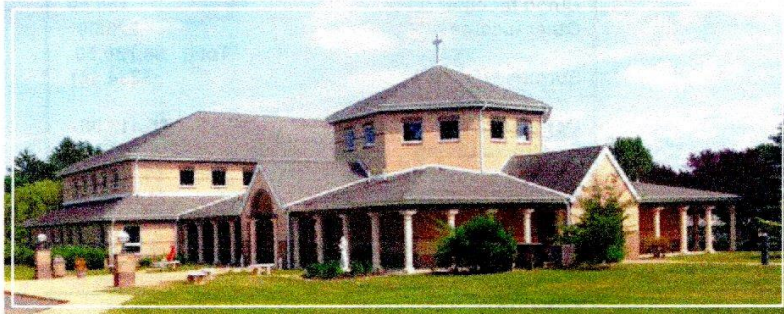


# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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 Opyke----- *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

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-----9:00 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.*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 4, 2022**



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 3</b> <b><u>Saint Francis Xavier</u></b>
5:00pm	+John Hogan
r/o	Mary Zvirblys
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 4</b> <b><u>Second Sunday of Advent</u></b>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Jean Vanderhoof
r/o	Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>December 5</u></b>
9:00am	+Ann Krouse
r/o	St. Joseph Altar Rosary Society
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>December 6</u></b> <b><u>Saint Nicholas</u></b>
9:00am	+Ee Loi Chong
r/o	Seraphin Marin
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>December 7</u></b> <b><u>Saint Ambrose</u></b>
9:00am	+Robert P. Riggio
r/o	Frank & Andrea Marsello
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>December 8</u></b> <b><u>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u></b>
9:00am	+Paul Paliscak, Jr.
r/o	Family
12:10pm	
7:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>December 9</u></b>
9:00am	+Robert P. Riggio
r/o	Nick Cottone

**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 Hensel, 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
<b>November 19 / 20</b>	<b>\$6,019.00</b>
Electronic Giving	2,421.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,440.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$43.94</b>
Diocesan Works of Mercy	\$512.50
<b>November 26 / 27</b>	<b>\$4,957.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,339.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,296.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,100.06)</b>

**CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

The Hispanic Ministry will be hosting a fiesta on Saturday, December 10.

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm followed with a reception in the Parish Center at 8:00pm.

All are invited to attend. There is no charge for this event.

**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!

**MASS ATTENDANCE HEAD COUNT**

During the month of November the Diocese asks us to take a head count of the people attending Mass. This year the result was that the total attendance for November was 1,691 people. The average weekly attendance (spread over 4 Masses) was 423 people. That makes for an average attendance at each Mass 106 people.

To compare with other years here are the totals for Average Weekend Attendance (of all four Masses):

- 2022: 423
- 2021: 416
- 2020: No stats because of Covid
- 2019: 579
- 2018: 583

As you can see Mass attendance on average is slightly up from last year but it has *dramatically* fallen when compared with the two years prior to the Covid pandemic.



## FROM THE PASTOR



Prepare the way of the Lord! This is the cry of St. John the Baptist who we hear about in the gospel this weekend. John is exhorting us to prepare a place in our own hearts and minds for the Christ who is yet to come, not just to remember the Christ who has already come. In keeping with the theme of the first two weeks of Advent this admonition reminds us to prepare for the end of the world and for standing before Christ as our Judge. It is a word of comfort and consolation because it warms us that now there is still time to make such preparations...if we don't squander it!

I hope your Christmas preparations are going well and that in addition to all the shopping, decorating, wrapping and baking you might be doing that you are also praying, repenting and preparing spiritually to celebrate the Incarnation.

Have a great week ahead (don't be "too busy") filled with blessings. In all that you do remember: Keep the Faith!

## 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!

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8 is the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary* and it is a **holy day of obligation** for all faithful Catholics. Masses here at St. Joseph will be celebrated for the holy day at:

9:00am

12:10pm

7:00pm

## 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.

## THANK YOU

My sincere thank you to all the parishioners of St. Joseph who have supported me these past 15 years as your Deacon. Thank you for opening your hearts and letting me serve you. To those who have given me cards and other gifts thank you so much. A special thank you to Fr. Guy for granting me the opportunity of serving St. Joseph and the Altar Rosary members and all the others for their service in providing cake and refreshments after my farewell Mass. Please know that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Deacon Sylvan Webb