

# 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.*

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 2023



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>July 1</u></b>
5:00pm	Roy Godshalk r/o <i>The Godshalk Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 2</b> <b><u>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o <i>Family</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+John Zvirblys r/o <i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 3</b> <b><u>Saint Thomas</u></b>
9:00am	+Reverend Blaise R. Baran r/o <i>John &amp; Linda McGinn</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 4</b>
9:00am	+Oseas Gomez r/o <i>Ileana Hannema</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 5</b>
9:00am	+Brenda Fratesi r/o <i>Jim &amp; Barbara McAloon</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 6</b>
9:00am	+Martin Rock r/o <i>Joyce Rock &amp; Sons</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 7</b>
9:00am	+Marie Hartmann r/o <i>Jim &amp; Barbara McAloon</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 Rhee Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, 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:

<b>Church Expenses:</b>	<b>\$6,464.00</b>
<b>June 17 / 18</b>	<b>\$4,879.00</b>
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	<b>2,124.00</b>
<b>Father's Day Donations</b>	<b>895.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,898.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,434.00</b>
<b>June 24 / 25</b>	<b>\$3,691.00</b>
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	<b>1,012.00</b>
<b>Summer Fuel Donations</b>	<b>648.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,351.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,113.00)</b>

### BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of June 23, our parish has pledged **\$16,792.60** which represents **59.97%** of our goal. So far there have been 86 individual donations made.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

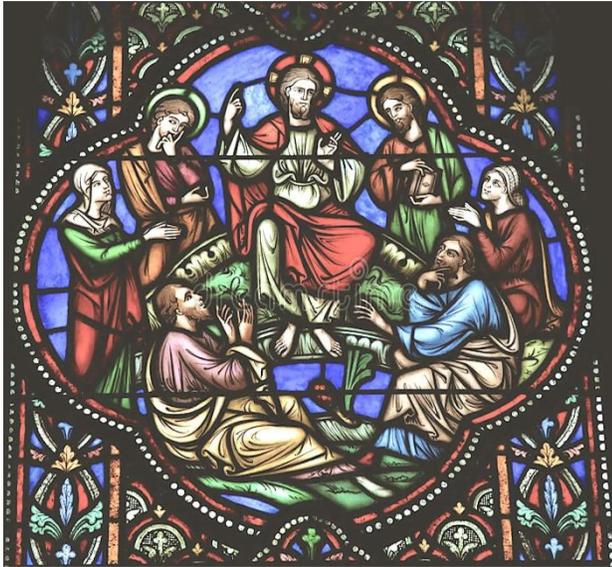
According to information received this past week from Giving Trend, the company administering our Capital Campaign the total amount pledged to the campaign as of June 23 is: **\$443,612.00**. The total amount that has been paid is: **\$340,235.00**.

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 @ icscClinton .org by July 24

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4**



### **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.**

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Starting this coming Friday, June 23 the Parish Office Hours will change slightly for the summer. The office will be open **Monday through Thursday from 9:30am until 12:00 Noon and then after lunch from 1:00 until 4:30pm.** On **Fridays**, the Office will be open from **9:30am straight through until 1:00pm and then close for the day.**

### **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!

### **FROM THE PASTOR**



We have a Pastor! As you are all surely aware by now Bishop Checchio announced last weekend that he has appointed **Fr. James Kyrpczak** to be my successor as the 24th Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Washington. This is good news indeed and comes at the end of several months of anxious waiting and anticipation.

Fr. James is a native of Hunterdon County having been raised in nearby Hampton, NJ. After studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia he was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Edward Hughes in May of 1996. He brings with him a wealth of pastoral experience having served in several parishes of our diocese. During my brief assignment at Our Lady of Peace in Fords, NJ for several months in 2001-2002 Fr. James and I served together as Parochial Vicars in that parish.

Since 2018, Fr. James (as he prefers to be called) has served as the Administrator of St. Joseph Church in High Bridge. With Father's transfer to Washington, the High Bridge parish will be twinned with St. John Neumann in Califon and those two small parishes will be jointly served by a single pastor (just like the arrangement for St. Rose in Oxford twinned with St. Patrick in Belvidere).

I hope you all make Fr. James as welcome here as you have made me in these last eight years. Knowing you as I do I am certain that you will.

Last weekend the Bishop also ended the speculation about where I would be going by appointing me as the Pastor of **St. Mary Church in South Amboy, NJ.** The original patronal designation of that parish is St. Mary, Star of the Sea because of its close proximity to the water. Last January when I spoke with the Bishop about how my term as Pastor was ending in 2023 I indicated to him an openness to being moved further east in the diocese so that I could be closer to Long Island where my family live since it would make visiting them easier.

Unexpectedly, the Pastor at St. Mary, who has been there for 29 years, requested to retire this year and so the parish came open. I saw this as Providential. You can't go any further east than South Amboy or you'll be in Raritan Bay! I believe God was answering a prayer of mine. So, the chance to request assignment at St. Mary arose and, just as I requested to be assigned here eight years ago, I asked the Bishop to be assigned to South Amboy and he said yes.

Sometimes when you need it the most, God sees to it that all the circumstances come together so that everything can work out. I pray that such blessings come to you and yours as well, now and in the future.

*These new appointments are effective September 1.*

In the mean time have a blessed week ahead and remember, above all things, to Keep The Faith!