

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>November 27</u>
5:00pm	+Michael Francis Feeley
r/o	Yvonne DeLorenzo
Sunday	November 28
	<u>First Sunday of Advent</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Herbert J. Mitschle, Jr.
r/o	Knights of Columbus #10419
Monday	<u>November 29</u>
9:00am	+Pat Post
r/o	Donna & Jim Lep
Tuesday	November 30
	<u>Saint Andrew</u>
9:00am	+Norman Hartong
r/o	John & Linda McGinn
Wednesday	<u>December 1</u>
9:00am	+Susan Danks
r/o	Frank & Andrea Marsello
Thursday	<u>December 2</u>
9:00am	+Rita O'Connor
r/o	Terry & Karole Bradunas
Friday	December 3
	<u>Saint Francis Xavier</u>
9:00am	+Nicolina Donato
r/o	Patricia Selvester

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, 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, 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 13 / 14	\$5,263.00
Electronic Giving	1,284.00
Snow Removal	1,089.00
Other Income	450.00
Total	\$8,086.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$310.06)
Weekend of November 20 / 21	To Be Updated

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>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5170

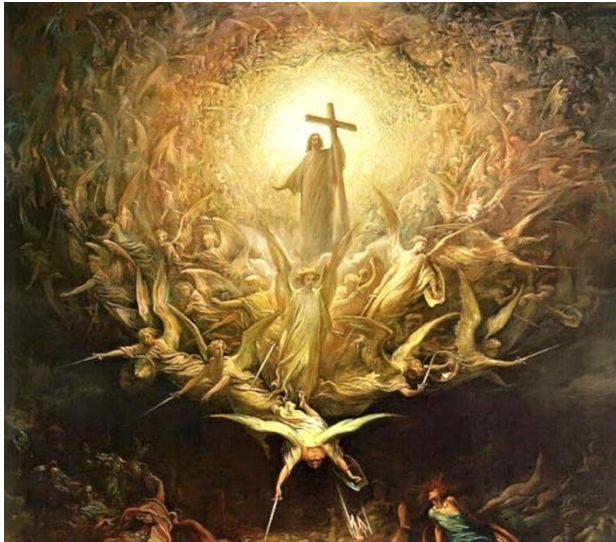
The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend Christian values in a busy changing world. Our local council, Saint Joseph Council #5170 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of December 4 / 5.

Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic families together in a powerful way. By joining the Knights you will strengthen your faith, protect your family, and assist neighbors in need. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter Council#5170 for more information.

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.



INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Jesus reminds us that all life is a gift from God and that all life should be offered back to God. Jesus challenges us to look at how distracted we are by material matters that pertain more to our abundance than to our real needs. He reminds us that our real need is for God. No matter how much we have, we do not have final ultimate security which comes from God alone. Jesus tells us that, in the end, where we have placed our trust will determine how well we face the moment that unseats our securities and tests who we are. If you, or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and placing our trust in God through the Catholic Church, we invite you to inquire. Such an inquiry DOES NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Faith family but are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, and the Catholic Faith. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information, contact Deacon Sylvan Webb through our Parish Office at 908-689-0058 and he will be happy to arrange to speak with you.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR



Veni, Veni, Emmanuel...
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel...

We begin another year of grace in the Church and the liturgical calendar once again goes back to the beginning as we recount the story of our salvation. Advent is, for many people, including myself, a favorite time of the year. It is, by far, my favorite season of the Church year filled as it is with hopefulness and anticipation. These days leading us toward the celebration of the Lord's Birth reassure us because we are telling the story again about something that has already happened. Christ has visited His people and brought with Him the possibility of salvation.

This season, like its counterpart, the season of Lent, is one of penance. Why? Because the Church always recommends doing acts of penance in preparation for any great celebration. Like Lent this feast used to include fasting and abstaining from meat (that's why there are customs for many ethnic groups to eat only fish on Christmas Eve...because the penance wasn't over until Christmas Day itself) but for the most part that no longer happens.

In fact, everyone seems to be in such a hurry to get going celebrating Christmas that this time of year now includes more parties and feasting than any other time. It's hard to see any evidence of Advent preparation and anticipation anymore.

That's why we try to maintain a sense of it at least here in church so you can experience that when you come to Mass. The liturgical color is a penitential purple; there are unbleached candles on the altar; there are no flowers or overt decorations in the sanctuary; the "Gloria" is committed from Mass, etc.

These things help, at least in a small way, to remind us that we should spend these four short weeks of Advent preparing ourselves, watching, praying and waiting. We await the celebration of an accomplished fact. Namely, the coming of the Messiah. God takes on flesh to live among us as "Emmanuel", a name that means "God-Is-With-Us".

Despite the troubles of the world, the divisions in our society, the continuing pandemic that concerns and frightens us and a host of other troubles...God is with us and will never abandon us.

Have a Blessed Advent Season and a blessed week ahead. Keep the Faith!

