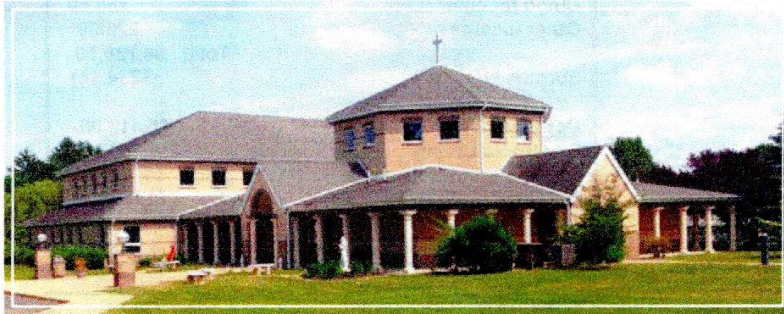


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

(Rt.) Rev. Guy W. Selvester, M.Div., M.A.----- *Pastor*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

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

Sylvan H. Webb ----- *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 Opyke----- *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

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SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm

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

Spanish Mass-----9:00 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday December 17

5:00pm **+Paul Paliscak, Jr.**
r/o **The Paliscak Family**

**Sunday December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30am **+Karen Wiessler**
r/o **The Whang Family**

9:00am **People of the Parish**
(Spanish)

11:00am **+Joseph Clark**
r/o **Deacon Ed Hartmann**

Monday December 19

9:00am **+Michael Hogan**
r/o **Mary Zvirblys**

Tuesday December 20

9:00am **+Don Mills**
r/o **Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aquino**

Wednesday December 21

9:00am **+Anthony Riccardello**
r/o **The Orlowski Family**

Thursday December 22

9:00am **+Emil Hudock**
r/o **Maryellen Hudock**

Friday December 23

9:00am **+John Preston**
r/o **Mary Zvirblys**

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 Hensel, 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, Albert Schaare, 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 3 / 4 \$5,363.00

Electronic Giving 1,249.00

Bingo Income 79.50

Other Income 76.75

Total \$6,768.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) (\$1,628.06)

December 10 / 11 \$6,158.00

Electronic Giving 1,289.00

Immaculate Conception 1,320.00

\$8,767.00

Weekly Surplus / (Deficit) \$370.94

Diocesan Retirement Fund for Religious \$709.00

MORE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ARE IN!

As promised, we have received a second shipment of Sesquicentennial Commemorative Christmas Ornaments. Our last batch sold out! There are two designs: Christmas Tree and Christmas Wreath. They sell for \$15.00 each - OR- you can but them both for \$25.00.

They are available after Mass or by stopping in at the Rectory Office Mon. - Fri. between 9:30am and 1:00pm.

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

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 14th in the Parish Center after the 5:00pm Mass. Take-Out will also be available. More details to follow after the holidays.

CONFESSIONS

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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2022

SATURDAY, December 24, Christmas Eve

-4:00pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

THERE IS NO 5:00 MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

-11:00pm: Midnight Mass will commence at 11:00 and end at 12:00 Midnight. ***This is a different time than in years past.***

SUNDAY December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

-7:30AM

-9:00AM in Spanish

-11:00AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2023

The usual Parish weekend Mass schedule.

FROM THE PASTOR



Our Advent journey is almost over. We enter into this final week of preparation with hearts filled with anticipation and wonder. In just a short time we will celebrate again one of the greatest feasts of the year and of all time: Christmas. We will recall, again, that God Himself from heaven came down to Earth and was born as a child. We will revel in the idea that God has come to be with us—as one of us—so that we could be saved from the power of sin and death and offered eternal life.

In any film or story about people who are in peril there is never quite as much joy and relief as that moment when someone arrives on the scene to rescue them. The characters in the story may not be entirely out of danger yet, but in that moment they know that help is on the way. The arrival of the rescuers fills all the characters in the story with hope, happiness, calm and reassurance.

This is also what Christmas does for us. We live in a world that is still a dangerous and a scary place. We live all of our lives as human beings still subject to our innate weaknesses and also affected by sin. We aren't totally out of danger. Yet, into this world someone came to save us. He came to live among us; to teach us; to show us the way to truth and life.

We no longer need to despair that our existence will simply continue on in darkness because the Light of Life has shone in our hearts and in our world. The birth of the Messiah fills us all with a sense of hope, happiness, calm and reassurance. This has already happened so very many years ago but each year we renew that hope by celebrating the birth of the One who came into the world to save us, to free us and to offer us everlasting life.

This season of preparation called Advent has also served to remind us that He will be coming back again. Each year as we celebrate Christ's birth we also renew our belief that He will return at the end of the world and then His kingdom will reach its fullness. This, too, is a message of hope. There is a reason to hope in what the Lord has promised: that there is a better world that lies ahead and we are all called to be a part of it. And in the mean time as we commemorate something from long ago with gratitude and look forward to an unseen future with hope we can also rejoice in this moment. The Child of Bethlehem is here with us now blessing our lives and filling us with His grace.

My sincere prayer for all of you and those you love is that this Christmas will be a time of blessings and joy for you. May our celebration of Christ's birth fill your hearts with hope and with peace. I pray the time you spend with family and friends will be a blessing to you and that this season will renew your hope in our world, in humanity and in the Lord.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!