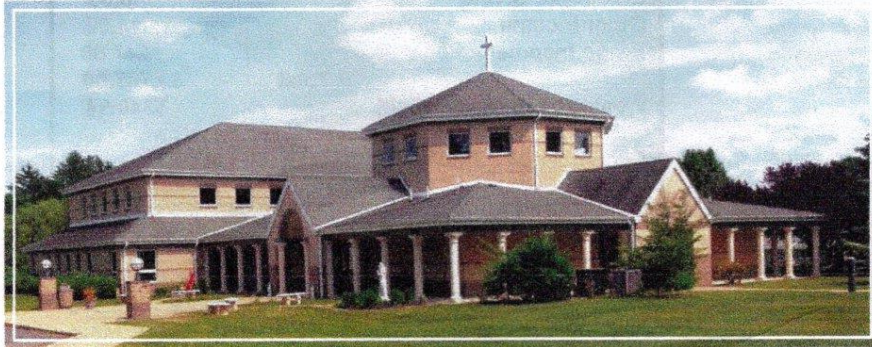


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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...

9:30 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

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.

Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd,
Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Emma

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>August 12</u>
5:00pm	First Responders r/o <i>Elisa</i>
Sunday	<u>August 13</u> <u>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	Patti-Sue Rolak r/o <i>Family</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Emily Setteducato r/o <i>The Torres Family</i>
Monday	<u>August 14</u> <u>Saint Maximilian Kolbe</u>
9:00am	+Rita Morrissey r/o <i>Johanna Lynch</i>
Tuesday	<u>August 15</u> <u>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
9:00am	+Jeremiah Hogan r/o <i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
7:00pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday	<u>August 16</u>
9:00am	+Julie Chirico r/o <i>Tina Bukow</i>
Thursday	<u>August 17</u>
9:00am	+Roger DeLuca r/o <i>Family</i>
Friday	<u>August 18</u>
9:00am	+Nellie Stoessel r/o <i>Johanna Lynch</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Adrianna Berrios, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rhee Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Peter Garon, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, James Herring, Sharon Lawson, The Lewis Family, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Sandra Mondello, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Angelo Saccos, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott,

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:		\$6,464.00
<u>July 29 / 20</u>		\$5,671.00
Electronic Giving		1,237.00
	Total	\$6,908.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$444.00
<u>August 5 / 6</u>		\$5,637.00
Electronic Giving		1,352.00
	Total	\$6,989.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$525.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of August 6, our parish has pledged **\$18,017.60** which represents **64.35%** of our goal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registrations are now being accepted for the Fall session. Grades 1-4 is from 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Grades 5-8 is from 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Both sessions are held on Tuesday evenings. Please return registrations as soon as possible. Mrs. Rock can be reached at 908-689-0093

ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

Please be aware that Tuesday, August 15 is the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. It is a **holy day of obligation**. All faithful Catholics are expected to attend Mass for the Assumption either here at your own parish or at some other church which may have Mass at a time that is more convenient for your schedule.

Here at St. Joseph, Masses will take place on **Tuesday, August 15** at **9:00am** and also at **7:00pm**. There will be no vigil Mass the night before because we eliminated those in 2017.





FROM THE PASTOR



As was noted in last week's bulletin, and as you will see noted elsewhere in this bulletin, this coming Tuesday, August 15, is the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and it is a holy day of obligation.

There will be two Masses here at St. Joseph at 9:00, am and at 7:00, pm. It has been our custom here for the last several years to have these two holy day Masses—morning and evening—to accommodate those who wish to come here for the holy day obligation. Of course, you may attend Mass anywhere that day as long as you do, in fact, go to Mass.

Very frequently these days I hear people mentioning that they find the holy days of obligation confusing because a few decades ago the Bishops of the US decided that for certain holy days the obligation would be dispensed if the days fell on a Saturday or a Monday. It was felt that too many Americans didn't fulfill their obligation if it meant going to Mass two days in a row (for the holy day and for Sunday) so they decided to try to help people avoid a mortal sin by removing the obligation when some holy days fall on a Saturday or a Monday.

The two holy days that are never affected by this dispensation are Christmas Day and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (Dec. 8) which is also the patronal feast of the United States.

All the other holy days: All Saints' Day (Nov. 1), Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Jan. 1), The Assumption of Mary (Aug. 15) have the obligation dispensed when these days fall on a Saturday or a Monday. The Solemnity of the Ascension is no longer affected because, like the Epiphany and Corpus Christi, it has been transferred to a Sunday.

Of course St. Joseph's Day and the Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul never were considered holy days of obligation in this country even though they are in other countries.

So, I feel very comfortable as your Pastor reminding you that you cannot claim to be confused about whether or not the Assumption is a day of obligation this year because I have now told you that it is. In addition, in 2022 the Assumption fell on a Monday; in 2021 it fell on a Sunday; in 2020 it fell on a Saturday so it hasn't been a day of obligation since 2019...four years ago. So, there should be no confusion this year. You've had a long break and this year you **HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON AUGUST 15th**.

Have a good week ahead filled with blessings. Use the upcoming holy day as a chance to draw closer to the Lord in prayer and in the Eucharist. It is a beautiful feast that reminds us fidelity to the Lord like Mary's is fulfilled with the glory of heaven. Please don't consider the things of the spiritual life "optional" in the summer. Remember, above all, to **Keep The Faith!**

FAREWELL TO FR. GUY

Following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, August 27 all are invited to the Parish Center for a light reception to wish Father Guy farewell.

Father Guy will begin his new assignment at Saint Mary's in South Amboy and this is the opportunity to join in the fellowship and wish him well.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS-MISA DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

Please join Bishop Checchio in celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Mass in Spanish, on Friday September 15, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Together we will thank God for our diocese and for the opportunity to live our faith through our traditions.

Information: Lescobar@diometuchen.org or call (732) 243 4573.

Acompaña al Obispo Checchio en la celebración de la Misa de la Herencia Hispana en español, el viernes 15 de septiembre de 2023 a las 7 p.m. en la Catedral de San Francisco de Asis (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Juntos daremos gracias a Dios por nuestra diócesis y por la oportunidad de vivir nuestra fe a través de nuestras tradiciones. Información: Lescobar@diometuchen.org o llame al (732) 243 4573.