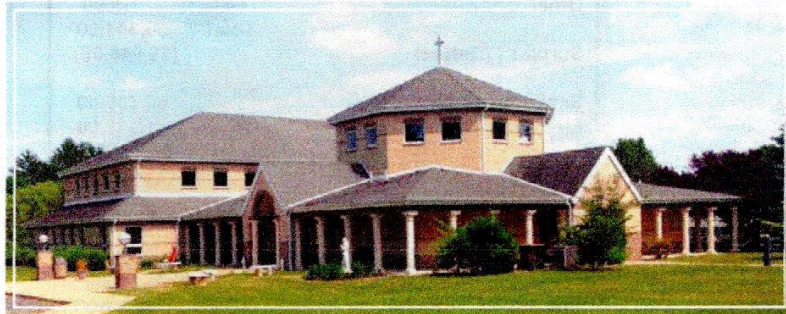


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

200 CARLTON AVENUE • WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07882

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father." —Matthew 10:32



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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 2022



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	<u>September 17</u>
5:00pm	First Responders & Caregivers
r/o	Elisa Lopez
Sunday	<u>September 18</u>
	<u>Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+John Rolak, Sr.
r/o	Family
9:00am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+John Corcoran
r/o	Andy & Sharon Levin
Monday	<u>September 19</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
Tuesday	<u>September 20</u>
	<u>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions</u>
9:00am	+Robert Despres
r/o	The Flynn Family
Wednesday	<u>September 21</u>
	<u>Saint Matthew</u>
9:00am	+Frank & Dottie Mc Laughlin
r/o	The Trimmer Family
Thursday	<u>September 22</u>
9:00am	+Janice & Italo Lusardi
r/o	Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi
Friday	<u>September 23</u>
	<u>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina</u>
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
September 3 / 4	\$6,735.00
Electronic Giving	1,249.00
	Total \$7,984.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$412.06)
September 10 / 11	\$5,667.00
Electronic Giving	1,139.00
	Total \$6,806.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,590.06)

FATHER GUY'S ANNIVERSARY

This year our Pastor, Fr. Guy, celebrates his Silver Jubilee as a priest. The actual 25th anniversary of his ordination is September 27. **On Sunday, September 25 Father Guy will celebrate this significant anniversary at the 11:00am Mass.** This Mass will be followed by a light reception in the hall of the Fr. Bulla Parish Center. Even if you habitually attend another Mass each weekend we encourage all of you to attend this special liturgy in Fr. Guy's life and ministry and also to join us afterwards for some refreshment and fellowship as he begins the next 25 years of his priestly life and ministry.

SAVE THE DATE!

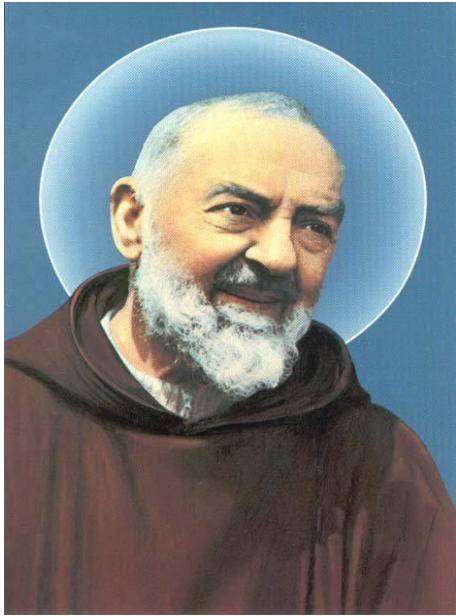
Two events in the parish that are coming up are worth putting on your calendar now so that you can plan to be here and share in them.

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, 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.

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



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



Today is Catechetical Sunday! We focus, on this day, on all that we do in the Church to try and enrich people's understanding of their faith. I refer not only to the Religious Formation of children, which is our primary catechetical effort, but also to those things we do to try and give adults the opportunity to learn more and to deepen their faith by growing in understanding.

Religious Education is an important apostolate in the Church. In so many parishes that were established during the 20th Century it was frequently the parish school which was built first on the parish property even before building a church!

In those early years the focus is on teaching children the basics of the faith and preparing them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation; First Communion and Confirmation. It is also a time for them to learn how to pray more deeply as well as why we pray. It is, indeed, a time when they learn about the mercy of God as they receive their First Reconciliation.

But some people sell themselves short by concluding their Religious Formation with their Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation concludes our Christian Initiation but it is far from an ending. Rather, in a very concrete way it is the beginning of our lives as full-fledged disciples of the Lord. It is a beginning of a process that we must carry on ourselves. Otherwise we risk having an incomplete and immature understanding of the faith. This is, sadly, the case for far too many people. It becomes difficult for them to grapple with more mature issues of faith because they have truncated their own growth by stopping when they were still young. Maturing in faith requires continuous updating and deepening formation.

It is my hope that the children of our parish will be well-formed in the faith. I am confident in this hope because of the excellent work of our Parish Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Joyce Rock, and her dedication to this work. She is not only a fine teacher but she is an excellent example to others of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. The Catechists and Aides who volunteer to work with her—all our own parishioners—also do both excellent work and model good discipleship. So, I have good cause to be confident in my hopes. I know our parish children are in good hands.

In addition, I try to offer opportunities for adults to learn more about the faith in an engaging way. The occasional adult education classes I offer as well as my soon-to-be-revived Q&A Sessions are there for just this purpose. I hope that many of you will take advantage of these offerings to deepen your relationship with the Lord and broaden your understanding of the Church.

Have a good week ahead filled with blessings and good things. Remember, above all, to Keep The Faith!

