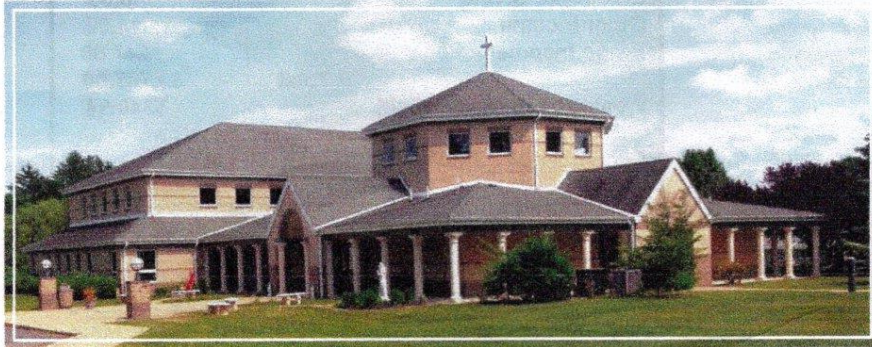


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>January 21</u>
5:00pm	+Albert Schaare <i>r/o Maryellen Hudock</i>
Sunday	January 22 <u>Third Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Ruth Ann Lambert <i>r/o Sandra Pappalardo</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Agnes Reilly <i>r/o The Levin Family</i>
Monday	<u>January 23</u>
9:00am	+Agnes D. Melious <i>r/o Family</i>
Tuesday	January 24 <u>Saint Francis de Sales</u>
9:00am	+Bette Hoffman <i>r/o Helen</i>
Wednesday	January 25 <u>The Conversion of Saint Paul</u>
9:00am	+Jeremiah Hogan <i>r/o Mary Zvirblys</i>
Thursday	January 26 <u>Saint Timothy & Saint Titus</u>
9:00am	+Joseph & Maria Carreiro <i>r/o Family</i>
Friday	<u>January 27</u>
9:00am	+Derek Ensor <i>r/o Mary Zvirblys</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, 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, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, 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

The altar candles are for the Health & Blessings for Sandra Mondello at the request of the Family

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
January 7 / 8	\$4,349.00
Electronic Giving	1,314.00
Total	\$5,663.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,733.06)
Diocesan Together In Charity	\$553.00
January 14 / 15	\$6,568.00
Electronic Giving	2,446.00
Total	\$9,014.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$617.94

2023 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The book for Mass intentions for 2023 is open. Please stop by the Parish Office or you may fill out a Mass Request Form found in the narthex and return it to us accompanied by full payment. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00. Requests for Mass intention **MAY NOT** be taken online or over the phone.

TRICKY TRAY at ICS

Immaculate Conception School- Annandale will be hosting a Tricky Tray Fundraiser on Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 2:00-6:00pm in the Church Parish Hall at (316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale). Tickets can be purchased at the door or pre-ordered online at <https://icsannandale.org/tricky-tray> (Cash and check only).

A 50/50 raffle is also being held- tickets may be purchased at the Tricky Tray or online at <https://icsannandale.org/50-50>. The 50/50 drawing will take place on March 11, 2023 at the Disco Fever Gala - winner need not be present. Any Questions contact: icsgala@icsclinton.org





LAST CHANCE FOR ADS AND BOOSTERS

The 150th Anniversary Committee wants to give everyone another chance to place an ad or booster in the 150th Anniversary Booklet.

Father Guy wanted to delay the printing of the booklet so that pictures of the celebration could be included. Volunteers will be available after each Mass the weekends of January 21 / 22 and 28 / 29 in the Narthex to collect your information and donations.

A booster is a free-will donation and the amount donated will not be advertised. Our target is to have the booklets printed and available **free of charge** on or before Easter. The ads and boosters are being used to defray this expense.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Bereavement Support Group is being offered at Immaculate Conception Church beginning January 25, 2023 from 1pm – 2:30pm in the Parish Hall. A support group is a safe place where you can talk, cry, and share your anger, guilt, and fears with those who care and understand. Heal Your Grief is an eight-week non-denominational support group open to all Christian adults who have lost a loved one due to death. Pre-registration is not required - For additional information contact Diane Eisenhart - 908-347-3065 or Bob Zappulla - 908-268-7360

FROM THE PASTOR



In the Gospel this weekend we hear about “a great light” that has shone in the land. Of course, in these post-Christmas days it is easy for us to understand that we have celebrated the light shining in the darkness as the coming of the Messiah. We have been reminded of God’s presence among us in our daily lives because Jesus has come into the world.

We must all also reflect on the fact that it isn’t just that we experience the light shining on us in Christ. We, too, are called to be light in the world. We, as the disciples of Jesus Christ, are also called to bring light into the darkened places of this world. None of us has to shoulder that burden alone. It is a shared calling and a shared responsibility. In addition, we have not only the Scriptures to guide us but we also have the Eucharist and Reconciliation to strengthen us, sustain us and nourish us.

Jesus Christ came into the world to accomplish the work of salvation. He began alone, gathered a coterie of disciples around Him, and then expanded His efforts to more and more people. Then, when the time was right for Him to return to the Father from Whom He had come, He handed on the task of continuing this work to others.

We are the others.

From the very moment of our Baptism, when Christ claimed us as His own and led us out of darkness into His own wonderful light, we have been among His disciples; we are among the chosen; we are a part of His coterie to whom He has expanded His own efforts. What the Lord expects of us is that we, too, will carry on the great work of the salvation of the world.

Sometimes, the world can be a very dark place. I am not only referring to global problems like the climate, or problems of nations like wars and insurrections. I am referring to the life we all live right here at home among our families and our friends. Sometimes the shadows seem to lengthen over us and everything around us can seem quite dark. Human suffering doesn’t just occur on a massive scale. In fact, sometimes that is just so big it’s almost too much for us to really take it in.

But, all of us experience darkness in our own lives, in our homes, in our hearts and minds. It is to those dark places that are closer to us personally and which we can comprehend that we are called to bring light.

In the week ahead I pray that you will receive abundant blessings from God. I ask you also to be a blessing to others. **Be** the light in the darkness surrounding you and those you love. This we can all do by remembering to *Keep The Faith!*

