

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>December 4</u>
5:00pm	+Robert Eugene Weber
r/o	Yvonne DeLorenzo
Sunday	December 5
	<u>Second Sunday of Advent</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Linda Kozak
r/o	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino
Monday	December 6
	<u>Saint Nicholas</u>
9:00am	+John Hogan
r/o	Mary Zvirblys
Tuesday	December 7
	<u>Saint Ambrose</u>
9:00am	+Jeffrey Danks
r/o	Frank & Andrea Marsello
Wednesday	December 8
	<u>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
9:00am	+Josephine Ciszkowski
r/o	Saint Joseph Altar Rosary Society
7:00pm	People of the Parish
Thursday	December 9
9:00am	+Rita O'Connor
r/o	Nina Crivello
Friday	December 10
9:00am	Alfred C. Selvester, Jr.
r/o	Fr. Guy

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, Mary Kovacs, Brittany Lawrence, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Deborah Ann Matuszkiewicz, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, 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

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
Weekend of November 20 / 21	\$6,339.00
Electronic Giving	1,149.00
Bingo Income	602.00
Other Income	56.50
Total	\$8,146.50
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$249.56)
Diocesan Works of Mercy	483.00
Weekend of November 27 / 28	\$5,625.00
Electronic Giving	989.00
Total	\$6,614.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,782.06)

OUTREACH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

\$25 Shoprite gift cards for families in need

Help the Holiday Shoppe (for DASACC) provide unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper, \$20 Amazon gift cards, baking a dozen cookies to donate to families or even volunteering to help work 4 hours at the Shoppe itself.

Everything needs to be returned before Thursday, December 9 so it can be part of the Shoppe that is set up in the Borough Hall. We are looking to have all items returned to the narthex by December 4 / 5 at all Masses. Below is the link to be able to sign up to make cookies or work at the Shoppe:

<https://www.dasacc.org/holiday-shoppe>

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

On Tuesday, December 21, 2021 we will have a special 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.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 8 is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**. It is a holy day of obligation. It is also the patronal feast of the United States of America.

All faithful Catholics are to attend Mass that day. Masses here at St. Joseph will be celebrated on Wednesday at:

9:00AM

7:00PM

Please note: there is no longer a vigil Mass celebrated the night before because so few people attended such Masses in the past few years and so it was decided to discontinue them.



BREAKFAST IN SANTA'S WORKSHOP

On Sunday, December 12 the Knights of Columbus Council #5170 will host its annual "Breakfast in Santa's Workshop" in the Parish Center from 7:30am – 10:45am. The menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes and pancakes.

Children in attendance can decorate a homemade gingerbread holiday figurine and visit with Santa. The jolly elf will be greeting people at 8:30am, 9:30am, and 10:30am. A freewill donation is appreciated and will benefit local Warren County charities.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Saturday, December 18 at 6:15pm Lessons and Carols will take place in the church. All are invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days:

Friday, December 10
Monday, December 13
Friday, December 17

FROM THE PASTOR



As we reach the Second Sunday of Advent we hear from one of the central figures of this season: St. John the Baptist. A cousin of the Lord and the last and greatest of the prophets Jesus Himself said that there was not a man born of woman who was greater than John the Baptist.

He concludes a long line of prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah and it fell to John to identify the Messiah when He came. John did so in dramatic fashion exclaiming, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" using words that we repeat every time we celebrate Mass.

His exhortation to make straight the path for God and to fill every valley and level every mountain is an instruction to us to see to it that we remove all the obstacles between us and the Lord who is going to return. At this point in the Advent season we are still focused on the Second Coming of Christ. After all, it makes sense. We can't go back in time to prepare the way of the Lord for His First Coming. In addition, we aren't merely engaging in a game of re-living the past by remembering what had been said to people who lived thousands of years ago as though it is some kind of historical curiosity.

Rather, this message, spoken by St. John 2,000 years ago is also for us now: Prepare the way for the Lord in your own lives in your own time and in your own place! Christ is coming and He will judge the living and the dead. The absolute fullness of the glory of God's kingdom will explode upon the world even as this world ends and a new world begins.

We must use this life of ours, a precious gift given to us by God, our Father, to live in a manner worthy of being a citizen of His kingdom. We must chip away at the mountain of sin that blocks our path. We must also fill in the valleys of disobedience and indifference with the virtues that help us to fulfill our calling as sons and daughters of God.

As we await the coming feast we also await the return of the Messiah who was born to us once, long ago, and who promised He would come back. The Church He founded serves as a mother and teacher to us so that we need not cower in fearfulness or fall into despair because of sin but instead live, and wait...in **HOPE**.

My prayer for you is that you are using these busy Advent days wisely to make a good preparation to celebrate the Lord's birth and also to be prepared for His return.

Have a Blessed Week ahead. Keep the Faith!

