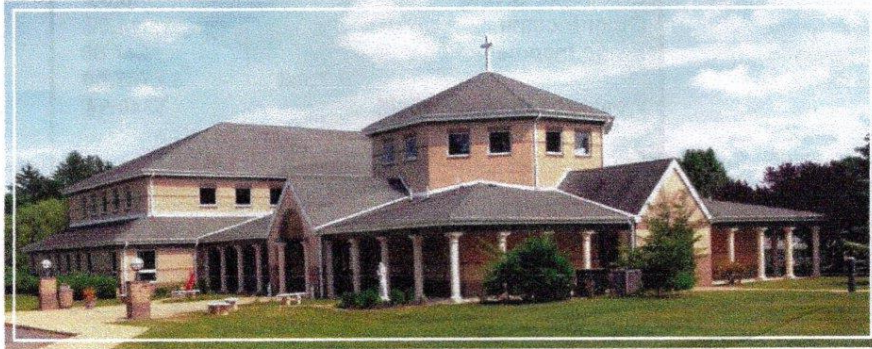


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

200 CARLTON AVENUE · WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07882

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father." —Matthew 10:32



Parish Office/Rectory----- 908-689-0058

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Website ----- stjosephwashingtonnj.org

Parish Email

-----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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	July 29 <u>Saint Martha</u>
5:00pm	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Family</i>
Sunday	July 30 <u>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Reverend Blaise R. Baran <i>r/o Paul & Felina Schmieder</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Bill Wargin <i>r/o Knights of Columbus Council #5170</i>
Monday	July 31 <u>Saint Ignatius of Loyola</u>
9:00am	For the Sick <i>r/o A Parishioner</i>
Tuesday	August 1 <u>Saint Alphonsus Liguori</u>
9:00am	+Elizabeth O'Grady Confessore <i>r/o Clement Confessore</i>
Wednesday	August 2
9:00am	+Timothy Clark Confessore <i>r/o Clement Confessore</i>
Thursday	August 3
9:00am	+Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Valatka <i>r/o Mary Zvirblys</i>
Friday	August 4 <u>Saint John Vianney</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o 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 Rheh 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 Trimarache, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
July 15 / 16	\$4,370.00
Electronic Giving	2,889.00
Total	\$7,259.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$795.00
July 22 / 23	\$4,810.00
Electronic Giving	1,232.00
Total	\$6,042.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$422.00)

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of July 21, our parish has pledged \$17,542.60 which represents 62.65% 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

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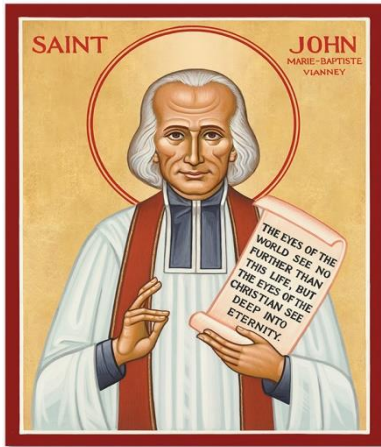
Please join Bishop Checchio in celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Mass in Spanish, on Friday September 15, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Together we will thank God for our diocese and for the opportunity to live our faith through our traditions.

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 Asís (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



Pray for your priests! By this I am not, for once, asking you to pray for more priests. Although, it should be said that we must all pray for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and Religious Life whenever we can. However, in this instance I am asking you to pray for all of the men, like myself, who already are priests.

Friday, August 4 is the feast of **St. Jean Vianney**, also known as the Curé of Ars. He is the patron saint of priests and, in particular, of parish priests. (There is an icon of St. Jean Vianney in the Narthex of our church near the door on the driveway side.)

The priesthood is a beautiful calling. It is a wonderful life filled with many and varied blessings. It is also engaging and challenging work that, although sometimes routine, is never boring. But, the truth is that it is also a life filled with many trials and, as we move into the future facing more and more shortages of priests coming up through the pipeline, it is steadily becoming more and more difficult to do.

In times past priests could rely on the support of their brother priests in ministry. There were more of us to share the burden and make the ministerial tasks easier to do. That left some room for moving beyond just the basics and gave priests the opportunity to use their creativity in approaching the ministries they did. That is rapidly vanishing. Increasingly, priests are working alone in parishes that used to have 3 or even 4 priests in them. Older priests (a category into which I am beginning to fit) are expected to do more for longer than they used to be required to. There was a time when, after doing a lot of the "heavy lifting" in their younger days priests could look forward to becoming a pastor when they got older and— even while having to handle administration—could count on several younger priests working under their supervision to do the harder tasks they themselves did when they were young. Again, this is no longer the case.

We now live in a time and place where priests are under attack; disrespected; openly mocked; ignored by their own people and derided as being connected to a corrupt and out-of-date Church. Some of that (it must be said) is our own fault within the Church but much if not most comes because of changing attitudes and values in the society around us.

So...pray for your priests. We need it! Whether we like it or not, without the priesthood there are no Sacraments. Without the Sacraments there is no Church. St. Jean Vianney faced many trials in his priestly life and, by faith, overcame them all to be a good and holy priest. This week commend your priests to his intercession. I know they will appreciate your prayers.

Have a Blessed week ahead and remember, above all, 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 – aive blood!

