

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



Parish Office/Rectory----- 908-689-0058

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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

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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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2021



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	January 2 <u>Saint Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</u>
5:00pm r/o	+Yvette Warren Deacon Ed Hartmann
Sunday	January 3 <u>Epiphany of the Lord</u>
7:30am r/o	+Patti-Sue Rolak Family
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am r/o	+Joseph & Julia Paslawski Joe Paslawski
Monday	January 4 <u>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</u>
9:00am r/o	Charles Hemsel Family
Tuesday	January 5 <u>Saint John Neumann</u>
9:00am r/o	Daniel Walker & Family Marie Walker
Wednesday	<u>January 6</u>
9:00am r/o	+Regina Kristoff Charles & Roseann Hemsel
Thursday	<u>January 7</u>
9:00am r/o	+Agnes D. Melious Family
Friday	<u>January 8</u>
11:00am r/o	+Yvette Warren Fr. Guy

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of December 19 / 20</u>	\$5,444.00
Electronic Giving	5,002.00
Christmas Flowers	664.00
Other	31.00
Total	\$11,141.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$2,744.94
<u>Christmas, December 25</u>	\$16,311.00
<u>Weekend of December 26/ 27</u>	3,794.00
Electronic Giving	2,003.00
Other	150.00
Total	\$22,258.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$13,861.04

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will meet on Saturday, January 2, 2021 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

ROSARIAN HOLY HOUR

Each month the Altar Rosary Society holds a Eucharistic Holy Hour. It is usually on the first Monday of the month. The next one will take place on Monday, January 4, 2021 from 7:00-8:00PM in the church.

This is a great opportunity to come and ask God for His blessings as we begin a New Year.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE IN THE NEW YEAR!

Sign-up for the Knights of Columbus Council 5170 blood drive on January 10, 2021, which will be held in the Saint Joseph Parish Center to facilitate social distancing.

You can make your appointment via www.council5170.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Charlotte Barczak, Daisy Barczak, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Joan Castella, Phyllis Chiappa, Jill Dubay, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Vincent Gantesano, 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



LESSONS & CAROLS

This year *Lessons & Carols* will take place on **EPIPHANY SUNDAY, January 3, 2021 at 4:00PM** in the church.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

Monday, January 4, 2021 from 7:00-8:00PM

KEEPING CHRISTMAS ALIVE

The birth of Jesus Christ brings great joy and light, even amidst the difficult times in which we are all living. This Christmas season, we invite you to joyfully welcome Christ into your lives and celebrate His birth, not just on Christmas day, but throughout the Christmas season. To celebrate the birth of our Savior, priests from around the Diocese of Metuchen will share their personal reflections on how we can celebrate the miracle of His birth and keep Christmas alive throughout the entirety of this joyous season.

For more information or to sign-up to receive these reflections, which will be delivered straight to your email inbox everyday throughout the Christmas season, visit lightingheartsonfire.org.

THANK YOU

Outreach Ministry extends a sincere thank you to all for the food baskets and gift cards that have been donated to help those in need during the Christmas season.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 9:30AM in the Community Room.

The next meeting will take place on Friday, January 8

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reminder to students in 7th and 8th grade - if you have not returned your Confirmandi I and II packets, please do so immediately.

POCKET ROSARIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the creation of the Blue Rosary Guild. The purpose of the Guild is for community members of all ages to make pocket Rosaries for law enforcement officers, providing them with support and spiritual strength and promoting devotion to the Rosary among all the faithful. All materials and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. Anyone interested should contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Director of the Office of Family Life at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

FROM THE PASTOR



Christus Natus Est! Christ is Born!

On this Epiphany Sunday I hope you are all continuing to celebrate the Birth of Christ and that your celebrations, while reduced because of Covid, are nonetheless happy and festive.

Of course, the visit of the Magi with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh is the origin of giving gifts for Christmas. I want to say a word of thanks to all of you who took the time to send me a card, a gift, or something you cooked or baked for Christmas. Your generosity is both touching and overwhelming. The pandemic may have prevented me from being with any of my family this year but I felt the warmth and the love that we share as a parish family. That has helped to make this a Merry Christmas despite the pandemic and I am most grateful to you all.

Like the Magi, who went back to their country "by another route" let's all take a different path by renewing our hope and our optimistic outlook for the future in this New Year. We still have challenges but we will face them, we will meet them and we will overcome them.

Join us today at 4:00 in the church for Lessons & Carols (done a bit differently this year).

Remember that the Christmas season (Christmas isn't just a day) continues until the Baptism of the Lord next Sunday, January 10. So, continue to celebrate! Merry Christmas!

