

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*

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

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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

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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 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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

- Saturday September 2
 - 5:00pm Friends and Family of Elisa
r/o *Elisa*
- Sunday September 3
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - 7:30am +Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o *Family*
 - 9:00am People of the Parish
(Spanish)
 - 11:00am +Bill Wargin
r/o *Mary & Bobby Kovacs*
- Monday September 4
 - 9:00am +Reverend Blaise R. Baran
r/o *Maria Meritz*
- Tuesday September 5
 - 9:00am +John J. Yazor
r/o *Fr. Guy Selvester*
- Wednesday September 6
 - 9:00am +Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o *Family*
- Thursday September 7
 - 9:00am +Grace Napolitano
r/o *Mary Jo Trimmer*
- Friday September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - 9:00am +All Souls
r/o *A Parishioner*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Adrianna Berrios, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rhex 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, 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>August 19 / 20</u>	\$5,515.00
Electronic Giving	2,294.00
Other Income	500.00
Total	\$8,309.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,845.00
<u>August 26 / 27</u>	
Electronic Giving	\$4,573.00
Total	1,232.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$5,805.00
	\$659.00

WELCOME FATHER JAMES

The parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish would like to extend a warm welcome to Father James as he begins his new assignment here in Washington.

We wish him God's blessings as he ministers to the spiritual needs of the parish.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal this year is once again \$28,000.00. So far, this year, as of August 25, our parish has pledged **\$18,117.60** which represents **64.71%** of our goal.

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 August 22 is: **\$450,990.71**. The total amount that has been paid is: **\$363,399.71**.

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 \$123,398.00. That means our adjusted cash-on-hand is: **\$240,001.71**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registrations are now being accepted for the Fall session.

Grades 1-4 is from 5:30pm – 6:-30pm

Grades 5-8 is from 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Both sessions are held on Tuesday evenings. Please return registrations as soon as possible. Mrs. Rock can be reached at 908-689-0093

If you have not yet returned your registration, now is the time to do so.

Classes resume on Tuesday, September 26

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of Saint Joseph,

During this past Lenten season, I received a phone call one weekday morning from the Director of Priest Personnel here in the Diocese of Metuchen. When I answered the call, it was in the privacy of my room in the rectory. During the course of our conversation, among other things, we discussed my transfer to Saint Joseph Church in Washington and some of the particular needs of the parishioners here.

After hanging up the phone, I immediately went into my office, closed the door, and went online until I found what I was looking for. \$115.00 later, my order was placed and three days after that my package arrived. Immediately, upon opening the package, I began to read from its contents, that is, from the Misal Romano, the Spanish edition of the Roman Missal which priests use at the altar for the celebration of the Mass.

Many years ago, as a freshman in High School, I had to drop the elective I had taken in Spanish because of what my Spanish professor had told me at the time. I never forgot the very words he used when he said to me: "You have a snowball's chance in hell of passing this course!" As of now, having taken lessons from a friend whose first language is Spanish, I have been already celebrating the Mass in Spanish (privately, since the month of May) in preparation for my assignment here at Saint Joseph's.

It was back in the month of May, after I had spoken with the personnel director and discussed this assignment with the bishop during his annual visitation of parishes, that the bishop asked me to come down to his office for a more formal meeting about this assignment. I left his office after that meeting knowing that I would be starting a new assignment in Washington on September 1st, but wasn't allowed to tell anyone yet. Then in June, Laura called me from Washington asking if I could take a funeral here at Saint Joseph's since Father Guy was away. I agreed to come for the

funeral, but wasn't sure if word had somehow leaked out. I was thinking that people in Washington might already know that I was to be their new pastor. When I arrived for the funeral, there were people here who were getting everything ready for the Mass. No one said a word about my coming here. It seemed that no one here knew about it yet. And then, when everything was set and we had a few minutes to wait for the arrival of the family of the deceased, we were just chatting when a lady, one of the parishioners here, who had helped set up for the Mass said to me: "We're getting a new pastor." I stood right next to her thinking "Yes, I know, I'm your new pastor", but, at that time, I couldn't say a word.

That experience gave me an opportunity to experience people here at Saint Joseph as their authentic selves and what I saw and heard filled me with great joy. I knew right then that I was going to be at the service of very good people, holy people even! Those people are all of you and I consider myself truly blessed to be called to your service as your new pastor. I look forward with great anticipation to working with you, being of service to you, and getting to know all of you here at my new home, Saint Joseph Church in Washington!

In Christ,

Father James

HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS-MISA DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

Please join Bishop Checchio in celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Mass in Spanish, on Friday September 15, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Together we will thank God for our diocese and for the opportunity to live our faith through our traditions.

Information: Lescobar@diometuchen.org or call (732) 243 4573.

Acompaña al Obispo Checchio en la celebración de la Misa de la Herencia Hispana en español, el viernes 15 de septiembre de 2023 a las 7 p.m. en la Catedral de San Francisco de Asís (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Juntos daremos gracias a Dios por nuestra diócesis y por la oportunidad de vivir nuestra fe a través de nuestras tradiciones. Información: Lescobar@diometuchen.org o llame al (732) 243 4573.

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