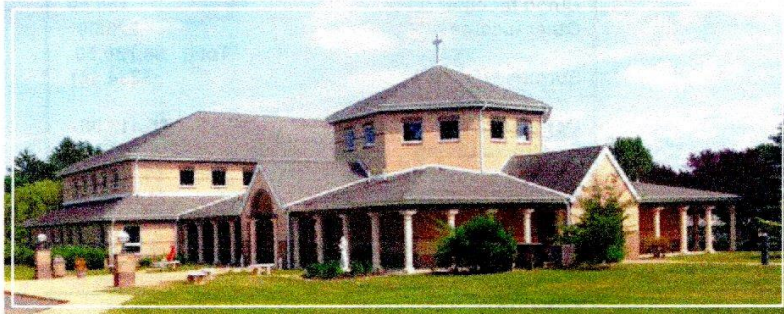


# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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 Opdyke----- *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

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-----9:00 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.*

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2022



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>December 24</u></b>
4:00pm	+Jan Morris
r/o	Grace Scodari
11:00pm	Living & Deceased Benefactors of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>December 25</u></b>
	<b><u>The Nativity of the Lord</u></b>
7:30am	+David Tivnan
r/o	Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+George W. Melious
r/o	Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>December 26</u></b>
	<b><u>Saint Stephen</u></b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>December 27</u></b>
	<b><u>Saint John</u></b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>December 28</u></b>
	<b><u>The Holy Innocents</u></b>
9:00am	+Eugene Vanderhoof
r/o	Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>December 29</u></b>
9:00am	Reverend Blaise R. Baran
r/o	Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>December 30</u></b>
	<b><u>Holy Family of Jesus</u></b>
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Kristine Rhex Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, 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
<b><u>December 10 / 11</u></b>	<b>\$6,158.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,289.00
Immaculate Conception	1,320.00
Total	<b>\$8,767.00</b>
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	<b>\$370.94</b>
Diocesan Retirement Fund for Religious	\$709.00
<b><u>December 17 / 18</u></b>	<b>\$5,643.00</b>
Electronic Giving	1,836.00
Other Income	1,011.00
Bingo Income	1,427.00
Total	<b>\$9,917.00</b>
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	<b>\$1,520.94</b>

**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.





## FROM THE PASTOR



“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...” (John 1:14)

With that simple phrase St. John the Apostle describes the tremendous mystery of the Incarnation which we celebrate this weekend. God the Father created all things by command of His word. The book of Genesis reminds us that “*God said, ‘Let there be light’ and there was light*”. The word of God brings about all created things.

Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, is the eternal Word of God, uncreated and dwelling with the Father and the Spirit from all eternity and present at the creation of the universe.

This eternal Word of God took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. The eternal Word of God became a human being. The eternal Word of God was born as our Savior, the Christ, the anointed one. He who redeems us and saves us from sin and death is God Incarnate; He is “Emmanuel” which means “God-With-Us”.

So, we no longer have to face the darkness alone. We are no longer subject to the power of sin and death which gained a foothold in this world through the work of Satan and the Original Sin of men and women. The Lord of hosts condescended to become a little child and He did this for me...and for **YOU!**

Over the centuries so very many other things have become attached to our celebration of Christmas. All of them are traditional, and beautiful, and wonderful. But, we must never forget that at the center of all the festivity is this essential mystery” ***That the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.***

I hope you are all going to have not only a beautiful Christmas Day but also a wonderful celebration of Christmas all through its twelve days. I also hope that you will continue the festivity throughout the whole of the Church’s season of Christmas which extends up until January 9, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

My prayers for you and yours are that the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World whose birth we celebrate will fill your hearts and your lives with the joy and the peace of Christmas. I also pray that all of you will find peace, health and happiness in the coming New Year.

My blessings on all of you for this most happy feast.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## 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.

## 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR’S

Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1. That is also, of course, New Year’s Day. We will follow our usual weekend schedule for that weekend. Masses will take place:

<u>Saturday, Dec. 31:</u>	5:00pm
<u>Sunday, January 1:</u>	7:30am
	9:00am (in Spanish)
	11:00am

