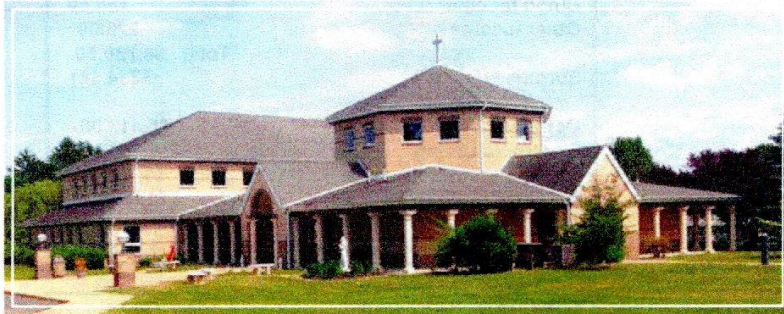


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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...

9:30 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:30 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*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.----- *Deacon*

Sylvan H. Webb ----- *Deacon*

Laura A. Torres----- *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Joyce Rock---- *Director of Religious Education (DRE)*

Shirley A. Firling ----- *Director of Sacred Music*

James Mc Aloon----- *Pastoral Council Chairperson*

Jim McAloon----- *Trustee*

John 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: 1, 2, 3, 4

7:00 - 8:00 pm / Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8

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-----9:00 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 7:00 to 7:30 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	<u>December 10</u>
5:00pm	Alfred C. Selvester, Jr.
r/o	Fr. Guy
7:00pm	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
Sunday	December 11
	<u>Third Sunday of Advent</u>
7:30am	+Louis Parise
r/o	Ralph & Marge Parise
11:00am	+Joe Clark
r/o	Cindy Sudzus
Monday	December 12
	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u>
9:00am	+Christine Hannon
r/o	Carolyn Quinn
Tuesday	December 13
	<u>Saint Lucy</u>
9:00am	+Rocky Graziano
r/o	Family
Wednesday	December 14
	<u>Saint John of the Cross</u>
9:00am	+Teresa A. Dominici
r/o	Mary & Bobby Kovacs
Thursday	December 15
9:00am	+Jan Morris
r/o	Nina Crivello
Friday	December 16
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the
r/o	Williams Family
	Maryellen Hudock

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Kristine Rreh Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario 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, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr., Emily Setteducato, Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
November 26 / 27	\$4,957.00
Electronic Giving	1,339.00
	Total \$6,296.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,100.06)
December 3 / 4	\$5,363.00
Electronic Giving	1,249.00
Bingo Income	79.50
Other Income	76.75
	Total \$6,768.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,628.06)

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual **Breakfast With Santa** in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 11 from **7:30am - 11:00am**. So after the 7:30 Mass, or the 9:00 Mass and up until the start of the 11:00 Mass come to the Parish Hall to enjoy some breakfast and get the chance to meet Saint Nick!

CARDINAL TOBIN TO VISIT

We are not quite finished with our Parish Sesquicentennial celebrations just yet. We had hoped at our 150th Anniversary Mass last November 6 that His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin, Metropolitan Archbishop of Newark and successor to Bishop James Bayley, who founded our parish, would join us and preach the homily. Unfortunately, his schedule did not permit this. However, he felt badly about it and asked if he could come pay us a visit in January.

So, on **Sunday, January 15, 2023** the 11:00 Mass here will be celebrated by His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin. This will, in a sense, mark the closing of our Sesquicentennial celebrations. I hope that as many of you as are able will plan to attend this Mass as it is very kind of His Eminence to make the time to come and visit us.





ANNUAL LESSONS & CAROLS

Our Music Ministry will present their annual “***Evening of Lessons & Carols***” on Sunday, December 18 at 5:00PM in the church. This hour of reflections and music consists of Scripture readings about the Christmas story with accompanying carols and hymns. There is no admission fee and all are welcome!

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

There is plenty of time to go to Confession prior to Christmas on either a Saturday or a Wednesday evening. On Wednesday, December 14 there will be a special opportunity easily to go to Confession to prepare for Christmas. On that evening there will be six priests present hearing Confessions from 7:00 - 8:00pm. During Confessions the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the monstrance for adoration. This is a great opportunity to do something extra in the busy season of Advent and to prepare yourself to celebrate Christmas worthily. **NOTE:** the final day to go to Confession before Christmas will be Saturday, December 17 but don't wait until the last minute!



FROM THE PASTOR



Rejoice! Again, I say it: Rejoice! These words from Paul's letter to the Philippians are from the Entrance Antiphon (Introit) of today's Mass. In Latin, the Antiphon begins, “Gaudete in Dómino semper...” and so, because of that, this Third Sunday of Advent is known as “Gaudete Sunday”.

The liturgical color is rose and we light the rose, or pink, candle in the Advent wreath. It serves as a reminder that even in the midst of what is essentially a penitential season (despite the fact that there isn't much evidence these days to prove that) we are to have a sense of joy in our penance. As we repent of our sinfulness we are still joyful in our hope and anticipation. We anticipate the coming feast of Christmas with its message of peace and joy and we anticipate the return of the Messiah when He comes at the end of all things to judge the living and the dead.

This is why the Church encourages people so strongly to go to Confession in the days leading up to Christmas. It's the perfect time of the year to look at our lives and then to purify ourselves in preparation to celebrate the coming of the Lord. Just as we clean our homes to prepare for Christmas guests we also have to clean our souls in order to prepare to welcome the most special Guest: Christ, the Lord.

So, we lighten up from purple to rose and at the same time we lighten our hearts and minds by reminding ourselves that repentance is not dour, gloomy and glum. Rather, being reconciled to God is the cause of joy!

I hope this week the Lord blesses you with peace and with causes to rejoice in Him always. Remember, above all, to Keep The Faith!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2022

SATURDAY, December 24, Christmas Eve

-4:00pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

THERE IS NO 5:00 MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

-11:00pm: Midnight Mass will commence at 11:00 and end at 12:00 Midnight. ***This is a different time than in years past.***

SUNDAY December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

-7:30AM

-9:00AM in Spanish

-11:00AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2023

The usual Parish weekend Mass schedule.