

# 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.*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 21, 2021



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>November 20</u></b>
5:00pm	+Dorothy McDermott
r/o	Lou & Mary Jane Lusardi
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 21</b>
	<b><u>Our Lord Jesus Christ,</u></b>
	<b><u>King of the Universe</u></b>
7:30am	Special Intentions for the
	Mensah Family
r/o	Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Ed Tobin
r/o	Karole & Terry Bradunas
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 22</b>
	<b><u>Saint Cecilia</u></b>
9:00am	+Emil Hudock
r/o	Maryellen Hudock
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 23</b>
9:00am	+Roger DeLuca
r/o	Helen Del Favero
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 24</b>
	<b><u>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and</u></b>
	<b><u>Companions</u></b>
9:00am	Patricia Leonard
r/o	Fr. Guy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 25</b>
9:00am	+Editha Villa-Real
r/o	Ali & Joanne Patino
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 26</b>
	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, 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, 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
<b><u>Weekend of November 6 / 7</u></b>	
Electronic Giving	\$6,573.00
All Saints	1,494.00
Other Income	342.00
Bingo Income	475.00
	821.75
Total	\$9,705.75
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,309.69</b>
<b><u>Weekend of November 13 / 14</u></b>	
Electronic Giving	\$5,263.00
Snow Removal	1,284.00
Other Income	1,089.00
	450.00
Total	\$8,086.00
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$310.06)</b>

**OUTREACH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROJECTS**

\$25 Shoprite gift cards for families in need

Help the Holiday Shoppe (for DASACC) provide unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper, \$20 Amazon gift cards, baking a dozen cookies to donate to families or even volunteering to help work 4 hours at the Shoppe itself.

Everything needs to be returned before Thursday, December 9 so it can be part of the Shoppe that is set up in the Borough Hall. We are looking to have all items returned to the narthex by December 4 / 5 at all Masses. Below is the link to be able to sign up to make cookies or work at the Shoppe:

<https://www.dasacc.org/holiday-shoppe>

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5170**

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend Christian values in a busy changing world. Our local council, Saint Joseph Council #5170 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of December 4 / 5.

Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic families together in a powerful way. By joining the Knights you will strengthen your faith, protect your family, and assist neighbors in need. If you would like to join today simply go to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus) and enter Council#5170 for more information.

**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.



## **INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Jesus reminds us that all life is a gift from God and that all life should be offered back to God. Jesus challenges us to look at how distracted we are by material matters that pertain more to our abundance than to our real needs. He reminds us that our real need is for God. No matter how much we have, we do not have final ultimate security which comes from God alone. Jesus tells us that, in the end, where we have placed our trust will determine how well we face the moment that unseats our securities and tests who we are. If you, or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and placing our trust in God through the Catholic Church, we invite you to inquire. Such an inquiry DOES NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Faith family but are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, and the Catholic Faith. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information, contact Deacon Sylvan Webb through our Parish Office at 908-689-0058 and he will be happy to arrange to speak with you.

## **THANKSGIVING**

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, there will be a Mass celebrated at the usual time at 9:00AM.

Please note that on Friday, November 26 there is no Mass celebrated at all that day.

The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, November 24 at 12:00 Noon and remain closed all day on Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**



As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King we once again come to the conclusion of another Church Year. As we spend this “month of the Holy Souls” in November thinking of and praying for the faithful departed we also look to the inevitable destiny that awaits us all when we leave this world to enter a new life. We also reflect on the ending of the world and the passing of all that is. Rather than depressing us we can make these reflections filled with a sense of hope in the eternal life promised to us at Baptism.

That sacred moment of our Baptism when we are literally incorporated into the Mystical Body of Christ —the Church— and are claimed by Christ as His own is something that always renews our hope even in the face of death. This is why we remind ourselves of this Baptism by blessing ourselves with holy water when we physically enter into the church building to pray or celebrate the Sacraments.

During this horrible pandemic one of the restrictions with which we have had to contend was the removal of holy water from our churches. In order to help prevent the spread of disease the communally used holy water stoups have remained empty and dry since March of 2020.

I am happy to say that the Bishop has now granted his consent for us to resume the use of holy water at the discretion of each parish pastor. Starting **next Sunday**, the First Sunday of Advent, and the start of a new Church Year holy water will once again be available in the holy water stoups found near the doors leading from the Narthex into the church. There are two located in the Narthex and one inside just under the entrance bell.

The Baptismal Font itself will remain without holy water in it except when it is being used for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Despite the long-standing custom here it is not appropriate to use the Baptismal Font itself as the place from which people get holy water on their way in or out of church. It has a specific purpose for the celebration of the Sacrament and it is not to be seen as a fountain, or as a communal holy water stoup. While the Baptismal Font will remain dry the holy water stoups — which are receptacles designed specifically for this purpose—will contain holy water with which people may bless themselves as they wish, starting next Sunday.

Have a Blessed Week ahead and have a Happy, Safe and Blessed Thanksgiving! Remember to Keep the Faith!

## **NO WEDNESDAY CONFESSIONS**

On Wednesday, November 24 there will be no evening Confessions. That day is the day before Thanksgiving.