

# 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...

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

Rev. J. Michael Venditti, M.Div. ----- *In Residence*

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

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

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

Mrs. Joyce Rock----- *Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL)*

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

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

Mary Jane Lusardi ----- *Trustee*

Patti-Sue 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: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6a, 7a, 8a

Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1b, 2b, 4b, 5b

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6b, 7b, 8b

## 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----- 9:30 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 7:15 to 8:00 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 6, 2020



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>December 5</u></b>
5:00pm	+Joseph J. Selvester, Jr. <i>r/o Patricia Selvester</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 6</b> <b><u>Second Sunday of Advent</u></b>
7:30am	+Laura Macarone <i>r/o The Cruz Family</i>
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Joseph DiGirolamo <i>r/o Anthony Marsello &amp; Penny Brantstetter</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 7</b> <b><u>Saint Ambrose</u></b>
9:00am	+Vera Quinnan <i>r/o A Parishioner</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 8</b> <b><u>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u></b>
9:00am	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak <i>r/o Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 10</b> <b><u>Saint Francis Xavier</u></b>
9:00am	+Henry & Edna Gola <i>r/o Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ed Gola</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
9:00am	+Eleanor Raimondo <i>r/o Carol Giglio</i>

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Daisy Barczak, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Joan Castella, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Giantesano, Francine Gore, Theresa Grogan, Charles Hemsel, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, George Melious, Catherine Papp, Richard Polhemus, Donna Rogulski, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr. Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Frances Wadnik, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation students I and II, reminder that requested information is due no later than December 20.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### WEEKLY COSTS:

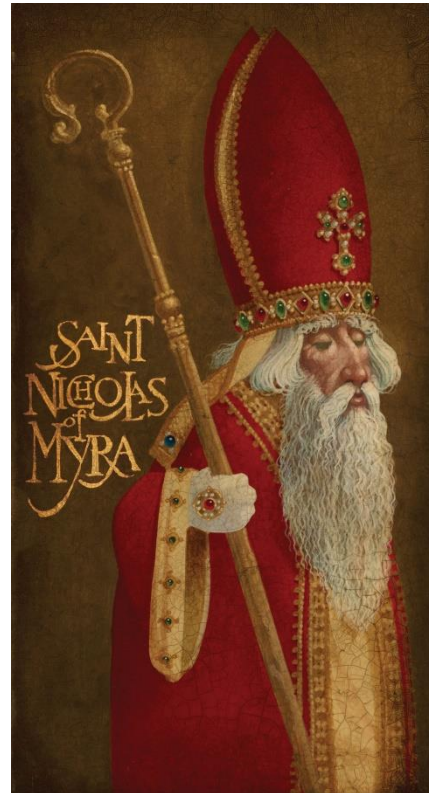
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<b>Weekend of November 21 / 22</b>	<b>\$5,113.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,857.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,170.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,226.06)</b>
<b>Diocesan Retirement for Clergy</b>	<b>\$618.00</b>
<b>Diocesan Works of Mercy</b>	<b>\$413.00</b>
<b>Weekend of November 28 / 29</b>	<b>\$6,330.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,220.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,550.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$846.06)</b>

### MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

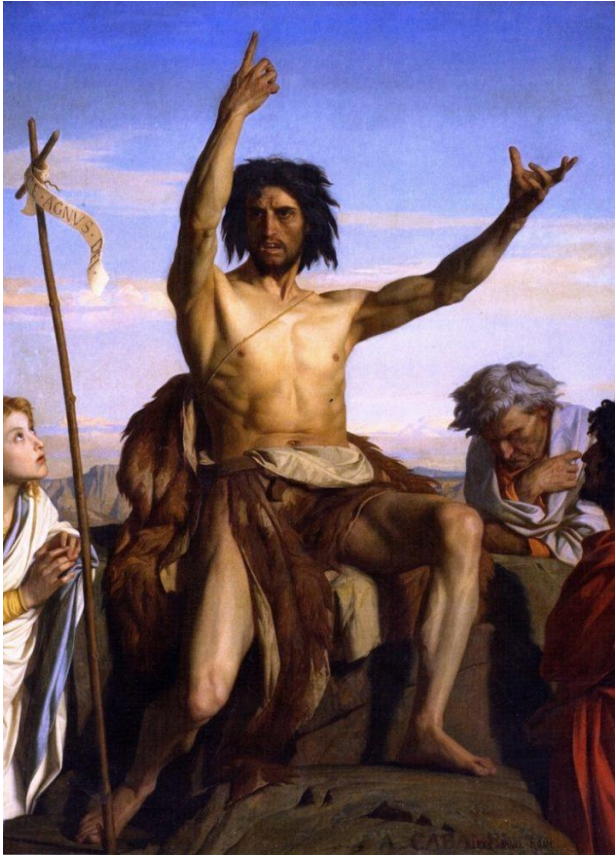
The group will meet on Saturday, December 19 at 7:00AM in the Community Room (**please wear a mask**). We will be considering the Mystery of the Incarnation, and how to enter more deeply into it. The meeting lasts for one hour. The group meets every other Saturday. Participants may attend as their schedule allows. For more information contact Terry Finnegan at [finneganterence@msn.com](mailto:finneganterence@msn.com)

### OUTREACH MINISTRY

Located in the narthex is a list of food items for Christmas baskets or a donation of a \$25 gift card for Shoprite. Items should be returned next weekend December 12 /13







## **RECONCILIATION**

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45PM in the Sacristy. Please wear a mask.

Confessions with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Wednesday, December 16 from 7:00 - 8:00PM in the church. Three priests will be present hearing Confessions.

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST CHANCE TO GO TO CONFESSION PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS. Confessions will resume on Saturday, January 16, 2021.**

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES (Dec. 24)

3:00PM (Reservations and tickets required)  
5:00PM (Reservations and tickets required)  
7:00PM (Reservations and tickets required)  
9:30PM IN SPANISH

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES (Dec. 25)

12:00 Midnight (Reservations and tickets required)  
  
9:00AM  
11:00AM

There is no charge for the tickets and no limit on the number of tickets requested. Tickets can be obtained in the Parish Office Monday-Friday or from Father in the sacristy after Mass.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Our season of waiting, watching and preparing continues as we journey through Advent to the nativity of the Lord.

In this second week we are still focusing on the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. While last week we were told to be watchful. This week we are exhorted by no less than St. John the Baptist to be prepared. It's not really an injunction simply to look busy. Rather, we are being reminded that all through our lives we need to be busy doing the work of a disciple and continuing to do our part to spread the Good News and help prepare the way for the Messiah to return.

Advent already is a very busy time of the year, even during a global pandemic! But, the busy-ness of the preparations we all make for the coming holidays is not the 'real' work of a disciple. It can even serve to be a distraction from what is most important. Don't get me wrong. A big celebration like Christmas doesn't just appear out of thin air. There are preparations to be made and things to be done surely.

Nevertheless, it is important that we don't let that distract us from our spiritual preparations and for making a place in our hearts and in our lives for the Lord, Jesus.

If today wasn't the Second Sunday of Advent then it would be the feast of a saint who is very important at this time of the year: St. Nicholas! Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and he was Greek and the bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (today it is the city of Demre, Turkey). Sometimes, he is called St. Nicholas of Bari (in southern Italy) because a large portion of his relics were moved there and are still there to this day.

One of the earliest attested and most famous incidents from his life is that he is said to have rescued three girls from being forced into prostitution by dropping a sack of gold coins through the window of their house each night for three nights so their father could pay a dowry for each of them. That's how he became associated with bringing gifts!

May St. Nicholas intercede for all of you to help you receive the grace to open your hearts and your minds to the Lord and to prepare a place for Him in your lives not only at the coming Christmas feast, but always.

Stay Calm; Stay Safe; Keep the Faith!

## **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This year because of the pandemic we are dispensed from the obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM only.