

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

Rev. James A. Kyrpczak ----- *Pastor*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

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

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

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Bob Opdyke ----- *Finance Council Chairperson*

Sonia Amparo Arevalo --- *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

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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 & 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 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 17, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>December 16</u>
5:00pm	+Deceased Members of the Hudock Family r/o <i>Maryellen Hudock</i>
Sunday	<u>December 17</u> <u>Third Sunday of Advent</u>
7:30am	People of the Parish +Thomas Beirne r/o <i>Jim & Barbara McAloon</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	Mass will not be celebrated
11:00am	Lila & Nicolo Martini r/o <i>Robert & Carmen Kadi</i>
Monday	<u>December 18</u>
9:00am	+Leonor Loretta Haas DeLois r/o <i>Jeff Paliscak & Family</i>
Tuesday	<u>December 19</u>
9:00am	+Michael Hogan r/o <i>Mary Zvirblys</i>
Wednesday	<u>December 20</u>
9:00am	+Paul Paliscak, Jr. r/o <i>Jeff Paliscak & Family</i>
Thursday	<u>December 21</u>
9:00am	+Paul Paliscak, Jr. r/o <i>Jeff Paliscak & Family</i>
Friday	<u>December 22</u>
9:00am	+Emil Hudock r/o <i>Maryellen Hudock</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Debbie Antonillo, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Patricia Baroz, Adrianna Berrios, Tracy Berrios, Benjamin Bernstein, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rhee Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Peter Garon, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hemsel, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, James Herring, Sharon Lawson, The Lewis Family, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Maureen Milletich, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Vincent Pizzo, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Angelo Saccos, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, George Stine, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarci, Gina Trimarci, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
December 2 / 3	\$9,454.00
Electronic Giving	<u>1,397.00</u>
Total	\$10,851.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$4,397.00
December 9 / 10	\$5,368.00
Electronic Giving	1,417.00
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	1,212.00
Other Donations	<u>517.00</u>
	\$8,514.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$2,050.00
Diocesan Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,148.00

GIFT BEARERS AT MASS

If the Mass intention is for your loved one, please see an Usher prior to Mass and let him / her know that you would like to bring up the gifts. If you choose not to do so, please let the Usher know that so other arrangements may be made. With that being said, we are in need of Gift Bearers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170

The annual **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** will be held on Sunday, December 17 from 8:00am-11:00am.

There will be crafts, cookies and of course, a delicious breakfast. Free-will donations will be accepted.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Please join our Choir and Bell Choir on Sunday, December 17 at 4:00pm in the church as they present prayer and carols.

OUTEACH MINISTRY

We would like to thank everyone who took a tag from the Giving Tree. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated to support those in need at this time of year.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Beginning the first weekend in January 2024, we will once again start our monthly food pantry collection. A list of suggested items will follow shortly.



Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00pm
9:00pm ~ Spanish
Midnight

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

9:30am
11:00am

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is hosting a charity drive to support our Washington Council.

We are looking for volunteers to help us bag groceries or simply say hello to customers at the ShopRite in Washington located at 2 Clubhouse Drive Route 31 before the Christmas Holiday. Help us help those in need during the Christmas Season. Volunteers of any age are welcome to come out and assist. You do not need to be a Knight to participate.

We will be bagging groceries and greeting customers on Thursday, December 21, Friday, December 22nd, and Saturday, December 23rd. We will start at 7:30 AM and finish at 7:00 PM each day. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family members along.

This is an outstanding opportunity to once again make a strong presence as a Parish in our community while experiencing the camaraderie of the Christmas Season with our friends and neighbors.

Every aspect of this event is low-key and so much fun. Come on out and help us make this a memorable event for all those involved and all those we assist.

Any questions, please call Chuck Roberto 908- 875-4099 or Jeff Paliscak at 813- 784- 3543

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes **will** be held Tuesday, December 19.

There **will not** be class on Tuesday, December 26 and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.



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