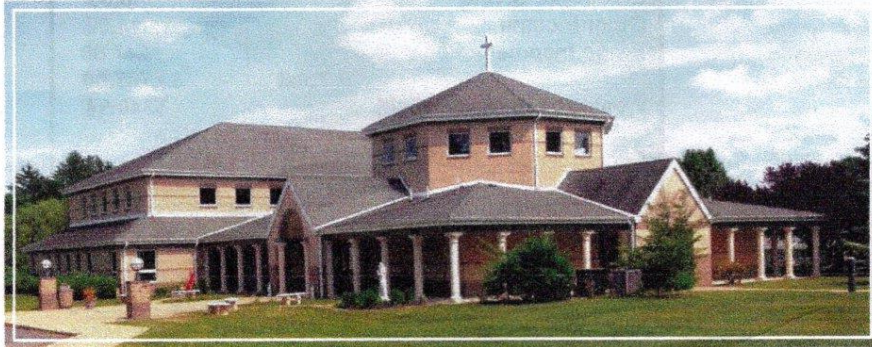


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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-----stjosephchurch1871@gmail.com

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	July 22 <u>Saint Mary Magdalene</u>
5:00pm	+Bart Schott r/o <i>Maryellen Hudock</i>
Sunday	July 23 <u>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Victoria Ekeson r/o <i>Mr. & Mrs. Ed Klimas & Family</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Robert Aquino r/o <i>Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino</i>
Monday	July 24
9:00am	+James Smith r/o <i>The Lusardi Family</i>
Tuesday	July 25 <u>Saint James</u>
9:00am	+George W. Melious r/o <i>Family</i>
Wednesday	July 26 <u>Saints Joachim and Anne</u>
9:00am	+Reverend Blaise R. Baran r/o <i>Jim & Barbara McAloon</i>
Thursday	July 27
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the Doyle Family r/o <i>Johanna Lynch</i>
Friday	July 28
9:00am	+George & Theresa Grogan r/o <i>Family</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, Sharon Lawson, Dave 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, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd,

Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
<u>July 8 / 9</u>	\$5,905.00
Electronic Giving	1,202.00
Other Income	100.00
Total	\$7,207.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$743.00
<u>July 15 / 16</u>	\$4,370.00
Electronic Giving	2,889.00
Total	\$7,259.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$795.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of July 14, our parish has pledged **\$17,042.60** which represents **60.87%** 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

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.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED

Saints Philip & James School is currently in search of an elementary school classroom teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. All certifications, clearances and fingerprinting are required. Please contact our school principal, Mrs. Patricia Bell, at 908-859-1244 or bell.patricia@spsj.org for more information, or to apply.



FROM THE PASTOR



This coming week the Church celebrates Jesus' Grandparents! On Wednesday we keep the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne. We sometimes forget that, in the flesh, Jesus—the Son of God—also had a human family like the rest of us. It is not known whether or not Ss. Joachim and

Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, ever got to see or know their grandson, Jesus, or if they were still alive when He was born and lived. It could well have been the case but we simply don't know.

Nevertheless, they did exist and they also serve to remind us of the importance of our own ancestors as well as the vital role that many grandparents play in the lives of the families of which they are a part.

The Church hasn't forgotten about grandparents either. In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, July 26. The theme for the 2023 celebration selected by the Pope is "*His mercy is from age to age*" (Lk 1:50).

However, to make two different calendars—sacred and secular—come together (for once!), the U.S. bishops have approved the transfer of the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in the U.S. to the first weekend after Labor Day in September to coincide with *National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day* in the United States. Many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated that day already for some time.

If your grandparents are still here with you make sure that this coming week for the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne, you do something nice to show them you appreciate them. Also, in September, on the weekend of the 9th & 10th, make sure you show your appreciation again. If your grandparents have already gone home to the Lord, as all of mine have, then remember to express your love and appreciation by remembering them in your prayers.

Have a wonderful week ahead! I'm now up to my eyeballs in sorting, packing and discarding in preparation for my move in August. I hope you are doing more fun things than that and will have a week filled with blessings. Remember to stay involved with your spiritual life even though it is a time of "vacation" for many. God doesn't take a break from us; don't take one from Him. And, above all, 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 or by scanning the QR code on the flyers in the Narthex. Save a life – give blood!

