



Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Parish Phone Directory

Parish Office/Rectory
908-689-0058

Fax: 908-689-3436

Open Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - Noon
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
After 4:00 PM, by
appointment only.

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, 3b, 4b, 5b

7:00-8:15 PM

Grades 6b, 7b, 8b

Pastoral and Support Staff

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

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.

Website: stjosephwashingtonnj.org

Sacramental and Prayer Life

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	5:00 PM
<i>Sunday</i>	8:00 & 11:00 AM
<i>Spanish Mass</i>	9:30 AM
<i>Daily Mass</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Holy Day Vigil</i>	7:30 PM
<i>Holy Days</i>	9:00 AM, 7:30 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.

Parishioner on the Move
Please notify the Parish Office.

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father" Matthew 10:32



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2018



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	January 27 <u>Saint Angela Merici</u>
5:00pm	Angelina L. Olivio
r/o	Anthony & Phyllis Lamberto
Sunday	January 28 <u>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	Jan Kozdra
r/o	Joyce Rock
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Yvonne Sigley
r/o	Greg & Yvonne De Lorenzo
Monday	January 29
9:00am	Jan Kozdra
r/o	The Torres Famiy
Tuesday	January 30
9:00am	Edith O'Donnell
r/o	Caroline Breheny
Wednesday	January 31 <u>Saint John Bosco</u>
9:00am	Paula Gonzalez
r/o	Joseph Irwin & Kelly Shelton
Thursday	February 1
9:00am	Mary Williams
r/o	Ann Daugert
Friday	February 2 <u>The Presentation of the Lord</u>
9:00am	Stephen Kennedy
r/o	The Mosco family

Please pray for the sick: Benjamin Boschen, Jill Dubai, Paul Schroeder, Julie Galloway, Frances Wadnik, Theresa Dziura, Ann Krouse, Robert Meleo, Charles Roseberry, Bill Wargin, Ron Pultz, Alissa Zajac, Albert Schaare, George Melious, Anthony Francisco, Stephanie Danielle Lewis, Leo Kim, Jeanne Castella, Francine Gore, Noriebeth Alava, Arsenia Del Rosario, Marilyn Russo, Richard Polhemus, Denise Chiarulli Melious

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Meeting dates are Saturday, February 3 & February 17 at 7:00am in the Community Room.
The book being discussed at this time is "Praying the Rosary Like Never Before"
If you have any questions please contact Joe Leggio 908-689-1205

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
Diocesan Assessment / Insurance	2,300.00
Total	\$10,696.06

Weekend of January 13 / 14

Bingo Income	1,031.85
Other Income	5,123.00
Total	\$12,665.85
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,969.79

Weekend of January 20 / 21

Bingo Income	889.00
Other Income	317.00
Total	\$7,155.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,541.06)

This Week in Our Parish.....

Sunday, January 28

8:00am-12:45pm Blood Drive / Community Room

9:45-10:45am Choir Practice / Choir Room

7:00pm Bingo / Parish Center

Monday, January 29

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting / Rectory Meeting Room

7:15-9:00pm Bell Choir / Church

Tuesday, January 30

Religious Education

5:30-6:30pm Grades 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a

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

Wednesday, January 31

Religious Education

5:30-6:30pm Grades 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b

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

7:15pm Confessions

Thursday, February 1

6:00-7:00pm Children's Choir / Church

Friday, February 2

7:00pm Spanish Ministry / Choir Room

FR. GUY'S Q&A

Fr. Guy's Q&A ("Everything You Always Wanted To Know About The Catholic Church... But Were Afraid To Ask!") will meet Monday, February 5 in the Community Room of the Parish Center from 7:00PM until 8:30PM.

Light refreshments will be served. This is open to anyone, Catholic or not; a parishioner here or guests BUT it is specifically geared for adults, not for children.



Michael Tango

Requested by his daughter
Marianne & Family

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT COMMUNION DURING FLU SEASON

During cold & flu season many people are concerned with the spread of germs and in particular with sharing a common Communion cup. You will recall that we discontinued distributing Holy Communion under both species (Host & Precious Blood) during the summer months. Once again during cold & flu season in the months of January, February and March Holy Communion will be distributed at all Masses under the form of the sacred Host only. We will resume Communion under both species at the end of Lent as we go into the Paschal season. I know this is a sacrifice for some but it is a small one to make in order to be sensitive to the needs of your brothers and sisters who want to avoid getting sick.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, February 2, 2018

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (aka Candlemas Day) blessing of candles at Mass.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY and the start of Fasting and Abstinence

Ashes will be distributed at 7:00AM Morning Prayer; 9:00AM Mass; 12:10 Midday Prayer and 7:00PM Mass

Monday, March 19, 2018

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY, Patron saint of our parish and of the Universal Church

Sunday, April 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Friday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as "Candlemas Day". On this day the Church traditionally blesses candles used in the liturgy. However, it is also perfectly acceptable for faithful Catholic Christians to keep blessed candles in their homes. It has long been a custom that blessed candles may be used at home to be lit as a form of prayer. Blessed candles are often lit during storms as a kind of continuous prayer to avert danger from the severe weather. In addition, all Catholic homes should have at least one blessed candle in them to be lit when Holy Communion is brought to the sick, the homebound or the dying. (Did you know that?)

Anyone who wishes to do so may bring a candle of their own to Mass at 9:00AM on Friday, February 2, and have the candle blessed for Candlemas. There will be a very limited supply of candles here at church that will be blessed for people to take home but, again, a very limited amount. A free will offering will be asked for any blessed candles unless you have brought them with you from home.

FROM THE PASTOR



It's good to be home!

I missed you all and prayed for you, your families and your intentions at the tomb of Christ in Jerusalem. I attended the solemn Catholic Mass there last Sunday. Because of the agreement between all the Christian Churches in Jerusalem for sharing the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (which is essentially a Greek Orthodox church but which also allows the other major Christian Churches to share it) the Catholics have Mass at 4:30AM, 5:30AM and 6:30AM on Sunday mornings. So, I had to get up at 4:00AM and make my way over to church for the Solemn Mass at 5:30 in the morning! It was worth it though.

The trip was very educational and challenging as well as spiritually fruitful. We saw a lot about the sad political and economic divisions between the Israelis and Palestinians and learned a lot about the religious differences between Christians, Muslims and Jews. Within our group, however, we experienced a great rapport with each other. There were Episcopalians, Lutherans, Baptists, Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Jews and Muslims in our group of 22 and we all felt a great deal of respect and love for each other. In the people, places and situations we visited we saw an imperfect and struggling society. Within our group, we saw a glimpse of the way things can be when people approach those who are different from themselves with respect and care.

One final point: Israel is **not** an unsafe place. Contrary to the image of Israel painted by the news media there are no bullets flying and rampant terrorism everywhere. On the contrary, in many ways we were safer there than we might be here. I think there is more violence in a place like Chicago or Washington, DC than there is in a city like Jerusalem. That's not to say there are no unsafe parts of Israel but that's just the point: there are unsafe parts of just about every place, including the United States. The safety issues in Israel are not far greater than they are in our own country, despite what you have been told in the media. So, if an opportunity to go to Israel presents itself then I would say by all means go. Don't put off a chance like that because you are afraid for your safety. If you don't think twice about going into New York for the day then don't worry about going to Israel.

Visiting the holy places like the tomb of Christ, the Upper Room, the Church of the Annunciation, the Mount of the Beatitudes is awe inspiring. Are we 100% absolutely certain of the authenticity of these places? No. But, sacred Tradition, the best scholarship available and archaeological evidence points to a reasonable assurance that these are the places where these things happened. I prayed for all of you in them walking, as it were, in the footsteps of Jesus and asking God to bless you all.

Have a week that is filled with love and with blessings!