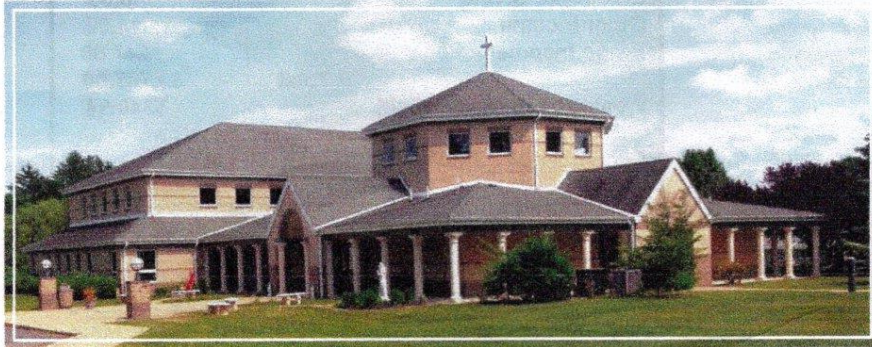


# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

Very Rev. Guy W. Selvester, V.F. ----- *Pastor*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

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

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.*

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

January 8, 2023



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

**Saturday**      January 7

5:00pm      +Agnes D. Melious  
r/o      *Family*

**Sunday**      January 8  
                    The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am      +Deceased Members of the  
                    Mahoney Family  
r/o      *Family*

9:00am      People of the Parish  
(Spanish)

11:00am      +Joe Clark  
r/o      *Family*

**Monday**      January 9  
                    The Baptism of the Lord

9:00am

**Tuesday**      January 10

9:00am      +Ann Petrosky  
r/o      *Maryellen Hudock*

**Wednesday**      January 11

9:00am

**Thursday**      January 12

9:00am

**Friday**      January 13

9:00am

**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, Al 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

December 24 / 25      \$19,808.00

Electronic Giving      2,004.00

**Total**      \$21,812.00

**Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)**      \$13,415.94

December 31 / January 1, 2023      \$5,734.00

Solemnity of Mary      1,263.00

Christmas Offerings      1,389.00

Electronic Giving      1,379.00

Other Income      100.00

**Total**      \$9,865.00

**Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)**      \$1,468.94

**2023 MASS BOOK IS OPEN**

The book for Mass intentions for 2023 is open. Please stop by the Parish Office or you may fill out a Mass Request Form found in the narthex and return it to us accompanied by full payment. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00. Requests for Mass intention **MAY NOT** be taken online or over the phone.

**2023 CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

Complimentary calendars for 2023 are available in the Narthex. Feel free to take one. These are provided by Warren Hills Memorial Home.

**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.





### **KofC SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Knights of Columbus Council 5170 will sponsor a spaghetti dinner fundraiser (free-will donation) in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm – 7:00pm on Saturday, January 14.

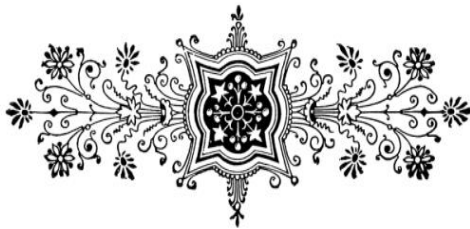
Dinner includes spaghetti (gluten free available) with meat sauce or tomato sauce, Ceasar salad, garlic bread, soft drink and dessert.

Take out is available and can be ordered until Friday, January 13 at [www.council5170.org](http://www.council5170.org)

Proceeds will benefit local Warren County charities.

### **CONFESSIONS**

Please note that there are no more Confessions scheduled during Christmastide. The next time Confessions will be heard in the parish is Saturday, January 14.



### **FROM THE PASTOR**



Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all!

I hope that your celebrations of the holidays were both relaxing and filled with joy.

Today, as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord we wind down the celebrations of Christmas. On Monday, January 9, the Church keeps the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which concludes the Christmas Season.

As this joyful time begins its conclusion I wanted to take a moment to **THANK** everyone who assisted with making our celebration of Christmas so beautiful and moving this year. To our parish Deacons, Ed Hartmann and Paul Flor and to Shirley Firling and our wonderful choirs and musicians I say **thank you** for enhancing our liturgies and making them go so smoothly. I'm very grateful, too, to all those who served in any ministry as a Server, lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Usher.

A special word of **thanks** to Sharon Levin who organizes the decoration of the church and to the crew of volunteers who helped her. They spent about three hours decorating our church and will spend even more time taking all the decorations down. Their handiwork is much appreciated as the church, once again, looked absolutely beautiful.

Of course I wish to express my **thanks** to our intrepid Parish Secretary, Laura Torres, for all her hard work and extra efforts, especially at this time of the year.

We are, believe it or not, still receiving some donations to the Parish Christmas collection. As of the writing of this column, however, the total for our Christmas collection was: **\$23,201.00** I am particularly grateful to all of **YOU** for your generous support of the parish. We rely on the Christmas collection as a kind of "year end bonus" and so your generous donations are gratefully appreciated.

As we move into this new year I hope that God blesses you all abundantly with health, grace and peace in your lives. May the week ahead be filled with blessings and good things. Remember that, above all, it is our task as disciples of Jesus Christ to Keep The Faith!

