

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

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SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm

Sunday-----7:30 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass----- 9:30 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>December 11</u>
5:00pm	+Barbara Bucciaglia
r/o	Grace Scodari
Sunday	December 12
	<u>Third Sunday of Advent</u>
7:30am	+Alice Foschetti
r/o	Dr. & Mrs. Foschetti
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Elaine Flynn
r/o	A Parishioner
Monday	December 13
	<u>Saint Lucy</u>
9:00am	+Rocky Graziano
r/o	Family
Tuesday	December 14
	<u>Saint John of the Cross</u>
9:00am	+Rose Mary Colavito
r/o	The Carucci Family
Wednesday	December 15
9:00am	+Josephine Ciszkowski
r/o	Grace Scodari
Thursday	December 16
9:00am	+Rita O'Connor
r/o	Grace Scodari
Friday	December 17
9:00am	Josephine Ciszkowski
r/o	Maryellen Hudock

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Karole Bradunas, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Jane Jenkins, Mary Kovacs, Brittany Lawrence, Nina Lopez, Laura Marie, Deborah Ann Matuszkiewicz, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, 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

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
Weekend of November 27 / 28	\$5,625.00
Electronic Giving	989.00
Total	\$6,614.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,782.06)
Weekend of December 4 / 5	\$6,317.00
Electronic Giving	944.00
Bingo	910.50
Other Income	438.00
Total	\$8,609.50
Surplus /(Deficit)	213.44

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

On Tuesday, December 21, 2021 we will have a special opportunity for Confessions prior to Christmas. From 7:00 -8:00PM the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration in church and there will be four priests available to hear Confessions during that hour.

NOTE: these will be the last Confessions scheduled prior to Christmas. Regularly scheduled Confessions will resume on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

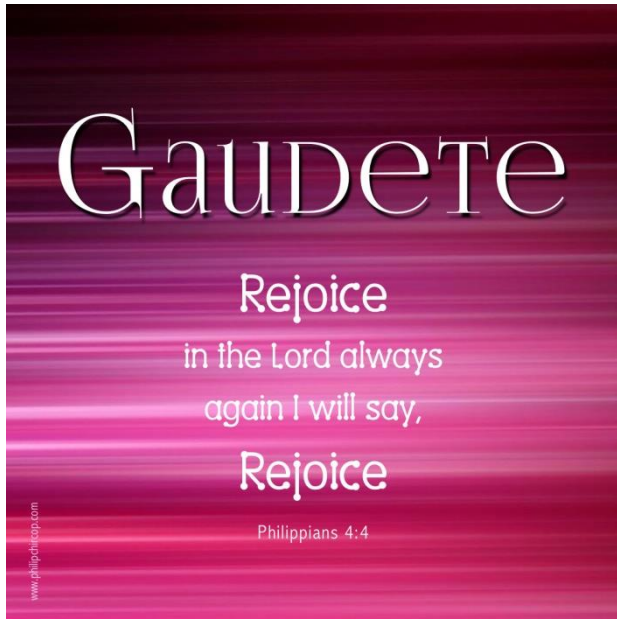
On Saturday, December 18 at 6:15pm Lessons and Carols will take place in the church. All are invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, December 13
Friday, December 17





FROM THE PASTOR



Rejoice!

That's what this Third Sunday of Advent is all about. In the midst of our watching, waiting, preparing and anticipating we are also filled with joy.

All too often in today's world watching, waiting and anticipating something can be a source of tension and stress. It makes many people anxious and that can have a very negative effect upon us both physically and spiritually. But in Advent our waiting is different.

It is more like the kind of happy anticipation we have when looking forward to an upcoming vacation, or to the visit of a beloved friend or relative. In those situations the build-up of anticipation of the event can be almost as much fun as the event itself.

At this point in Advent the whole season turns a corner and becomes much more focused on preparing to celebrate the upcoming feast of Christmas and reveling in the festivity of remembering that God came into the world to save us. Our joy begins to build like a kettle on low heat slowly making its way to a boil.

We no longer place our focus on preparing for the Second Coming of Christ, although that is still part of the season as well. But, as we look forward to Christ's return we are not afraid or anxious. rather, we are filled with a joy and a hope that will find its outward expression in the festive jollity of Christmastime.

God assures us of a better world to come; a life fully united to Him where sin and death will have no more sway. Our trust in the fulfillment of that assurance fuels our hope and sustains us even in the times that challenge us the most.

So, this week we "lighten up" our observance. We light the pink candle in the Advent wreath; the liturgical color goes from dark purple to the much lighter shade of rose. We leave behind our meditations on just the Second Coming and we anticipate the celebration of the First Coming of Christ at Christmas which brought with it the promise of a brighter future.

Rejoice!

I hope the week ahead is filled with blessings, with hope and with the fun of Christmas preparations. Keep the Faith!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24

4:00PM

9:00PM Spanish Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

12:00AM Midnight Mass

10:00AM

THERE IS NO 5:00PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

SUNDAY December 26, Feast of the Holy Family

7:30AM

9:30AM in Spanish

11:00AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2022

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is
NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR

11:00AM - This is the ONLY Mass on New Year's Day

