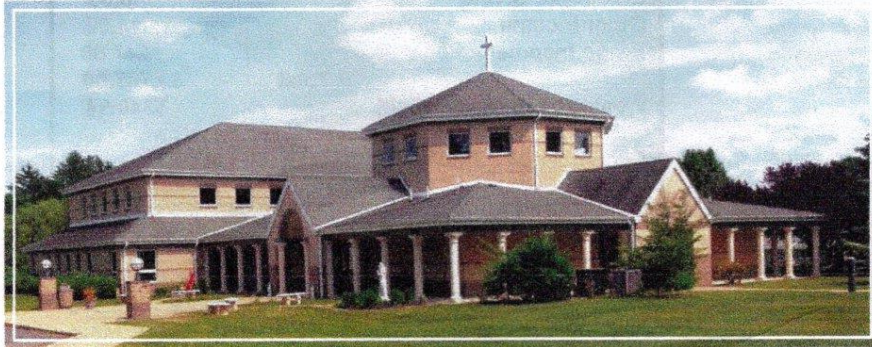


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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...

9:30 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

Parishioner on the Move

Please notify the Parish Office.

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Very Rev. Guy W. Selvester, V.F. ----- *Pastor*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>April 29</u>
5:00pm	Jim McAloon r/o Barbara McAloon
Sunday	April 30 <u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Andy Morrisroe r/o The Trimmer Family
Monday	<u>May 1</u>
9:00am	Special Intentions for the Sick r/o A Parishioner
Tuesday	May 2 <u>Saint Athanasius</u>
9:00am	+All Souls r/o A Parishioner
Wednesday	May 3 <u>Saints Philip & Saint James</u>
9:00am	+Richard Morrisroe r/o The Trimmer Family
Thursday	May 4
9:00am	+Jose Santiago, Sr. r/o Joyce Rock
Friday	<u>May 5</u>
9:00am	+Joseph Selvester, Jr. r/o Fr. Guy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rheh Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, Sharon Lawson, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Sandra Mondello, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
April 15 / 16	\$6,566.00
Electronic Giving	2,766.00
Easter Donations	845.00
Total	\$10,177.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$3,713.00
April 22 / 23	\$4,968.00
Electronic Giving	1,129.00
Total	\$6,097.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$367.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

In the Spring of 2023, the Knights of Columbus Council #5170 will award The Frank & Rose Felitti Memorial Scholarship and The John & Dorothy Sutton Memorial Scholarship. Two scholarships for qualified students from Saint Joseph's Parish in Washington are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applicants currently must be attending high school or enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. High school age winners will receive their \$500 award during the Fall their first undergraduate year. Council #5170 will issue a check directly to the college or university that a student attends in the Fall. Each winner may receive one award each year but scholarships winners are eligible to submit applications for future awards as they are announced.

Please go to www.council5170.org for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 6 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Dinner includes pasta with meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, Caesar salad, dessert and soft drinks. BYOB. Takeout will be available.

Your free-will donation will support the Saint Joseph Capital Campaign.

FLOWER SALE will take place after all Masses on the weekend of May 6 / 7. Pre-order forms are available in the Narthex, but are not required. Payment will be accepted on the date of pick up.

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY DEVOTION will take place on Sundays during the month of May. A rosary, focused on the Eucharist, will be prayed after Mass. Devotional booklets will be provided. The rosary will be prayed according to the following schedule:

May 6	5:00pm Mass, The Joyful Mysteries
May 14	7:30am Mass, The Luminous Mysteries
May 21	9:00am Mass The Glorious Mysteries (Spanish)
May 28	11:00am Mass The Glorious Mysteries

A social event will follow the recitation of the rosary.



BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of April 26, our parish has pledged **\$14,087.60** which represents **50.31%** of our goal.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Our 2023 Mass Book is not full yet! There are some Mass intentions available. We like to have all the intentions covered if possible. If you would like to request one of these intentions please stop by the Rectory Office Wednesday-Friday this week between 9:00am and 1:00pm to make the request. Mass intention requests cannot be taken over the phone because the offering must be made at the time of the request.

HOLY HOUR

There will be another Bi-Lingual Eucharistic Holy Hour on Wednesday, May 3 in the church. It takes place from 7:00 - 8:00pm. In addition, the usual Wednesday Confessions will be heard during this Holy Hour from 7:00 - 7:30pm. In this Easter season come and spend some time in prayer and also in quiet meditation before the Lord truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Our country is in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival. This Holy Hour is a perfect way to take part.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blue Army Shrine located in Washington Township holds Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday from 1:00 – 3:00pm ending with Divine Mercy prayer.

All are welcome to visit and spend quite time with the Lord.

FROM THE PASTOR



The Lord is Truly Risen! Alleluia!

This past week something odd happened at daily Mass. It was on Tuesday which was the Feast of St. Mark so the Mass had the Gloria in it. During the recitation of the Gloria I got something caught in my throat and needed to stop speaking in order to cough and clear my throat. As I did so I noticed that the other people attending Mass weren't really reciting the Gloria. The whole thing ground to a halt. I held up my hand to my ear and everyone giggled awkwardly. So, I reminded them that they are supposed to recite it too and we started over again.

This little episode left me feeling a little perturbed. Part of the reason the Mass was reformed and changed in the 1960s was to encourage the actual participation of the faithful. That's why we spend the money to have books in the pews with all the parts of Mass and the readings in them...so that you can follow and more fully participate in the liturgy.

At Mass you aren't attending a performance that is acted out by the priest and other liturgical ministers. A congregation is not an audience! You are not passive spectators but active participants and you are supposed to take a full part in the liturgy.

Sitting or standing at Mass expecting the priest to say everything is not appropriate. All too often I see that people don't even bother to pick up the missalette in the pews—let alone a hymnal—in order to follow along with the Mass. You all think, "*I don't need that. I know how Mass goes.*" But, clearly many of you DON'T. If you can't recite the basic prayers that make up the ordinary of the Mass, like the Gloria, then you don't know how the Mass goes. I will never understand why people come to Mass and don't follow the liturgy along in the book. I also will never understand how people can just sit at Mass and never sing either.

THAT'S why so many people complain that going to church is boring. If you're just going to sit there expecting to be entertained then—yes—Mass will be boring, because it isn't an entertainment. **So, PICK. UP. THE. BOOK. and follow along with the liturgy.** That way there won't be any parts of the Mass that you can't follow. Take part in the Mass and stop just being a spectator. It's up to all of us to be full and actual participants in the prayer and worship of the Church.

For some, the changes to the text of the Mass that were implemented in 2011—twelve years ago—left them feeling a little confused. That's why books are provided. I think it's a little arrogant and rather strange to think that you would have the responses at Mass memorized. Just as the priest uses a missal at every Mass you should use one too.

Have a week ahead filled with blessings and remember, above all, to Keep The Faith!