

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



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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	December 12	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u>
5:00pm	+Patti-Sue Rolak	
r/o	Ron & Mary Kovacs	
Sunday	December 13	<u>Third Sunday of Advent</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak	
r/o	The Cruz Family	
9:30am	People of the Parish	
(Spanish)		
11:00am	+Rocky Graziano	
r/o	Family	
Monday	December 14	<u>Saint John of the Cross</u>
9:00am	+John Hogan	
r/o	Mary Zvirblys	
Tuesday	December 15	
9:00am	+Vera Quinnan	
r/o	A Parishioner	
Wednesday	December 16	
9:00am	+Joan T. Bonnevier	
r/o	Family	
Thursday	December 17	
9:00am	+John Smith	
r/o	The Merlo Family	
Friday	December 18	
9:00am	+Michael Hogan	
r/o	Mary Zvirblys	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Charlotte Barczak, Daisy Barczak, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Joan Castella, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giancesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Donna Rogulski, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr. Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Frances Wadnik, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation students I and II, reminder that requested information is due no later than December 20.

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of November 28 / 29</u>	\$6,330.00
Electronic Giving	1,220.00
Total	\$7,550.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$846.06)
<u>Weekend of December 5 / 6</u>	\$5,521.00
Electronic Giving	1,443.00
Other	974.50
Total	\$7,938.50
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$457.56)

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, December 19 at 7:00AM in the Community Room (**please wear a mask**).

We will be considering the Mystery of the Incarnation, and how to enter more deeply into it. The meeting lasts for one hour. The group meets every other Saturday. Participants may attend as their schedule allows. For more information contact Terry Finnegan at finneganterence@msn.com

ROSARIAN HOLY HOUR

Each month the Altar Rosary Society holds a Eucharistic Holy Hour. It is usually on the first Monday of the month. The next one will take place on Monday, January 4, 2021 from 7:00-8:00PM in the church.

This is a great opportunity to come and ask God for His blessings as we begin a New Year.

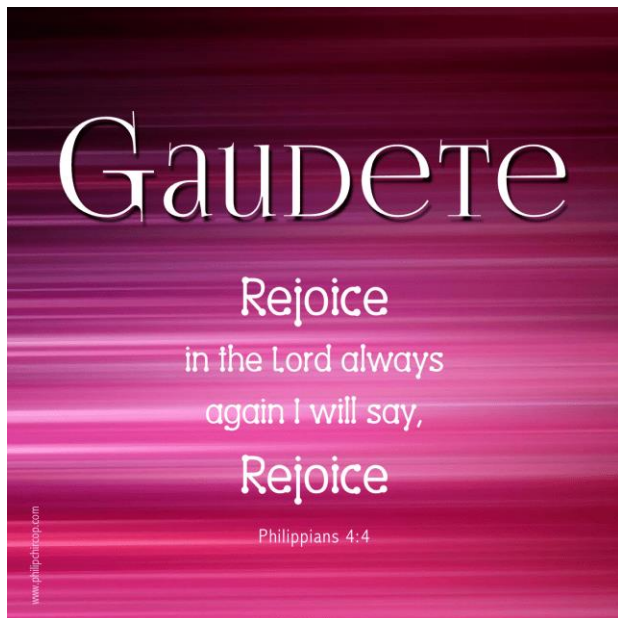
TAKEOUT DINNER WITH THE SAINTS

The December Takeout Dinner with the Saints honors Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, the humble visionary whose faithful fidelity helped convert millions. Juan Diego's relationship with Our Lady of Guadalupe was based on a deep prayer life that inspired him to go frequently to confession, to fast and to do penance, so as to better receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. Saint Juan Diego reminds us that God is close to the simple and the meek through whom He works great miracles.

This month's menu has a Mexican theme and includes chicken mole (a chicken thigh in a savory chocolate sauce over rice, Mexican black beans, and spicy corn bread. All meals come with water or seltzer and a holy card.

Meals are \$10 and can be picked up between 4:00PM – 7:00PM from the west side of the Parish Center on Saturday, December 19.

Orders should be placed **no later than the end of the day** on **Thursday, December 17**. Please visit **council5170.org** to place your order. Proceeds benefit local Warren County charities.



FROM THE PASTOR



On this "Gaudete Sunday" we are reminded that the penitential season of Advent still has a character of joy! Penance does not equal sadness or misery. Penance prompts us to humility and reconciliation and we receive God's love and mercy...two things to be very joyful about.

The rose color of today's liturgy lightens the penitential purple by a shade and serves to act as a reminder that we all need to "lighten up" even as the world around us seems a very dark place. **WE** can be the light shining in the darkness; we can be the joy brought to someone who is feeling down. We find our joy in the knowledge that Christ has come and is coming again!

It's also wonderful to know that on this 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the patron saint of the Universal Church in 1870 Pope Francis has decreed that the 12 months between December 8, 2020 and December 8, 2021 would be observed as a special "Year of St. Joseph". This also has a happy coincidence for us as 2021 is the sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary, of the establishment of our parish by Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley of Newark (the nephew of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) in 1871. Our parish was established in 1871, the first Mass here was in 1871 and the original church property was purchased in 1872.

It's almost as if the Church all over the world will be observing a special year in honor of our anniversary! As of right now we have been unable to plan any special events for our sesquicentennial because of pandemic restrictions but before the year 2021 goes by we will certainly plan something special (probably in the latter part of next year) to mark our special moment and also to fully participate in the Year of St. Joseph.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45PM in the Sacristy. Please wear a mask.

Confessions with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Wednesday, December 16 from 7:00 - 8:00PM in the church. Three priests will be present hearing Confessions.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST CHANCE TO GO TO CONFESSION PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS. Confessions will resume on Saturday, January 16, 2021.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES (Dec. 24)

3:00PM (Reservations and tickets required)
5:00PM (Reservations and tickets required)
7:00PM (Reservations and tickets required)
9:30PM IN SPANISH

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES (Dec. 25)

12:00 Midnight (Reservations and tickets required)

9:00AM
11:00AM

There is no charge for the tickets and no limit on the number of tickets requested. Tickets can be obtained in the Parish Office Monday-Friday or from Father in the sacristy after Mass.

