

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

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	November 28
5:00pm	+Vera Quinnan
r/o	Parishioner
Sunday	November 29
	<u>First Sunday of Advent</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Knights of Columbus #5170
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Joseph DiGirolamo
r/o	Cassandra & Sam Faraci
Monday	November 30
	<u>Saint Andrew</u>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
Tuesday	December 1
9:00am	+Vera Quinnan
r/o	Parishioner
Wednesday	December 2
9:00am	+Joseph DiGirolamo
r/o	Joe & Heather Marsello
Thursday	December 3
	<u>Saint Francis Xavier</u>
9:00am	+Henry & Edna Gola
r/o	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gola
Friday	December 4
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, 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
Weekend of November 14 / 15	\$5,063.00
Electronic Giving	2,562.00
Total	\$7,625.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$771.06)
Weekend of November 21 / 22	\$5,113.00
Electronic Giving	1,857.00
Total	\$6,170.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,226.06)
Diocesan Retirement for Clergy	\$618.00
Diocesan Works of Mercy	\$413.00

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, December 5 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

COME AND SEE

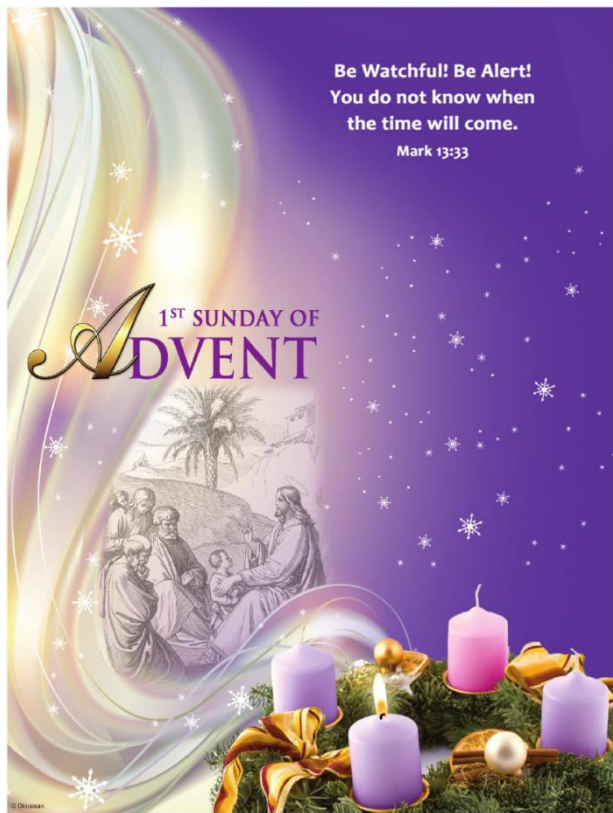
We all find comfort in the thought that God is a loving God, who desires that none should perish, but that all should have everlasting life. Come and see, through the eyes of the Catholic Church, this almighty and merciful God, who breaks the power of evil and makes all things new in His Son, Jesus Christ, the king of the universe. All are invited who are unbaptized, or baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation AND Eucharist. No commitments are required. For more information call the parish Office at 908-689-0058 -OR- speak to Deacon Sylvan Webb.

PRO- LIFE

Gov. Murphy is pushing, Reproductive Freedom Act (S3030/A4848). It is a radical bill making it more dangerous for mothers/babies. Non-physicians can perform abortions in non-hospital settings, abortion throughout all 9 months, babies will have NO rights, abortion will be paid for by our taxes, eliminates conscience protection clause for healthcare workers who refuse to assist in abortions. It embeds into NJ law that no Federal laws will change it!!!

Please contact your legislators to say NO.

SenDoherty@njleg.org, AsmDiMaio@njleg.org and AsmPeterson@njleg.org



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.

FROM THE PASTOR



Veni, Veni, Emmanuel...

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel...

The Church once again begins a new liturgical year with the coming of the First Sunday of Advent and, once again, we look to the next four weeks to be a time of penance and preparation awaiting the coming of the Messiah.

Now, every year at this time I usually give you a reflection on how the rest of the world is always in a hurry and Advent gets ignored...except in church. It seems each year the Christmas celebrating begins earlier and earlier to the point that Christians have lost the sense of even having a liturgical calendar with its variety of seasons and customs.

Every year I always express my displeasure and disappointment at this phenomenon; that people begin to celebrate Christmas before it is Christmas and then they neglect it once we actually get into the Christmas season.

But, this year is different. This has been a year like no other in our collective memory. In addition, this has been a year of illness, of loss, of stress, of anxiety, of tension, of boredom and of fear. I know that many have expressed a desire for the joy that Christmas seems to bring to lighten their burden.

So, this year I will relent from my chiding. I realize that all of us need a cause for hope. Borrowing the title of a song from the Jerry Herman musical, "Mame" I think it's fair to say that we need a little Christmas right this very minute. We need a little Christmas now!

This year, unlike other years, that very much seems to be the case. When you come to church for Mass or watch it live streamed over the next four weeks we will still be keeping the Sundays of Advent as Sundays of penance and anticipation. But, all around us as Christmas celebrations and decorations of all kinds start up and kind of drown Advent out this time you won't hear any complaint from me.

All of us, I think, need a little Christmas...now.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; KEEP THE FAITH!

