

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

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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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 26, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday **December 25**
The Nativity of the Lord

There is no 5:00PM Mass

Sunday **December 26**
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

7:30am +Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o *Family*

9:30am People of the Parish
(Spanish)

11:00am +Barbara Bucciaglia
r/o *Nina Crivello*

Monday **December 27**
Saint John

9:00am +Roger De Luca
r/o *The Amadio Family*

Tuesday **December 28**
The Holy Innocents

9:00am Simon & Eva Knaap
r/o *Simon & Eva Knaap*

Wednesday **December 29**

9:00am +Isabel Giugliano
r/o *Marie & Justin Walker*

Thursday **December 30**

9:00am +Josephine Ciszkowski
r/o *Maureen & Michael McHenry*

Friday **December 31**
Christmas Eve

9:00pm +Carl Faulkner
r/o *Maureen & Michael McHenry*

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, James Todd, Frances Wadnik, Woody Wagnre, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<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
<u>Weekend of December 18 / 19</u>	To Be Updated

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.

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

We wanted to give you as much notice as possible about the upcoming celebration of our parish's 150th Anniversary because it just became settled this past week.

The very first time Mass was celebrated in our parish was St. Joseph Day, March 19, 1872. So, this coming year we will celebrate our sesquicentennial anniversary at St. Joseph's Day. The bishop is not able to be here on March 19 itself so **we will observe the anniversary with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Checchio on SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022 at 11:00AM.**

That is a Sunday within Lent, but because of the special anniversary the Bishop has given us his permission to celebrate Mass that day in honor of our patron, Saint Joseph.

Mass will be followed by a reception for everyone in the Parish Center.

Please plan now to be around that weekend and to come celebrate with our bishop the conclusion of 150 years of Catholic presence in Washington.



FROM THE PASTOR



A merry and blessed Christmas to all of you and your families! Christ is born! Let us give glory to Him!

This Sunday within the Christmas Octave is always dedicated to the Holy Family. That little trio of Jesus, Mary and Joseph serves as a model for all families and also acts as a reminder to us that the family is like the Church in microcosm. Perhaps it is easier to look at it another way: in addition to our own family at home we are part of a gigantic, world-wide family of the Church.

Seeing ourselves as part of God's family rather than thinking of being a member of a club, institution or organization puts a far more human face on the Church. That is precisely what we are celebrating at this time of year. By taking on flesh and being born among us God put a human face on the object of our worship. In Christ Jesus God is no longer an invisible and un-knowable deity far off in some heaven. Instead, He is Emmanuel —God With Us— who is our brother. He looks like us, acts like us and experiences life as we do including being tempted to sin. Of course, He never gave in to those temptations but in doing so Jesus showed us that the temptation to sin can be resisted. This wasn't accomplished because he was divine. Rather, He showed us that it could be done in His humanity. We also possess this ability and He came into this world to show us that.

Similarly, if we see the Church as a club or institution to which we belong it becomes very easy to become disenchanted with it or to walk away from it when we get frustrated. But, if we see it as the human family made up of God's children, our brothers and sisters, then even when the Church —in its humanity— gets things wrong, or disappoints us, or even makes us feel hurt or angry it still becomes much harder for us simply to walk away. Just as your own families are made up of flawed individuals who are far from perfect but we still remain connected to them as family so, also, it is with the Church.

It's easy to quit a club but it's far more difficult just to walk away from your family. May the Holy Family help us to see one another as brothers and sisters; all the children of God.

Continue to enjoy this festive season. Don't over-indulge too much but be sure to do some real feasting and reveling. In moderation, those things are good for your soul. May your Christmastide be blessed with joy, health and peace and may you receive many blessings in the New Year!



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

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 for New Year's Day

5:00PM - this Mass is NOT for Mary, the Mother of God but counts for Sunday.

EPIPHANY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

Usual Parish Mass schedule.

NEW YEAR; MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

This year the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God which is also both New Year's Day, January 1st, as well as the Octave of Christmas falls on a Saturday. For that reason we are dispensed this year from the obligation to attend Mass for the holy day.

As a result there will be only one Mass for Mary, the Mother of God celebrated on the morning of January 1 at 11:00AM for those who really wish to attend Mass and start the New Year off with prayer.

Then we will follow our usual weekend schedule for the rest of the weekend. **You are obligated to attend Mass for Sunday but you do not have to attend Mass on January 1.**

Also please note that this year the Solemnity of the Epiphany takes place on Sunday, January 2.