 7:00 - 7:30, PM.**

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Among the many changes we made at Mass because of the Covid pandemic one was suspending the Offertory Procession where people bring up the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. In our ongoing efforts to return things to the usual way they had been done in the past **we will resume having people bring up the gifts at Mass beginning October 1 & 2, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** At all Masses the ushers will ask one or two people to come forward and offer the gifts to the priest on behalf of the whole congregation.

