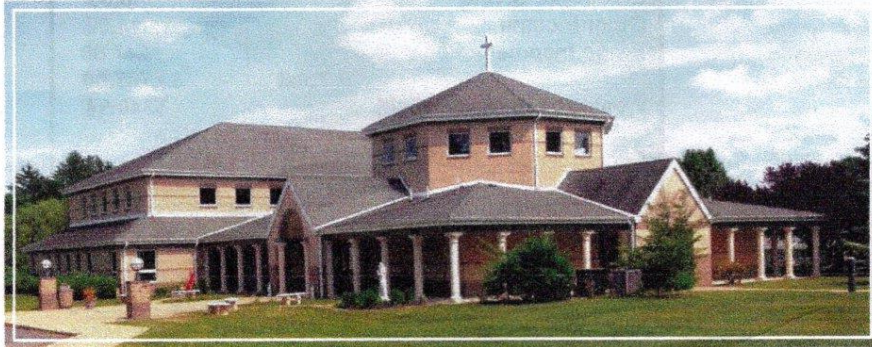


# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.*



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 2023



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 15</b> <b><u>Saint Bonaventure</u></b>
5:00pm	+Steven Hudock r/o Ann Daugert
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 16</b> <b><u>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>
7:30am	+Soledad Reyes r/o The Schmieder Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Betty Dunbar r/o Jo-Anne Ward
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>July 17</u></b>
9:00am	+Ruth Treffinger r/o Theresa Cappello
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>July 18</u></b>
9:00am	+Roger DeLuca r/o Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>July 19</u></b>
9:00am	+Maria Grazia Selvester r/o Fr. Guy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>July 20</u></b>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>July 7</u></b>
9:00am	+Rev. Blaise R. Baran r/o Bobby & Mary Kovacs

### 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, 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, Angelo Saccos, 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
<b>July 1 / 2</b>	<b>\$7,379.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,277.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,656.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2,192.00</b>
<b>July 8 / 9</b>	<b>\$5,905.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,202.00
Other Income	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,207.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$743.00</b>

### BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of July 7, our parish has pledged **\$16,992.60** which represents **60.69%** of our goal. So far there have been 87 individual donations made.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

According to information received this past week from Giving Trend, the company administering our Capital Campaign the total amount pledged to the campaign as of June 23 is: **\$443,612.00**. The total amount that has been paid is: **\$340,235.00**.

Our goal is to reach \$600,000. So far expenses (including Giving Trend fees, last year's Bishop's Appeal goal and replacement of the Parish Center HVAC units) amounted to \$122,858.00. That means our adjusted cash-on-hand is: **\$217,377.00**.

### TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Immaculate Conception Elementary school, Hunterdon County's sole Catholic parish school with a 400+ student enrollment, is seeking to hire dynamic teachers with a passion and love for teaching young children. Candidates with creative energy and a collaborative mindset are encouraged to apply. These positions are full-time, offer a competitive salary based on years of experience, and offer full benefits. All candidates must be certified by the State of New Jersey or preparing for teacher certification through the NJ State Department of Education's alternative programming. Master's degree preferred, but not required. Seeking a Middle School Math/Science teacher; Preschool teacher and a 3rd grade teacher. Applicants may apply by emailing: principal @ icsclinton .org by July 24

### 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



## FROM THE PASTOR



This coming week the Church celebrates a saint who played a major role in the story of our salvation but who continues to be maligned because of misinformation. On Saturday, July 22 the Church keeps the feast of St. Mary Magdalen.

This woman was a contemporary of Jesus and, indeed, one of His followers. She had been profoundly affected by His teachings and His presence and she devoted herself to following Him. In fact, it was Mary Magdalen who went to the tomb early in the morning on the Sunday after Jesus died to visit his grave. She was the first to see Him risen from the dead. Jesus entrusted her with going and telling the disciples that He had risen. Jesus sent her on a mission. The word apostle means “one sent on a mission”. So, in a very real way her mission—her apostolate— was to proclaim the resurrection to the world. For this she is called “the apostle to the apostles”.

But, everyone thinks she was a prostitute.

There is positively **no** evidence whatsoever to support the idea that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute. None! All that the Scriptures say is that she had been a very sinful woman. That could mean almost anything. It does not imply she was a prostitute and her becoming a follower of Jesus reformed her. Some question whether or not Mary Magdalen may have been the woman caught in adultery that Jesus saved from stoning. That may possibly be so but, again, adultery is not the same thing as prostitution.

Yet, this calumny has been repeated and repeated throughout the centuries to the point that many people, perhaps even most people, assume that it's true, *but it isn't true.*

Thanks to people like Dan Brown with his well-read book The DaVinci Code there are lots of people who think that Mary Magdalen was the wife, or worse yet, merely the lover of Jesus. After all, how could a man and a woman have a close relationship without it becoming romantic or physical, right? That kind of wrong-headed, unthinking nonsense serves no good purpose in the Church, or in the world.

Mary Magdalen was a sinner who converted from a life of sin because of Christ. In that she is just like all of you, and me, and everyone else in the Church: a poor sinner seeking redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ. Don't embellish what she was to make it “racier” and **STOP** believing things about our faith that don't come from a reliable source.

I hope you all have a blessed week ahead of you filled with good things and peace. Even though it is summer don't take a vacation from church. God doesn't take a vacation from **YOU**. Above all things, wherever you may be or whatever you might be doing remember to **Keep The Faith!**

### COMMUNAL THANKSGIVING AT MASS

As part of the ongoing effort to effect a revival of Eucharistic devotion we will observe a period of silent reflection after Communion at all Masses. This is a moment for everyone to make a personal thanksgiving after Communion and to reflect on the awesome Mystery of the Eucharist we have just received. Then we will recite together a communal thanksgiving by praying the prayer written by St. Thomas Aquinas known as “O Sacrum Convivium” (O Sacred Banquet) which goes:

*“O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.”*

After that we will have the Prayer After Communion followed by the announcements and then the blessing and dismissal. **This practice will continue at every Mass until further notice.**

### FAREWELL TO FR. GUY

Father Guy's last Sunday at our parish will be August 27. On that day after the 11:00am Mass there will be a light reception in order to give parishioners the opportunity to say farewell to Fr. Guy. All parishioners are cordially invited to this reception and to wish Fr. Guy well in his new assignment.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Joseph Council 5170 will sponsor a blood drive in the Parish Center on Sunday, July 30 from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Donors must schedule an appointment to donate blood. Appointments can be made at [www.council5170.org](http://www.council5170.org) or by scanning the QR code on the flyers in the Narthex. Save a life – give blood!