

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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Website----- stjosephwashingtonnj.org

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

Rev. James A. Kyrpczak-----*Pastor*
Paul Flor-----*Deacon*
Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.-----*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*
James McAloon-----*Trustee*
John Rolak-----*Trustee*
Anthony Tomeski-----*Web Master*
Bob Opdyke-----*Finance Council Chairperson*
Sonia Amparo Arevalo---*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

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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 & 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 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>December 2</u>
5:00pm	+Andy Alpaugh r/o Kelly & Barbara Hummel
Sunday	<u>December 3</u> <u>First Sunday of Advent</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak r/o Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Vilma & Joseph Kadi r/o Robert & Carmen Kadi
Monday	<u>December 4</u>
9:00am	+Edward Butler r/o Nina Crivello
Tuesday	<u>December 5</u>
9:00am	+William Blockus r/o Jeff Paliscak & Family
Wednesday	<u>December 6</u>
9:00am	+Adolph Aurenzi r/o Jeff Paliscak & Family
Thursday	<u>December 7</u> <u>Saint Ambrose</u>
9:00am	+Michael Pulsinelli r/o Jeff Paliscak & family
Friday	<u>December 8</u> <u>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</u>
9:00am	+Edward Butler r/o Grace Scodari
7:00pm	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Patricia Baroz, Adrianna Berrios, Benjamin Bernstein Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rieh Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Peter Garon, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, James Herring, Sharon Lawson, The Lewis Family, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Maureen Milletich, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Vincent Pizzo, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Angelo Saccos, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, George Stine, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:		\$6,464.00
<u>November 18 / 19</u>		\$4,330.00
Electronic Giving		<u>2,479.00</u>
	Total	\$6,809.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$345.00
Diocesan Works of Mercy		\$913.00
<u>November 25 / 26</u>		\$5,198.00
Electronic Giving		<u>1,392.00</u>
	Total	\$6,590.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$126.00

GIFT BEARERS AT MASS

If the Mass intention is for your loved one, please see an Usher prior to Mass and let him / her know that you would like to bring up the gifts. If you choose not to do so, please let the Usher know that so other arrangements may be made. With that being said, we are in need of Gift Bearers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Tuesday, December 5 is our Advent Penance Service at 7:00pm. Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions.

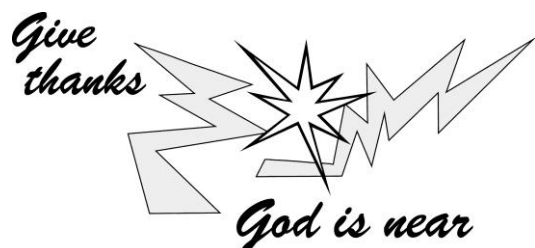
Grades 1-4 will have class at 5:30-6:30pm. Grades 5-8 should come to class and will be given the opportunity to go to confession and then be dismissed. Parents may join their child and remain at church so your child will have a ride home after their confession.

Friday, December 8 is **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170

The annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 17 from 8:00am-11:00am.

There will be crafts, cookies and of course, a delicious breakfast. Free-will donations will be accepted.



First Sunday of *Advent*



Mark Your Calendar

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 5 beginning 7:00pm-8:00pm. There will be several priests from the diocese available to hear confessions.

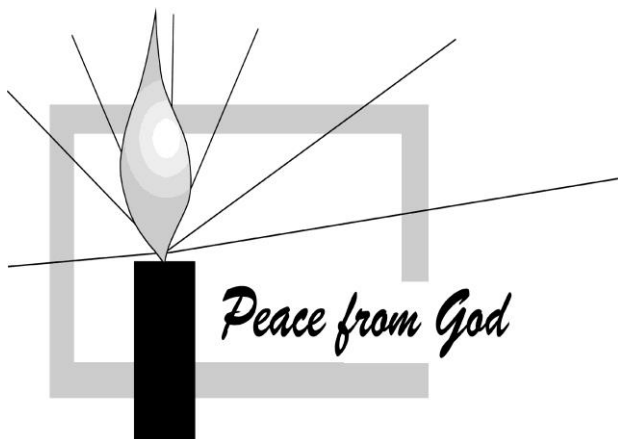
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The feast day of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** is celebrated on Tuesday, December 12.

On Saturday, December 16 Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm in Spanish and a "fiesta" will take place following Mass in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend. Please note that 9:00am Mass on December 17 **will not** be celebrated.

Breakfast with Santa will be held Sunday, December 17 beginning at 8:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center.

Lessons and Carols is Sunday, December 17 at 4:00pm. Join us in prayer and carols with the Bell Choir and Choir.



Congratulations and God's blessings
to the newly baptized
Sara Victoria Arenas
and her family