

# 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*

## 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.

## 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

## 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.*

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2023



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 18</b>
5:00pm	+The Bruno Family
r/o	Marie Marrello
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 19</b>
	<b>Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
7:30am	+Richard McGinn
r/o	Joyce Rock
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Georgia Hariton
r/o	Jack & Judy Hariton
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 20</b>
9:00am	+Mary Daugert
r/o	Ann Daugert
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 21</b>
9:00am	+George Nelson
r/o	Robyn Hilton
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
7:00am	Morning Prayer
9:00am	+Rev. Frederick L. Miller, S.T.D.
r/o	Barbara Smith
7:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 23</b>
9:00am	+Joseph Schleigh
r/o	Ron Haber
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 24</b>
9:00am	+Joseph & Florence Hudock
r/o	Ann Daugert

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, 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, Francine Gore, Charles Hensel, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, Sharon Lawson, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Sandra Mondello, Emma Parrales, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr., Emily Setteducato, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<b>February 4 / 5</b>	\$5,994.00
Electronic Giving	1,384.00
Other Income	550.00
Bingo Income	490.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,418.25</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$22.19</b>
<b>February 11 / 12</b>	\$5,256.00
Electronic Giving	2,196.00
Other Income	350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,802.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$594.06</b>

### DISPOSE OF YOUR OLD BLESSED PALMS

If you would like to get rid of your old palms you may drop them off at the Rectory Office anytime before Ash Wednesday (February 22). The Office is open Monday-Friday from 9:30am until 1:00pm. If you wish you may dispose of blessed palms yourself by burning them either in a fireplace or a barbecue grill.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FEST

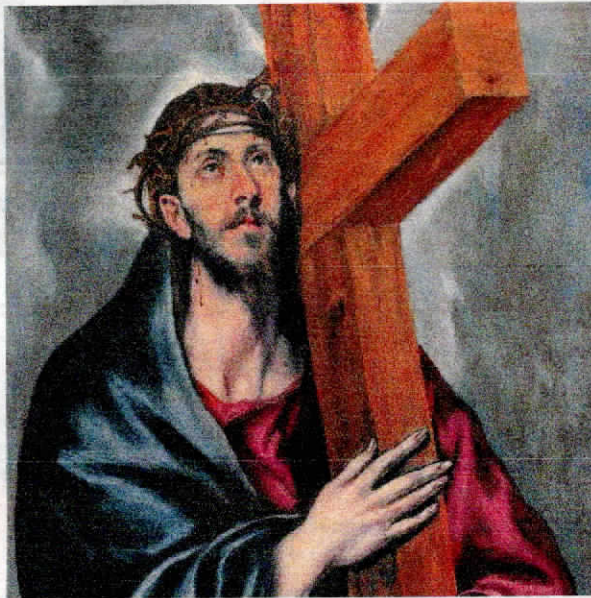
Don't miss our 2023 Lenten Fish Fest on the following Fridays - February 24, March 10 and March 24 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm in the Community Room. Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Kids 5-12 \$5, Under 5 is free. All proceeds will benefit the parish Capital Campaign.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday is February 22

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (see note below with regards to March 17).
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

**Note:** This year, the Memorial of St. Patrick falls on a Friday. For members of the faithful celebrating this Memorial and who desire it, Bishop Checchio has commuted the penitential obligation on March 17 to the obligation to abstain from meat on another day that same week.



### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is February 22. It is a day of strict fast and abstinence. It is **NOT** a holy day of obligation. Blessed ashes will be distributed at:

7:00am Morning Prayer  
9:00am Mass  
7:00pm Mass

### **WHAT IS GOING ON DURING LENT???**

**Confessions** will be heard this Lent on Wednesdays from 7:00-7:30pm and on Saturdays from 4:00-4:45pm. In addition, on Wednesday, March 29 there will be several priests here to hear Confessions during a Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00pm.

The Knights of Columbus are having a **Fish Fest** on Feb. 24, March 10 and March 24. ***Please see details elsewhere in this bulletin.***

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent after the 9:00am Mass and also at 7:00pm in the church. On February 24, March 10 and March 24 the evening Stations will be led by the Knights of Columbus.

**Fr. Guy's Q&A** takes place on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00pm in the Community Room.

**Food Pantry Collection** on the evenings the KofC are leading Stations (Feb. 24; March 10 & March 24) those attending are requested to bring a canned food item to be donated to the Washington Food Pantry.

**Holy Hours** in order to spend some extra time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Wednesday, March 1, Wednesday, March 29 (with Confessions) & Wednesday April 5 (the Wednesday of Holy Week) from 7:00-8:00pm in the church. These celebrations are open to all and we be in English and Spanish.

### **FROM THE PASTOR**



As you have all seen the Baptismal Font in the Narthex recently underwent an extensive refurbishment. Last Sunday, after the 11:00 Mass it was "re-blessed" for sacred use.

This project was the result of the hard work of Miguel Sanchez, a parishioner of St. Joseph who attends the Mass celebrated in Spanish every week. He is also the person who was the driving force behind the refurbishment and repainting of the church interior during the Covid lockdown. For both projects Miguel (who works with others as well) donated his time and labor to the parish.

We cannot thank him enough for this. He understands well that contributing to your parish doesn't always mean money. Instead, he gave us something that is, perhaps, even more valuable: his skills and his time. Because of his willingness to do this and to be of service to his community of faith we now have a beautifully refurbished font.

THANK YOU, MIGUEL!

Como todos han visto, la fuente bautismal en el Nártex se sometió recientemente a una extensa remodelación. El pasado domingo, después de la Misa de las 11:00 horas fue "rebenedecida" para uso sagrado.

Este proyecto fue el resultado del arduo trabajo de Miguel Sánchez, un feligrés de St. Joseph que asiste a la misa que se celebra en español todas las semanas. También es la persona que impulsó la renovación y el repintado del interior de la iglesia durante el confinamiento por el Covid. Para ambos proyectos, Miguel (que trabaja con otros, incluido el presidente del Comité Hispano, José Santiago) donó su tiempo y trabajo a la parroquia.

No podemos agradecerle lo suficiente por esto. Él entiende bien que contribuir a su parroquia no siempre significa dinero. En cambio, nos dio algo que es, quizás, aún más valioso: sus habilidades y su tiempo. Debido a su voluntad de hacer esto y de estar al servicio de su comunidad de fe, ahora tenemos una fuente bellamente restaurada.

¡GRACIAS, MIGUEL!

This is something that can give us all a moment of reflection. Do you think that "supporting your parish" simply means putting money in the collection? It doesn't. We need **YOU**. We need all of you, which doesn't mean every one but meaning all of yourselves including your skills, your time and your presence. This is a community and it is only as strong as its members make it.

Have a blessed week ahead and remember, above all, to Keep The Faith!

