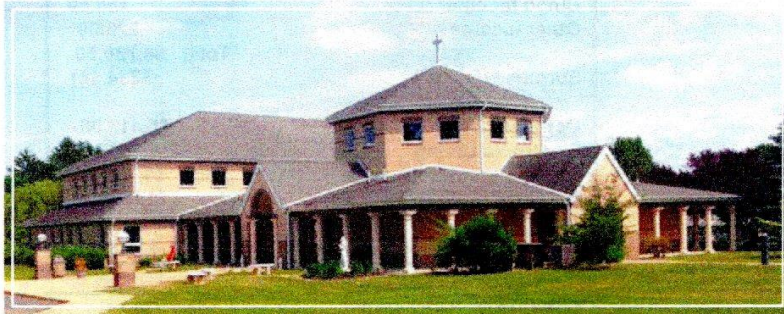


Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD**

January 1, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>December 31</u>
5:00pm	+Jean Vanderhoof
r/o	Family
Sunday	January 1
	<u>Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God</u>
7:30am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Agnes Reilly
r/o	Theresa Clark & Family
Monday	January 2
	<u>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</u>
9:00am	Barbara McAloon
r/o	Jim McAloon
Tuesday	<u>January 3</u>
9:00am	+Carl Perone
r/o	Jack & Judy Hariton
Wednesday	January 4
	<u>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</u>
9:00am	+Donald E. Seccia
r/o	Nina & Grace
Thursday	January 5
	<u>Saint John Neumann</u>
9:00am	Mel & Mary Williams
r/o	Maryellen Hudock
Friday	<u>January 6</u>
9:00am	+All the Deceased Members of The Selvester Family
r/o	Fr. Guy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Eric Chiarulli, Kathy Chiarulli, Kristine Rheh 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
December 17 / 18	\$5,643.00
Electronic Giving	1,836.00
Other Income	1,011.00
Bingo Income	247.00
Total	\$8,737.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$340.94
December 24 / 25	TO BE UPDATED

2023 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The book for Mass intentions for 2023 is open. Please stop by the Parish Office or you may fill out a Mass Request Form found in the narthex and return it to us accompanied by full payment. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00. Requests for Mass intention **MAY NOT** be taken online or over the phone.

2023 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Complimentary calendars for 2023 are available in the Narthex. Feel free to take one. These are provided by Warren Hills Memorial Home.

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



Happy New Year to all of you!

This year, like Christmas, New Year's Day falls on a Sunday so the fact that it's a holy day of obligation means that you are able to "kill two birds with one stone" again. But, at other times January 1 is a holy day of obligation (*except if it falls on a Saturday or a Monday in which case the obligation is dispensed*).

People often ask me why the first day of the year is deemed by the Church to be a holy day of obligation? The simple answer is: ***it isn't***.

There are a number of things being commemorated on January 1. For example, it is the *World Day of Peace* and special prayers are offered for peace throughout the world that day.

It is also the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**. This commemorates Mary under the title given to her at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD. Namely, the title *Theotokos* or Mother of God. It is a title that recognizes that even though God is eternal and is the creator of all things—including Mary herself—she was not merely the Mother of Jesus but in fact, the Mother of the Word made flesh; therefore the Mother (in the flesh) of the eternal God who became incarnate in Christ Jesus.

Each year I get a kick out of how many people refer to the feast incorrectly. It is the highest rank of feast which is called a solemnity. But, we tend to refer to all liturgical days as "the feast of..." which leads some people to call January 1 not the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God but instead to mistakenly call it "The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary" as though we have a celebration of the fact that Mary was solemn!

The other thing that is happening on January 1 is the **Octave Day of Christmas**. In the liturgical calendar the most important days are celebrated as an octave for 8 days. There used to be many of them but now there are only two: Christmas and Easter. The latter is always on a Sunday and so is its octave day. But, Christmas can fall on any day of the week and so does its octave day. So, both Christmas and its octave are holy days of obligation. The obligation for the octave, as I already mentioned, is dispensed if it is on a Saturday or a Monday (*unlike Christmas which is **always** a day of obligation*) but the real reason we are expected to go to Mass on January 1 is that it is Christmas' Octave. Incidentally, that's why in the older calendar it was seen as the *Feast of the Circumcision* because boy children were circumcised on the eighth day after birth according to Jewish practice.

I hope the week and the year ahead are filled with blessings, good health and peace & joy in your lives.
Happy New Year!

Remember above all to Keep The Faith!

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 during Christmastide. The next time Confessions will be heard in the parish is Saturday, January 14.

