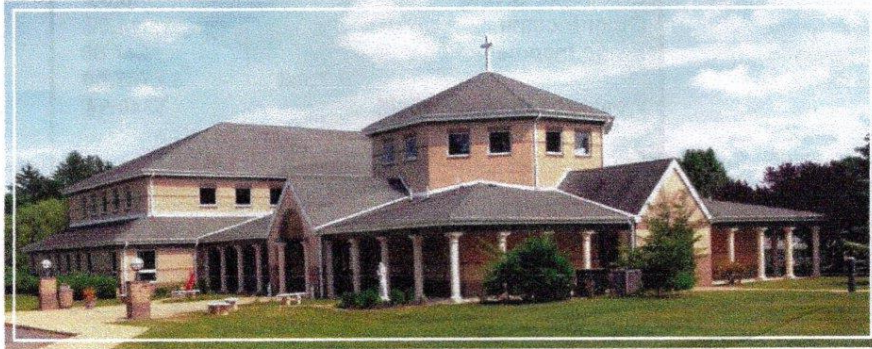


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>February 25</u>
5:00pm	+George W. Melious <i>r/o Family</i>
Sunday	<u>February 26</u> <u>First Sunday of Lent</u>
7:30am	+Chesterine Rolak <i>r/o Family</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Joseph & Maria Carreiro <i>r/o Family</i>
Monday	<u>February 27</u>
9:00am	+All Souls <i>r/o The Pinto Family</i>
Tuesday	<u>February 28</u>
9:00am	
Wednesday	<u>March 1</u>
9:00am	+Nora Dowling <i>r/o Mary Zvirblys</i>
Thursday	<u>March 2</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Family</i>
Friday	<u>March 3</u>
9:00am	+Grace Valverde-Cruz <i>r/o Fr. Guy</i>

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, 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, 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
<u>February 11 / 12</u>	\$5,256.00
Electronic Giving	2,196.00
Other Income	350.00
Total	\$7,802.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$594.06
<u>February 18 / 19</u>	\$5,082.00
Electronic Giving	1,064.00
Bingo Income	657.50
Other Income	60.50
Total	\$6,864.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,532.06)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FEST

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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.

CONGRATS CONFIRMANDI !

our prayerful congratulations to our parish young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday morning from our Bishop, James Checchio. God bless you as you complete your initiation in the Church. Our thanks to Mrs. Rock who directs our Religious Education program and to the Catechists and volunteers!



FROM THE PASTOR



The great and holy season of Lent is upon us once again. Now we begin a time of prayer, fasting and penitence. It is our annual spiritual Spring cleaning when we clear away all that holds us back from being true disciples of Christ. We strive, through discipline and penance, to remove all the stumbling blocks in the way between us and God. Many people find this process unpleasant. Still others rejoice each Lent to have the opportunity, once again, to be reconciled to God.

They see it as the chance to hit the “re-set” button of their lives and make a new pilgrimage on the way of following the Lord. This is the time of year to remove all the things that can distract us. Maybe you might try spending less time online, on the phone (texting as well as talking) or on social media? These things can often be a tremendous distraction. Lent is a good time to let go of them for a few weeks. You never know. After a few weeks of doing so you might find the ability to make the change even more permanent?

Regardless of what you do this Lent try not to see this holy season as something to be endured. Don't grit your teeth and just try to get through it. Rather, embrace the discipline of Lent as a joyous thing. It is another chance to get it right; another chance to grow in holiness. Don't waste it!

Some day we will all die.

That sobering thought should be part of our motivation in Lent. We spend forty days preparing to celebrate the joy of Easter when we recall the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord which accomplished our salvation. But, for us to reach that salvation we, too, like Christ will have to undergo our own death. We will stand before the Lord and be required to give an accounting for ourselves.

Use these forty days spending time stripping away all the bad habits; all the petty sins; all the material desires; all the rationalizations we use to justify our bad behavior...

Take it all and give it to the Lord. Open your heart to Him and, yes indeed, beg for His mercy. Because, with the Lord there is mercy, and the fullness of redemption. Death and judgement is coming for us all but we do not have to be afraid. Rather, we have, time and time again, the chance to make a fresh start and bring ourselves closer to the Lord. Lent is one such chance and we shouldn't try to just “get through it” like some foul-tasting medicine. Instead, see these days as a time to do that which we all desire the most: to turn away from sin; to believe in the Good News; to draw even closer to the Lord who loves us and saves us.

May this week ahead—even with its prayer, fasting and penance—be filled with blessings. Remember above all to **Keep The Faith!**



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 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 (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.