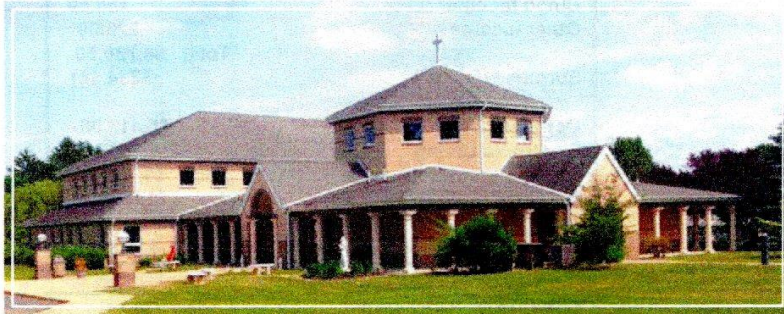


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday November 26
5:00pm +Daisy Villanueva Karole & Terry Bradunas
Sunday November 27 First Sunday of Advent
7:30am +Karen Wiessler The Whang Family
9:00am People of the Parish (Spanish)
11:00am +Joseph Clark Knights of Columbus Council #5170
Monday November 28
9:00am +Ann Krouse Joan Ryno
Tuesday November 29
9:00am +Katherine Gallagher The Finnegan Family
Wednesday November 30 Saint Andrew
9:00am +Anne Riccardello The Orlowski Family
Thursday December 1
9:00am +Patti-Sue Rolak Family
Friday December 2
9:00am +Teresa A. Dominici Mary & Bobby Kovacs

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:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Church Expenses (\$8,396.06), November 12/13 Electronic Giving (\$6,284.00), Bingo Income (1,124.00), Other Income (686.25), Total (\$8,153.25), Surplus / (Deficit) (\$242.81), and November 19/20 (To Be Updated).

O COME LET US ADORE!

Sunday Afternoon: Vespers with Benediction for the First Sunday of Advent. Come spend some extra time in prayer to prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. We're doing this now before things get too busy for the holidays. We are having a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration from 4:00 - 5:00PM. During this hour we will pray evening prayer (vespers) and the hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come let us adore Him!

OUR NEXT Q&A

Do you want to learn a bit more about your faith? Father Guy's Q&A, which is nicknamed: "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About the Catholic Church...But Were Afraid To Ask" will take place again next month. These sessions are a relaxed conversation during which people can learn about the Church and share their faith. Questions are submitted anonymously and pulled from a hat. This discussion is intended for those over 18 years of age. So, join us in the Community Room on Thursday, December 1 from 7:00 - 8:30PM. Everyone is welcome whether they are parishioners here or not, or even whether they are Catholic or not!

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

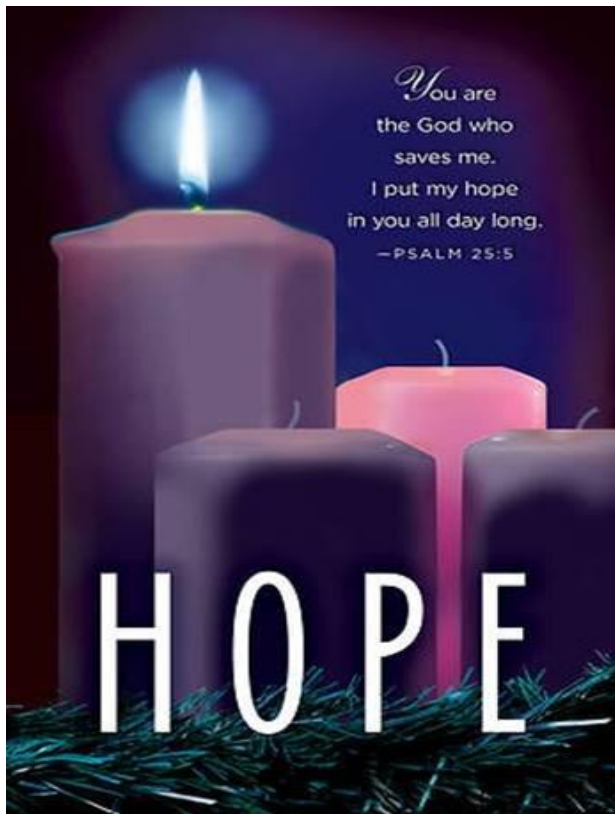
The Hispanic Ministry will be hosting a fiesta on Saturday, December 10.

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!



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!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

We are collecting \$50 ShopRite gift cards for Christmas for families in need. We ask that cards be returned the weekend of December 3 / 4.

Cards can be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FROM THE PASTOR



Veni, Veni, Emmanuel...

With those ancient words (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel) the Church once again begins a new year and celebrates the Season of Advent in anticipation of the great feast of the Lord's Incarnation: Christmas!

We have all just gotten through our typically American holiday of Thanksgiving. Perhaps you might still be feeling the after effects of stuffing your face on Thanksgiving Day? And, of course the commercial retailers are, and have been, out in force selling their wares in a season they count on to pay their bills.

In the outside world (by which I mean the world outside of church) we have now left Thanksgiving behind and are focused on Christmas. On TV, on the internet, on the radio, etc. it's as if Christmas has already come. It's also true that many people just simply love Christmas so much that they begin to celebrate early.

That's "out there"...

In here; within the church, the story is a different one. We now undertake to spend four weeks watching, waiting, preparing and increasing a growing sense of joy during these days of Advent. Of course the word Advent means "an arrival" or "a coming" and these four short weeks are an opportunity for us to contemplate the enormity of what is coming.

It's fair to say that Advent provides us with a much needed respite from the frantic activity going on in the world around us. These days in the run up to Christmas can become quite filled and busy and they may also be a bit stressful for us. However, when you come to church; when you come into God's house to pray and to be nourished by the Lord at Mass things take on a different tone. There is an air of quiet and reflection. There is also a sense of anticipation about what lies ahead.

It gives us a moment's pause and a valuable chance to reflect on the meaning of the Lord's first coming so long ago and how that affected the whole of the human race ever since. In addition, it gives us the chance to think about the Lord's second coming when He will return as the dread judge of the living and the dead. Rather than scaring us, that should fill us with a sense of hope because there is still this present time for us to live as He has taught us.

I hope that in these very busy days that lie ahead you will use the opportunities presented to you to come to Mass and take a break from the craziness. I pray that God fills your hearts and your lives with a growing sense of hope and a quiet sense of joy.

Have a good week ahead of you filled with blessings and good things. Remember in the week ahead above all else to Keep the Faith!