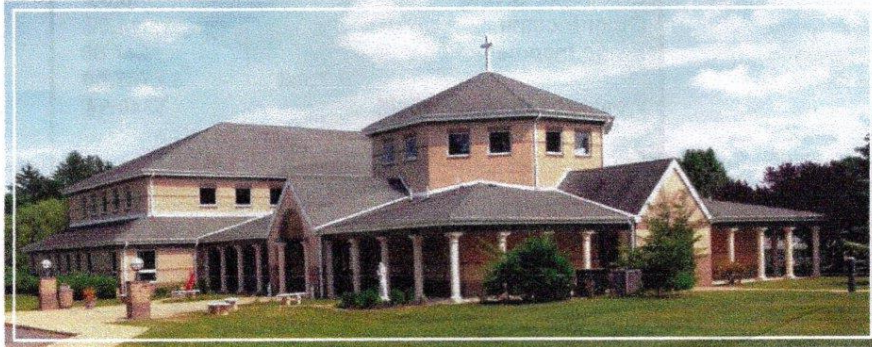


# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

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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.*



## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 29, 2023



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 28</b> <b><u>Saints Simon and Jude</u></b>
5:00pm	+Florence Kelly r/o Sharon & Andy Levin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 29</b> <b><u>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>
7:30am	+Christopher Lynch r/o Johanna Lynch
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Mary Lou & Ed Petro r/o Maryellen Hudock
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 30</b>
9:00am	+Sandra Mondello r/o Knights of Columbus #5170
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 31</b>
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the Zolnierowicz Family r/o Maryellen Hudock
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 1</b> <b><u>All Saints</u></b>
9:00am	Patricia Selvester r/o Father Guy
7:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 2</b> <b><u>The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</u></b>
9:00am	+Eileen Jones r/o Marie Orłowski
7:00pm	All the Faithful Departed
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 3</b>
9:00am	+Most Neglected Souls r/o Mary Zvirblyš

### 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:

<b>Church Expenses:</b>	<b>\$6,464.00</b>
<b>October 14 / 15</b>	<b>\$5,458.00</b>
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	<b><u>2,949.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,407.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,943.00</b>
<b>October 21 / 22</b>	<b>\$4,728.00</b>
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	<b><u>1,322.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,050.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$414.00)</b>
<b>Diocesan Propagation of Faith</b>	<b>\$1,020.50</b>

### OUTREACH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

A huge Thank You to everyone who signed up to participate in the Thanksgiving food collection. We wanted to get 25 families, but our parish signed up to sponsor 35 families! What a wonderful gift.

### 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.

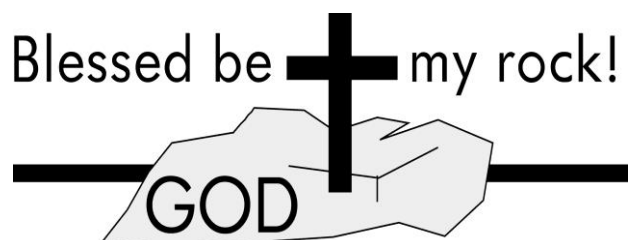
The Giving Tree will be displayed the beginning of November and all gifts should be returned before December 1. We will have food sign ups the weekends of November 4/5 and November 11/12 with all cards due back to us by November 26.

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

### 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.



## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FROM THE PASTOR

This evening, I'll be celebrating the Mass at 6pm at St. Philip and St. James in Phillipsburg. Following the Mass, I'll head over to the former Flynn's On The Hill, now, I believe, called Main Street, for dinner and a meeting. All of this is due to a letter I received from Bishop Checchio back when I was still in High Bridge. The letter appointed me Chaplain of the Saint John Vianney Vocations Club of Warren County (formerly called the Serra Club of Warren County). Members meet on the last Wednesday of each month for 6pm Mass at St. Philip and St. James followed by dinner at a restaurant during which a meeting takes place. The purpose of this club is for its members to offer prayers for vocations. Jesus did say: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (*Luke 10:2*).

Praying for vocations is more than just praying for young men to answer God's call to priesthood or young women and men to answer His call to religious life. It's also praying for those who are called by God to married life. We need to pray that young people enter into a truly sacramental marriage. That they understand the call to married life to mean that they, united as one flesh, are entering into a life-long covenant with Christ Jesus, our Lord! All too often nowadays, young people in our Catholic Church don't see the reason or importance for getting married in the Church. And so, we need to pray for these as well that, no matter what call God gives, whether it be to priesthood, religious life or the married state, that our young people will hear, understand and answer God's call.

The vocations club of Warren County meets in Phillipsburg, but is open to all Catholics residing in Warren County. If anyone is interested in attending a Mass and/or a meeting, please let me know. I would be happy to share a ride with anyone from our parish wishing to attend on any last Wednesday of the month. Our prayers for our young people are indeed important as Jesus pointed out. There's a great harvest of disciples out there, even among the children of married couples who are brought to the waters of baptism. These are the future members of our Church as are the priests and religious who will minister to them!

In Christ,

Father James

### **First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

### **Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40**

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

### **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](http://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.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

A reminder that classes will not be held on Tuesday, October 31. Keep in mind that the following day Wednesday, November 1 is All Saints Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

