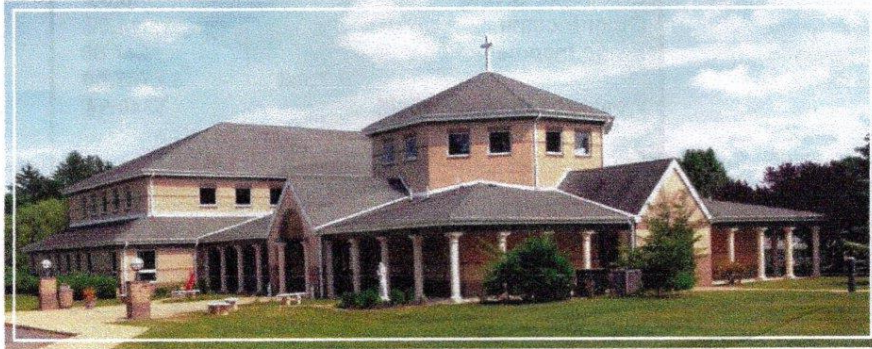


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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-----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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 5



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>November 4</u> <u>Saint Charles Borromeo</u>
5:00pm	+Barbara Bucciaglia r/o Karole & Terry Bradunas
Sunday	<u>November 5</u> <u>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Ellen Lynch r/o Jo-Anne Ward
Monday	<u>November 6</u>
9:00am	+Reverend Blaise R. Baran r/o Family
Tuesday	<u>November 7</u>
9:00am	+Barbara Schaare r/o Ann Daugert
Wednesday	<u>November 8</u>
9:00am	+Marilyn Russo r/o Gale Edolo
Thursday	<u>November 9</u> <u>The Dedication of the</u> <u>Lateran Basilica</u>
9:00am	+Jane Woznick r/o Donna DeBonte & James Rauch
7:00pm	All the Faithful Departed
Friday	<u>November 10</u> <u>Saint Leo the Great</u>
9:00am	+David T. Lewis r/o The Torres Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Patricia BarozAdrianna Berrios, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, 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, James Herring, Sharon Lawson, The Lewis Family, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Maureen Milletich, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Angelo Saccos, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche,

James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
<u>October 21 / 22</u>	<u>\$4,728.00</u>
Electronic Giving	<u>1,322.00</u>
Total	\$6,050.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$414.00)
Diocesan Propagation of Faith	\$1,020.50
<u>October 28 / 29</u>	<u>\$5,068.00</u>
Electronic Giving	<u>1,432.00</u>
Total	\$6,500.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$36.00)

OUTREACH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

A few parishioners asked us if we were doing a Christmas gift card/food collection, as well as a Giving Tree. Yes, we are! We will be doing the same 2 (\$25) ShopRite gift cards for 25 families, as well as a Giving Tree.

The Giving Tree will be displayed the beginning of November and all gifts should be returned before December 1 / 2. We will have food sign ups the weekends of November 4 / 5 and November 11 / 12 with all cards due back to us by November 26.

Thank You again for your generosity! If there are any questions, please contact Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765 or kbradunas@comcast.net

GIFT BEARERS AT MASS

If the Mass intention is for your loved one, please see an Usher prior to Mass and let him / her know that you would like to bring up the gifts. If you choose not to do so, please let the Usher know that so other arrangements may be made. With that being said, we are in need of Gift Bearers.

SAINT THEODORE'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Saturday, December 2, 2023 to be held at Mansfield Elementary School All-Purpose Room
50 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, New Jersey

Doors Open at 10:15am Drawings begin 11:45am
General admission \$15.00 / person OR reserve a table for 10 for \$150 by November 10

For more information contact 908-313-0081
No one under the age of 18 admitted
No alcohol permitted on premises

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR

On this first day of the month of November, we celebrate All Saints Day. On this day we celebrate the eternal reward of all the saints in Heaven, both those canonized and those unknown to us but, nevertheless, in heaven.

Tomorrow, the Church will celebrate All Souls Day, a day on which we pray for our departed loved ones. As we read in the Old Testament, prayer and atonement were made for the dead that they might be delivered from their sins.

During this Month of the Holy Souls, as the Church calls it, we are encouraged to pray for the souls in purgatory, where out of the mercy of God, final purification prepares these souls for the eternal glory of Heaven. One thing we can do is seek to gain an indulgence for a soul in purgatory. An indulgence is a way by which we access the graces flowing from the expiatory sacrifice of Christ Jesus and those members of His Body whose sacrifices are taken up in His throughout the centuries. The Church attaches indulgences to various prayers and pious practices. For example, from November 1-8, an indulgence can be gained, which must be applied to the souls in purgatory, by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead while there. I always like to visit my mother's grave during these days seeking to gain an indulgence for her soul and the souls of other departed loved ones.

Just now, a parishioner stopped in here at the office. I was able to chat with her for a few minutes before she had some Masses offered for departed loved ones. She said that she speaks very often with her father since his passing from this world several years ago; and she visits his gravesite often. Our belief in what we profess in the Creed each Sunday and Holy Day where it says: "I believe in the communion of saints" is put into practice each day of her life, filling her with both consolation and joy.

Remembering those who have gone before us in faith, praying for their souls and relying upon their intercession with God on our behalf is one of the great things that this month of November reminds us of each year.

May God bless, with eternal life, those who have gone before us and may He console and encourage us who continue our pilgrimage through life on this side of eternity so that one day, we too may be reunited with our loved ones in the joy of everlasting life!

In Christ,

Father James

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10

This passage from Malachi denounces the laxity and unfaithfulness of the people and especially of the priests, who failed in their duties to God and their neighbors.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Paul reminisces about his extremely happy and successful visit with the Thessalonians. He praises them once again for their immediate and open acceptance of his message as truly the word of God.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

In a strongly worded message, Jesus again rebukes the Pharisees for the hypocritical ostentation and love of honor and position. He reminds the people and the disciples that the truly greatest one is the one who serves others. He ends with the words, "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 11 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

Free-will donations will support new albs and other liturgical supplies for our Altar Servers as we expand this ministry. Takeout can be ordered ahead of time by going to council5170.org

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS 2024

Mass intention forms for 2024 can be found in the Narthex. You may mail your intentions or stop in the Parish Office. Please note that Mass intentions cannot be placed over the phone.

