

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...

9:30 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

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 & 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 1, 2024



Saturday	November 30 Saint Andrew, Apostle
5:00pm	+Maria De Ceu Araujo <i>r/o Family</i>
Sunday	December 1 First Sunday of Advent
7:30am	+Zajaczkowski Family <i>r/o Jeff Paliscak & Family</i>
9:00am (Spanish)	People of the Parish +Clemente Zamora <i>r/o The Zamora Family</i>
11:00am	+Frank Kyrpczak <i>r/o Helen Merlo</i>
Monday	December 2
9:00am	+Jose D. Pinto <i>r/o Family</i>
Tuesday	December 3 Saint Francis Xavier
9:00am	+Jo-Anne Kyrpczak <i>r/o Fr. James</i>
Wednesday	December 4
9:00am	+Millie Mazza <i>r/o Celia</i>
Thursday	December 5
9:00am	+Frank Kyrpczak <i>r/o Jo-Ann Scott</i>
Friday	December 6 Saint Nicholas
9:00am	+Frank Kyrpczak <i>r/o Jo-Ann Scott</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Saria Adria, Debbie Antonillo, Benjamin Boschen, Mary Callahan, Alexis Capozzoli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rieh Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Catherine Fantuzzi, Gerry Farhan, Tracy Fazekas, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Frank Grosso, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Michael Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Harry Jenkins, Jane Jenkins, James Herring, Sharon Lawson, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Maureen Milletich, Patricia Nilsen, Joyce Rock, Jenn Rucker, Charles Roseberry, Maureen Rosko, Angelo Saccos, Shane Serrao, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, George Stine, Marilyn Springer, Nicholas Torres, James Todd, Charlie Vitale, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
November 16 / 17	\$4,751.00
Electronic Giving	2,264.00
Snow Removal	<u>675.00</u>
	\$7,690.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,226.00
November 23 / 24	To Be Updated

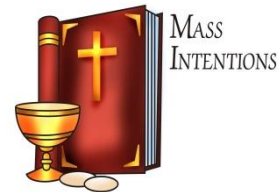
HOLIDAY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

The Life-Giving Wounds Ministry for adult children of divorce is sponsoring a hybrid support group consisting of a series of virtual meetings and two in-person sessions.

The first session will be held at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen following the 8:00am Mass on **Saturday, December 7**.

Subsequent meetings will take place each Thursday evening on Zoom from 8:00pm-9:30pm. The final session will take place on **Saturday, February 8**.

Cost is \$45.00 per person for materials. To register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce
For questions please contact Molly at molly.moltane@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS 2025

Requests for Mass intentions for 2025 can now be placed. Please complete a form and return to the Parish Office.

Please note: requests cannot be made over the phone.





BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus Council #5170 will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on **Sunday, December 8** from 8:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center.

All are invited to attend. Free-will offering is accepted.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The Advent Penance Service will be held on **Tuesday, December 10** at 7:00pm.

Several diocesan priests will be available to hear confessions.



LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Choir and Bell Choir will be presenting Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 15** at 4:00pm in the church.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

You are invited to join us on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 10:15am in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Beginner and experienced knitters welcomed! All items are donated to Nursing Homes, Soup Kitchens, Life Choices, Abused Women Shelter, Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice and Birth Haven in Newton.

SPANISH MINISTRY

The first Saturday of the the month from now until May, **InEsCA** program takes place in the Community Room 9:00am – Noon.

Catechetical aspects of the Catholic Church is discussed.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Christmas holiday program is underway for the food pantry. We are asking for donations of ShopRite gift cards.

Please place cards in an envelope in the offertory basket or you can drop them off at the Parish Office. Any questions please call Karole Bradunas 908-907-7765 Thank you for your support and generosity.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.



MORNING OF RECOLLECTION WITH FATHER RICK RUSK OF THE ANAWIM COMMUNITY

Saturday, December 7 beginning 8:45am – 1:30pm Sign-in at 8:45am Mass begins at 9:00am

Anawim Community Center
354 Jonestown Road
Oxford, New Jersey

The day will begin with Mass, includes a teaching, prayer, reflection, sharing, fellowship and lunch. Cost \$25.00 per person To register: oxford@anawim.com or 908-453-3886 Space is limited

