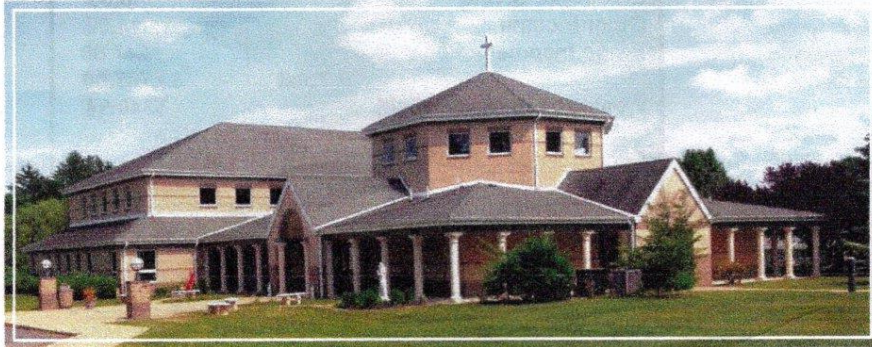


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>May 6</u>
5:00pm	+Maria Sigliano <i>r/o Elisa & Family</i>
Sunday	May 7 <u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>
7:30am	+Mary Beirne <i>r/o Family</i>
9:00am <i>(Spanish)</i>	People of the Parish
11:00am	+William Koye, Jr. <i>r/o Maria & Joe Lella & Family</i>
Monday	<u>May 8</u>
9:00am	Jean Flynn <i>r/o Helen Merlo</i>
Tuesday	<u>May 9</u>
9:00am	+Jim Shannon <i>r/o A Parishioner</i>
Wednesday	May 10
9:00am	+Barbara Shannon <i>r/o A Parishioner</i>
Thursday	<u>May 11</u>
9:00am	+Raphaella Selvester <i>r/o Patricia Selvester</i>
Friday	<u>May 12</u>
9:00am	+Michael & Etta Kovacs <i>r/o R. Kovacs & Family</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 Rreh Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hensel, 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, 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

April 22 / 23 \$4,968.00

Electronic Giving 1,129.00

Total \$6,097.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) \$367.00

April 29 / 30 \$5,137.00

Electronic Giving 1,207.00

Other Income 264.00

Total \$6,608.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) \$144.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

In the Spring of 2023, the Knights of Columbus Council #5170 will award The Frank & Rose Felitti Memorial Scholarship and The John & Dorothy Sutton Memorial Scholarship. Two scholarships for qualified students from Saint Joseph's Parish in Washington are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applicants currently must be attending high school or enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. High school age winners will receive their \$500 award during the Fall their first undergraduate year. Council #5170 will issue a check directly to the college or university that a student attends in the Fall. Each winner may receive one award each year but scholarships winners are eligible to submit applications for future awards as they are announced.

Please go to www.council5170.org for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY DEVOTION will take place on Sundays during the month of May. A rosary, focused on the Eucharist, will be prayed after Mass. Devotional booklets will be provided. The rosary will be prayed according to the following schedule:

May 14 7:30am Mass, The Luminous Mysteries
May 21 9:00am Mass The Glorious Mysteries (Spanish)
May 28 11:00am Mass The Glorious Mysteries

A social event will follow the recitation of the rosary.

NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

at **SIX FLAGS**
GREAT ADVENTURE

MAY 21, 2023



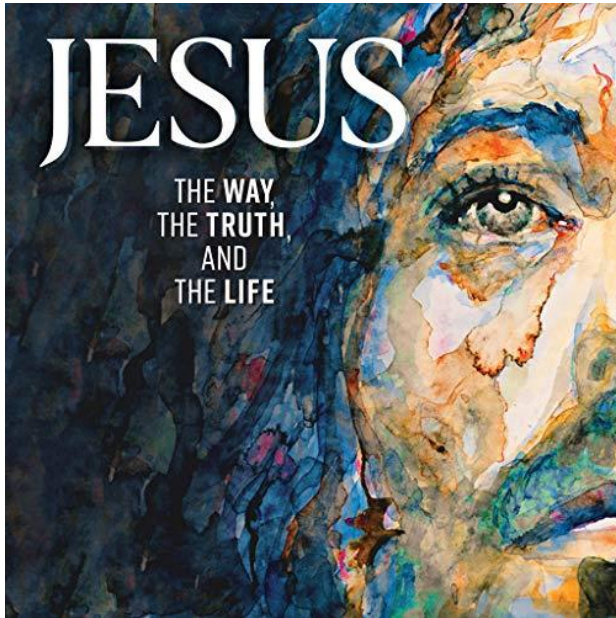
TICKETS

\$65.00
PER PERSON

\$30.00
FOR SEASON
TICKET HOLDERS

Please Visit Our Website to Register by May 12th: www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally

Opening Ceremony hosted by Diocese of Metuchen featuring Break Ministry!



FROM THE PASTOR



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Please take notice of two things that are upcoming this month. This coming Wednesday, May 10, there will be **no evening Confessions** because of a private wedding taking place in the

church.

Also, just to remind you with plenty of notice, last year the Bishops of the Province of Newark (all the Catholic bishops in the state of New Jersey) decided to transfer the **Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension** to the 7th Sunday of Easter **permanently**. This is in keeping with the practice of the majority of the dioceses throughout the United States. (Only the dioceses in the Provinces of Boston, Hartford, Philadelphia, New York and Omaha in the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and Nebraska still observe this feast on the Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter). Some 30 dioceses in the USA continue to celebrate the Ascension on a Thursday. Out of the 194 dioceses in the USA 164 have similarly transferred the Solemnity of the Ascension to the 7th Sunday of Easter.

As a result of this transfer, which is similar to the previously accomplished transfers of the Epiphany and Corpus Christi to Sundays, there is no longer a separate holy day of obligation connected with the Ascension. Rather, you are able to celebrate that Solemnity by coming to Mass on Sunday as usual.

The month of May is dedicated especially to Our Lady. I hope that you take some time this month to reacquaint yourself with the beautiful devotion of the rosary. Our parish is observing a special rosary after one Mass each weekend with the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus. After one Mass on each of the four Sundays in May a Eucharistic-centered rosary will be prayed in devotion to Our Lady as well as to her divine Son truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Of course, there is also a rosary prayed every single Sunday prior to the start of the 7:30am Mass. Anyone is welcome to attend that as well.

The rosary is a devotion that all Catholics learn about when they are young. Some people are very devoted to saying the rosary. It makes up part of their daily prayers each and every day. For others, the rosary is only something they turn to occasionally. Either way, it is a beautiful expression of our faith and a form of meditation you may find useful and helpful and even therapeutic in these troubled times. If you pray the rosary regularly, may God bless you for it. If it has been some time since you have prayed the rosary why not give it a try this month?

I hope that, by the intercession of our Blessed Lady, the Lord will fill the coming week for you with blessings and peace. Remember, above all things, to Keep The Faith!

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of April 28, our parish has pledged **\$14,987.60** which represents **53.52%** of our goal.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Our 2023 Mass Book is not full yet! There are some Mass intentions available We like to have all the intentions covered if possible. If you would like to request one of these intentions please stop by the Rectory Office Wednesday-Friday this week between 9:00am and 1:00pm to make the request. Mass intention requests cannot be taken over the phone because the offering must be made at the time of the request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blue Army Shrine located in Washington Township holds Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday from 1:00 – 3:00pm ending with Divine Mercy prayer.

All are welcome to visit and spend quite time with the Lord.

CONFESSIONS ON WEDNESDAY

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