

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



Parish Office/Rectory----- 908-689-0058

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Website----- stjosephwashingtongj.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

12 Jackson Valley Road • Washington, New Jersey

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday December 19

5:00pm +Lila & Nicolo Martini
r/o Robert & Carmen Kadi

Sunday December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Laura Macarone
r/o The Cruz Family

9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Judith Arico
r/o Fr. Guy

Monday December 21

9:00am +Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o Family

Tuesday December 22

9:00am +Emil Hudock
r/o Maryellen Hudock

Wednesday December 23

9:00am +Elaine Tuthill
r/o Helen

Thursday December 24

3:00pm Paula Bona
r/o Jean Castella

5:00pm +Anthony Perricone
r/o Family

7:00pm +Anthony Edolo
r/o Gale Edolo

9:30pm People of the Parish
(Spanish)

Friday December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

MIDNIGHT Living & Deceased Benefactors
of the Parish

9:00am +Edward Garbowski
r/o Jim & Barbara McAloon

11:00am +Vilma & Joseph Kadi
r/o Robert & Carmen Kadi

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

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| Church Expenses (Including Mortgage) | \$8,396.06 |
| <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) |
| <u>Weekend of December 12 / 13</u> | \$5,077.00 |
| Electronic Giving | 2,487.00 |
| Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception | 128.00 |
| Other | 225.00 |
| Total | \$7,917.00 |
| Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) | (\$479.06) |

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, January 2, 2021 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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE IN THE NEW YEAR!

Sign-up for the Knights of Columbus Council 5170 blood drive on January 10, 2021, which will be held in the Saint Joseph Parish Center to facilitate social distancing.

You can make your appointment via www.council5170.org

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





CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24

3:00PM *Reserved places and (free) tickets required*

5:00PM *Reserved places and (free) tickets required*

7:00PM *Reserved places and (free) tickets required*

9:30PM Spanish Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

12:00 Midnight *Reserved places and (free) tickets required*

9:00AM

11:00AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2021

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

11:00AM - This is the ONLY Mass on New Year's Day

LESSONS & CAROLS

This year *Lessons & Carols* will take place on **EPIPHANY SUNDAY, January 3, 2021 at 4:00PM** in the church.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

Monday, January 4, 2021 from 7:00-8:00PM

FROM THE PASTOR



Christmas will soon be here! These are busy days but happy days as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Lord, our Savior, our King.

I want to say a quick word of **thanks** in advance to two groups of people who are putting in some

extra time ahead of Christmas to help see to it our liturgies come off well. Those who provide music for us (even in these musically restricted pandemic days) and those who decorate our church for Christmas. I am very grateful for all they do always but, in particular, during these odd and stressful times I want to say "Thank You".

Please remember three things that are coming up in January:

- 1) **The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God** on January 1 is a day which, because of the pandemic, we are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. **There will be one Mass that day at 11:00AM.**
- 2) Our annual **Lessons & Carols** this year will take place on Epiphany. Plan to join us on Sunday, January 3 at 4:00PM in church for the annual celebration of readings from Scripture and Christmas carols.
- 3) The monthly **Eucharistic Holy Hour** sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society takes place on Monday, January 4 from 7:00-8:00PM in the church. Mark your calendars!

In this week's gospel we hear about how the Virgin Mary, without fully comprehending everything the Archangel Gabriel said to her, nevertheless accepted the will of God with tranquility and trust. We are also living in weird, confusing times and we often don't fully comprehend what is going on around us. Yet, into this chaos God reaches by sending His only Son. Once again, we prepare to celebrate His coming, and His remaining with us through everything: good and bad; challenging and joyful. It's OK that we don't always understand everything going on around us as long as we understand one eternal truth. Namely, that Jesus was born in Bethlehem to live among us, teach us, suffer and die for us and, ultimately, to rise again. He lives for us and with us and in us. Nothing in this world can change that, or weaken it, or take it away. God is with us...now and forever!

I hope and pray that you and yours have a blessed, safe, healthy and very **Merry Christmas!**

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

