

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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"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.

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Please notify the Parish Office.

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Rev. James A. Kyrpczak ----- *Pastor*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr. ----- *Deacon*

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Sonia Amparo Arevalo --- *Hispanic Committee Chairperson*

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 & 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 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.

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

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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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>September 30</u> <u>Saint Jerome</u>
5:00pm	+Michael Dante r/o <i>The Dante Family</i>
Sunday	October 1 <u>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o <i>Family</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Deceased Members of the r/o <u>Setteducato & Kovacs Families</u> <i>Mary & Bobby Kovacs</i>
Monday	<u>October 2</u> <u>The Holy Guardian Angels</u>
9:00am	+Reverend Blaise R. Baran r/o <i>Karole & Terry Bradunas</i>
Tuesday	<u>October 3</u>
9:00am	+Anne Riccardello r/o <i>The Orlowski Family</i>
Wednesday	<u>October 4</u> <u>Saint Francis of Assisi</u>
9:00am	Eric & Anita Goleskie r/o <i>The Torres Family</i>
Thursday	<u>October 5</u>
9:00am	+Donna Jean Lawler r/o <i>Maura & Joe Lella</i>
Friday	<u>October 6</u>
9:00am	+William Blockus r/o <i>Family</i>

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

<u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u>	
Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
<u>September 16 / 17</u>	\$5,208.00
Electronic Giving	2,924.00
Other Income	400.00
Total	\$8,532.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$2,068.00
<u>September 23 / 24</u>	\$4,655.00
Electronic Giving	1,505.00
Total	\$6,160.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$304.00)

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of September 1, our parish has pledged **\$18,117.60** which represents **64.71%** of our goal.

OUTREACH MINISTRY.....LOOKING AHEAD

2023 Outreach Thanksgiving Program
This year we are once again helping feed the people in our community. Along with other churches in the area, we will be contributing \$50 (2 - \$25 ShopRite gift cards) per family for a Thanksgiving dinner. We are hoping that Saint Joseph Parish can sponsor 25 families.

We will have sign-ups the weekends of October 14/15 and October 21/22. We would like to have the gift cards returned the weekends of October 21/22 and October 28/29. They can be put in the offertory basket. If you have any questions, please contact Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765 or kbradunas@comcast.net

Thank you again for your generous support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a grounds clean-up on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Please bring tools such as rakes, weeding tools and saws.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.



FROM THE PASTOR

Just yesterday, I was reminded of a young lady whom I instructed in the Catholic Faith. At the time, she was engaged to be married to a young man who was raised in a Catholic family and continued to practice his Faith, attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. Since she had begun attending Mass with him each Sunday, she decided that, unlike herself, she wanted her children to be raised as practicing Christians in the Catholic Church. She contacted our parish office and the matter was brought to my attention.

This young lady was not baptized at the time, had never been to any other church other than the Catholic Church and so needed a thorough instruction in the Catholic Faith, including a basic familiarity with the Sacred Scriptures. At the same time, she, being a very shy individual, did not feel comfortable preparing within our R.C.I.A. group; so, it was decided that I would instruct her privately. We arranged to meet on a weekly basis, usually after she finished work. Generally, she would come to the parish office on her way home from work, just before dinner time; although, we were always flexible with one another according to our particular schedules.

While we met in the parish office most times, occasionally I would be occupied with something else and so would instruct our parish secretary to send her over to the rectory when she arrived. Usually, I would be either busy in my woodworking shop, working on some project that needed to be finished, or, I would be preparing my dinner in the rectory kitchen on an evening when the other priests were not in for dinner.

So it was, that her instruction in the Catholic Faith would overlap with a lesson in either woodworking or cooking. Sometimes we would laugh about how she was given a lesson in the culinary arts "at no extra charge!" Or, she would insist that I could host a cooking show. In the end, she was well-prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

At the same time that she was being prepared to enter the Catholic Church, I had been preparing her and her fiancé for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. As part of that preparation, her father came to my office to fill out an affidavit attesting to her freedom to marry. On that occasion, I am pleased to say, he revealed to me that his daughter is so shy, that without my having made her feel comfortable throughout the process, that none of this would have ever happened.

Soon after that, I officiated at their wedding, attended the reception, later, went to bless their home and, even later than that, baptized their first child. Every year, even now, I still receive a Christmas card from her and her family.

So, how was I reminded recently of the experience I had with this young lady and her family? Every so often, while I'm cooking in the rectory kitchen, someone will interrupt me to discuss some parish business. While they might think that they are disturbing me, the reality is, they bring to mind joyful memories and, at the same time, help create new memories right here at Saint Joseph's.

It's these type of memories, of how we connect with one another and assist one another in connecting more fully with our Lord Jesus Christ, that we will one day bring with us into the joys of everlasting life!

Your Servant in Christ,

Father James

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is Wednesday, October 4. The blessing of animals will take place following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, October 1 on the parish grounds.

LIFE CHAIN

On Sunday, October 1 from 2:00pm-3:30pm our church will join with churches throughout Warren County to stand along the sidewalks in Phillipsburg, Washington and Great Meadows in a silent, peaceful and prayerful presence to pray for the unborn child and their mothers. Come join us! For more information please call 908-454-9880

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of additional volunteers at the food pantry. Our church assists on Tuesdays from 9:15am – 11:00am at the Presbyterian Church in Washington.

Please call Laura at the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number for more information.

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