

# 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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Website----- stjosephwashingtongnj.org

Open Monday - Friday...

9:00 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

**Parishioner on the Move**  
Please notify the Parish Office.

## PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

(Rt.) Rev. Guy W. Selvester, M.Div., M.A.----- *Pastor*

Rev. J. Michael Venditti, M.Div. ----- *In Residence*

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

Sylvan H. Webb -----*Deacon*

Laura A. Torres----- *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Joyce Rock----- *Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL)*

Shirley A. Firling ----- *Director of Sacred Music*

James Mc Aloon----- *Pastoral Council Chairperson*

Mary Jane Lusardi ----- *Trustee*

Patti-Sue 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: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6a, 7a, 8a

Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1b, 2b, 4b, 5b

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6b, 7b, 8b

## SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY / 908-689-0058

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## SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

### *Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass*

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm

Sunday-----7:30 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass----- 9:30 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 7:15 to 8:00 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.*

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

April 10, 2022



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>April 9</u></b>
5:00pm	+Barbara & Michael Kovacs <i>The Ritchie Family</i>
r/o	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
	<b><u>Palm Sunday of the</u></b> <b><u>Passion of the Lord</u></b>
7:30am	+Nicholas Plakotaris <i>Yvonne &amp; Family</i>
r/o	
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Garfield Jones <i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
r/o	
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>April 11</u></b>
9:00am	+Olga Hemsel <i>Charles &amp; Rose Ann Hemsel</i>
r/o	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>April 12</u></b>
9:00am	+John & Rose Ann Melious <i>Family</i>
r/o	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>April 13</u></b>
9:00am	+Alice Santiago <i>Family</i>
r/o	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 14</b>
	<b><u>Holy Thursday</u></b>
	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
7:00pm	<b>Priests Throughout the World</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 15</b>
	<b><u>Good Friday</u></b>
	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
3:00pm	<b>Passion of the Lord</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Karole Bradunas, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Kathy Chiarulli, Arsenia Del Rosario Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Emma Parrales, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr., Emily Setteducato, Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

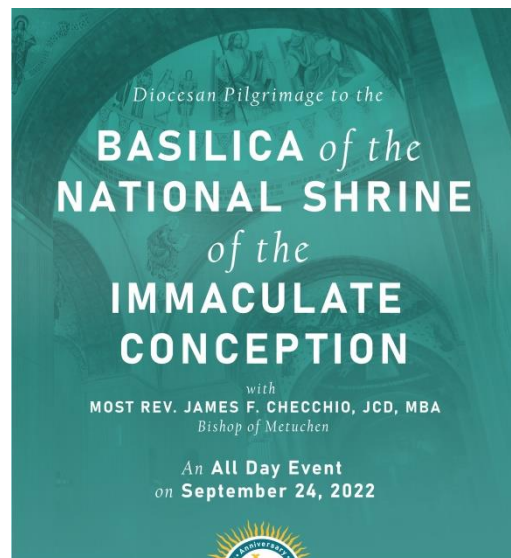
**WEEKLY COSTS:**

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<b>March 26 / 27</b>	<b>\$5,469.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,149.00
Easter Flowers	877.00
Other Income	94.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,589.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$807.06)</b>
<b>April 2 / 3</b>	<b>\$5,875.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,134.00
Easter Flowers	255.00
Bingo Income	1,419.50
Other Income	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,733.50</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$337.44</b>

**CHRISM MASS 2022**

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. At the Mass, all priests also make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People. All are invited to watch, via livestream, the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream>



The Closing Event  
to Celebrate the  
40th Anniversary of the  
Diocese of Metuchen



More information  
about the pilgrimage  
will be made available at  
[www.diometuchen.org/40](http://www.diometuchen.org/40)





## FROM THE PASTOR



The holiest week of the year has begun. We turn our prayers and our attention to the momentous events that brought us salvation and we, in a sense, live through them again during the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week.

I hope you will participate in as many of the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum as you can.

Please take note that there are no more scheduled Confessions now that Holy Week has begun. The next Confessions will take place on Wednesday, April 27.

Also, please note the Holy Week schedule printed elsewhere in this bulletin. In particular take note of the fact that the Great Vigil of Easter takes place next Saturday at 8:00PM. There is no 5:00 Mass on Holy Saturday! Also, there are three Masses in English on Easter Sunday at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00. ***The Spanish Mass on Easter Sunday takes place at 12:30.***

Allow all your worries, troubles and concerns to fall into the background this week. Place them at the foot of the Cross and allow the Lord to carry that burden for you along with the burden of your sins. Allow the mercy and grace of God to wash over you and fill you with a profound sense of the awesome power of God's love for you. Not just for all humanity in the abstract. God loves **YOU** as an individual. You are His child. He sent His Son into the world to suffer and die that **YOU** might have everlasting life.

This is the week we remember that. We go from triumph, to sorrow to immense joy all in the space of just a few days. As it all unfolds be a part of the story of salvation.

I remind you that Holy Thursday and Good Friday are not holy days of obligation but the faithful are encouraged to come to church those days if they can. Lent officially ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday so that we can enter into the very short season of The Sacred Triduum. **However, Good Friday is a day of strict fasting and abstinence.**

As I preside over these beautiful liturgies please be aware that I will be remembering all of you and your loved ones and all your intentions in my prayers. I fervently hope that the week ahead is one that is filled with spiritual meaning for you and helps you to experience the love of Jesus Christ. May it be a week of great blessings. Above all things, remember to Keep the Faith!

## QUO VADIS DAYS 2022

July 19-22, 2022  
Young men ages 14-17!

You're invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email [quovadis@diometuchen.org](mailto:quovadis@diometuchen.org)

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

I hope that your participation in the Holy Week liturgies will draw you closer to Christ and help you to celebrate Easter with a more profound joy.

Wednesday Holy Hour & Final Confessions before Easter  
April 6 from 7:00 - 8:00PM

### Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday 4/14 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration 8:00 - 10:00PM

Good Friday 4/15 3:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
**NOTE: There are NO Stations of the Cross on Good Friday**

Holy Saturday 4/16 12:00 Noon Blessing of Food

Great Vigil of Easter 8:00PM

Easter Sunday 4/17 Mass Schedule

7:30AM Celebrant: Fr. Luke Fletcher, CFR

9:30AM **IN ENGLISH** Celebrant: Fr. Michael Venditti

11:00AM Celebrant: Fr. Guy

12:30PM **in Spanish** Celebrante: Padre Guy

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Special families begin with special husband – wife relationships. Please join us for a special weekend experience. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 29 – May 1. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: [www.whme.org](http://www.whme.org) for more information.