



ST. JOSEPH R.C. CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025



SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST/MASS

Saturday Vigil	5:00pm
Sunday	7:30 & 11:00am
Spanish Mass	9:00am
Daily Mass	9:00am
Holy Days	9:00am & 7:00pm

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 4:00pm to 4:45 pm in the Reconciliation Chapel or upon request by calling the Parish Office.

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.

CONTACT US

200 CARLTON AVENUE
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Parish Office/Rectory 908-689-0058
Fax 908-689-3436
Website stjosephwashingtonnj.org
Open Mon - Fri: 9:30am-Noon & 1:00-4:30pm
After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

THIS PARISH IS SERVED BY:

Pastor	Rev. James A. Kyrpczak
Deacon	Paul Flor
Deacon	Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.

STAFF:

Parish Secretary	Laura A. Torres
Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL)	Mrs. Joyce Rock
Director of Sacred Music	Shirley A. Firling
Hispanic Committee Chairperson	Sonia Amparo Arevalo
Pastoral Council Chairperson	James McAloon
Trustee	James McAloon
Trustee	John Rolak
Finance Council Chairperson	Bob Opdyke

FAITH FORMATION

908-689-0093	
Grades: 1, 2, 3, 4	Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8	Tuesday: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY

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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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

May the healing hand of God rest on these people and all others in need.

Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Saria Adria, Debbie Antonillo, Benjamin Boschen, Mary Callahan, Robert Callahan, Alexis Capozzoli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rheh Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jose Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Catherine Fantuzzi, Gerry Farhan, Tracy Fazekas, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Frank Gross, Charles Hemsel, James Herring, Carol Hutchins, Harry Jenkins, Jane Jenkins, Sharon Lawson, Nina Lopez, James McCormack, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Maureen Milletich, Robert Milletich, Patricia Nilsen, Joyce Rock, Jenn Rucker, Charles Roseberry, Maureen Rosko, Angelo Saccos, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, George Stine, Marilyn Springer, Nicholas Torres, James Todd, Charlie Vitale, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

Saturday, March 29

5:00pm +Richard Morrisroe
r/o The Trimmer Family

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30am +Arlene Paliscak
r/o Family
9:00am People of the Parish and
+Ricardo Arce
r/o Family
11:00am +Anthony Aquino
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino

Monday, March 31

9:00am +Donna Ferry
r/o Jeff Paliscak

Tuesday, April 1

9:00am +Eduardo Munoz
r/o Connie Pinto

Wednesday, April 2

9:00am +Judith Laukaitis
r/o A Parishioner

Thursday, April 3

9:00am +All Souls
r/o A Parishioner

Friday, April 4

9:00am +Mary Pierson
r/o Jim & Barbara McAloon

◆ A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO FASTING

- ◆ **Fast** from anger and hatred. Give your family an extra dose of love each day.
- ◆ **Fast** from judging others. Before making judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.
- ◆ **Fast** from discouragement. Hold onto Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for your life.
- ◆ **Fast** from complaining. When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.
- ◆ **Fast** from resentment or bitterness. Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.
- ◆ **Fast** from spending too much money. Try to reduce your spending by 10% and give these savings to the poor

Weekly Offering

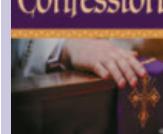
Weekly Cost:

Church Expenses: \$7,541.00

March 15 / 16	\$4,438.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,514.00
	\$6,952.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$589.00)
 March 22 / 23	 \$4,843.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,122.00
	\$5,965.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,576.00)

Thank you for remembering St. Joseph Church.

Confession



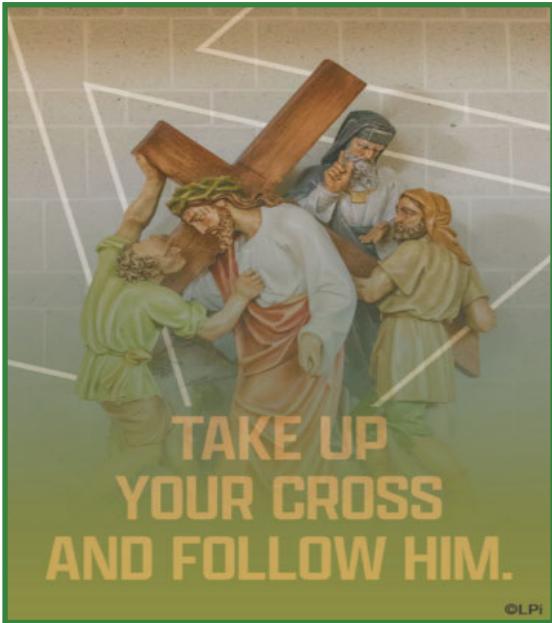
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00pm

All students attending Faith Formation classes in Grades 2 through 8 should attend.

1st Grade students will attend their regularly scheduled class at 5:30pm.

Parents should accompany their children inside the church and are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation themselves. Confessions will be heard in both English and Spanish.



Diocesan News

2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope & Charity."

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2024 Bishops' Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate.

Mail your gift to:

Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal
P.O. Box 4000 Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or you may contribute online at

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

Our Parish goal is \$28,000

Total Amount Pledged and Received \$8,313.50

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

is prayed each Friday following daily Mass followed with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Stations of the Cross is prayed on Friday evenings at 7:00pm.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Thank You to all who have so generously contributed to the Easter program. ShopRite \$50 gift cards are still being accepted until next weekend April 5 / 6.

They may be placed in the Offertory basket or dropped at the Parish Office. Any questions, please call Karole 908-907-7765

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

"Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity" Pope Francis

Please join Christians through out the globe to pray and fast for an end to abortion now until April 13th during the 40 Days for Life campaign, in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave, Washington. For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net 973 525-6692. or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you" Isaiah

41:10



ALL ARE WELCOME

40th Anniversary Mass **Thursday, June 12, 2025**
5:00pm Mass at Saint Francis Cathedral in Metuchen
6:00pm Reception to follow (Free will offering)RSVP
732-516-0911

3rd Annual Somerset Patriots Game! **Thursday, June 26, 2025** Gates open at 5:30pm Game starts at 6:35pm Fireworks to follow

Tickets are \$15 per person

HERSHEY PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

Tickets are being offered at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Great Meadows. Regular price per person is \$89.95 per day. The discount price is \$46.00 per person. (all ages 3+)All tickets must be paid for and ordered by April 20

Call 908-637-4269 or e-mail stpeterandpaul@comcast.net
Or visit the website peterpaulgm.com stpeterandpaul@comcast.net Upcoming Events you will find the form

Prayer for Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,

We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve.

Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen.

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