

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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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

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>December 18</u>
5:00pm	+Mary Peter
r/o	Nancy Mayer & Family
Sunday	December 19
	<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Dominick Di Terlizzi
r/o	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino
Monday	<u>December 20</u>
9:00am	+Michael Hogan
r/o	Mary Zvirblys
Tuesday	<u>December 21</u>
9:00am	+Vincent Selvester
r/o	Patricia Selvester
Wednesday	<u>December 22</u>
9:00am	+Josephine Ciszkowski
r/o	Gale Edolo
Thursday	<u>December 23</u>
9:00am	+Thomas Russo
r/o	Angelo & Dottie Perrucci
Friday	December 24
	<u>Christmas Eve</u>
4:00pm	+Anthony Perricone
r/o	Family
9:00pm	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
Saturday	December 25
	<u>The Nativity of the Lord</u>
Midnight	Living and Deceased Benefactors
	of the Parish
10:00am	+George W. Melious
r/o	Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Karole Bradunas, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Emma Parrales, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr. Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott,

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of December 4 / 5</u>	\$6,317.00
Electronic Giving	944.00
Bingo	910.50
Other Income	438.00
Total	\$8,609.50
Surplus /(Deficit)	213.44
<u>Weekend of December 11 / 12</u>	\$5,299.00
Electronic Giving	2,401.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	3,576.00
Other Income	500.00
Total	\$11,776.00
Surplus /(Deficit)	\$3,379.94

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

This coming Tuesday, December 21, 2021 we will have the final opportunity for Confessions prior to Christmas. From 7:00 - 8:00PM the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration in church and there will be four priests available to hear Confessions during that hour.

there is absolutely no better way to be spiritually prepared to celebrate Christmas than to be reconciled to God and receive His grace in the Sacrament of Penance. It is more important than any shopping, cooking, wrapping, baking, cleaning or decorating that we do. Please come to be reconciled to the Lord.

NOTE: these will be the last Confessions scheduled prior to Christmas. Regularly scheduled Confessions will resume on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS

Please take note that during the week in between Christmas and New Year the Rectory Office will be open at the following times:

Monday, December 27: 9AM - 12 Noon

Tuesday, December 28: 9AM - 12 Noon

Wednesday, December 29: 9AM - 12 Noon

Thursday, December 30: 9AM - 12 Noon

Friday, December 31: **CLOSED ALL DAY**

The Office will also be **CLOSED** all day on Monday, January 3, 2022.



FROM THE PASTOR



Christmas will soon be upon us and these final days of preparation are filled with joy and a building excitement. Just as Mary went to meet her cousin, Elizabeth, as they were both in expectation of the birth of their own children so, too, are we hoping to meet the Lord in our own lives; in our minds and hearts, and allow His divine Presence to permeate our lives each and every day. The Lord is always with us but the feast of His Incarnation — Christmas— serves as an annual reminder that He has come and continues to be present to us, and the He will come again to take us to Himself.

This message is one that we can never hear over and over again enough. It is always welcome news.

Please see the schedule for the Masses for Christmas and New Year that are in this bulletin. As we always do, our schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is different than our usual weekend schedule.

Because Christmas Day is a Saturday *there is no Saturday evening Mass that day*. So, for your Sunday obligation the opportunity for Masses all fall on Sunday.

Since this year Christmas falls on the weekend itself you are obligated to attend Mass once for Christmas and then also attend a second Mass on Sunday. It is not possible to fulfill your obligation for the holy day (Christmas) and for Sunday by attending only one Mass.

The following weekend, however, the situation is different. Normally, January 1 is a holy day of obligation. But, because it, too, falls on a Saturday this year we are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. There will be an 11:00AM Mass on January 1 for those who wish to attend Mass that day but you only have to go to Mass for the Sunday obligation that weekend if you choose.

Next weekend you must attend Mass twice; the following weekend you are only expected to attend Mass once.

I hope these final days of preparation for Christmas are filled with wonder, awe, joy and excitement. may the week ahead be filled with blessings and a minimum of stress! I hope and pray, too, that you and those you love will be kept safe, healthy and happy at this blessed time of year.

Keep the Faith!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead the faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council #5170 held a membership drive and we might have missed you. We need new members to continue our 60 years of good works that bring hope and healing to neighbors in need. If you would like to join, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter Council #5170 for local information.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24

4:00PM

9:00PM Spanish Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

12:00AM Midnight Mass

10:00AM

THERE IS NO 5:00PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

SUNDAY December 26, Feast of the Holy Family

7:30AM

9:30AM in Spanish

11:00AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2022

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is
NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ THANK YOU

Saint Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #5170 want to thank the parishioners of Saint Joseph Church for their support of our Can Shake collection that took place the weekend of November 21. As a result your of your generosity, the Knights have made a donation of \$500 to the Washington Community Food Pantry to help them assist members of our community during this Christmas season. May God bless our parish, and we pray that you all have a healthy and Merry Christmas.