



Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

The Ascension Of The Lord ~ May 21, 2023



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19-20

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Saint Joseph 8th Grade Class will be selling candy bars at all the masses this weekend!

TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR :
Rev. Christian G. Scalo

PAROCHIAL VICAR:
Rev. John Z. Radwan

DEACON:
George Montalvo

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30 am, 12 noon
DAILY
Weekdays 7:00 am & 8:30 am
Saturday 8:30 am

HOLY DAYS
as announced

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday, 7:00 pm
in Mary's Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration
First Wednesday of Month
9 am-4:15 pm in MC

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptism
Contact the Parish Office

Marriage
Arrangements should be made with a priest at least one year in advance.

Homebound/Hospital
Call Parish Office
Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA
Contact Parish Office
PARISH REGISTRATION
Contact Parish Office

Office	Location	Phone	Email/Fax	Website
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Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 am-2:00 pm. PLEASE TELEPHONE FIRST (201-261-0148)



Saturday 5:00 pm	May 20, 2023 Edward and Marguerite Jackson
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	May 21, 2023 People of the Parish John M. Driscoll, Jr. Patrick and Bridie Cuffe Imogene Papp
Monday 7:00 am 8:30 am	May 22, 2023 Edward Deyro ~ Living Eileen Sweeny
Tuesday 7:00 am 8:30 am	May 23, 2023 Elvira Deyro Botoshansky ~ Living Ruben Silva
Wednesday 7:00 am 8:30 am	May 24, 2023 Immaculate Heart of Mary Marie May Deyro ~ Living
Thursday 7:00 am 8:30 am	May 25, 2023 Alziria Resende John Hubba
Friday 7:00 am 8:30 am	May 26, 2023 Sharon Fanning Julie C. Talarico Living Birthday
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	May 27, 2023 Theo Hanley Birthday Remembrance Courtney Jensen
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	May 28, 2023 People of the Parish Richard Pellegrino Helen Lembo Imogene Papp

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Ed Grube, Richard Nelson, Annette Linder,
Nancy Scaramuzzo, Anthony Maolio,
Ellen Pedrick, Evelyn Smith

Let us remember all those who have died.

Rosa Ramona Tejada

Let us remember those serving in our military:

Capt. Harry Aquino USAF, Capt. Christopher Bascomb,
Chaplain (Capt.) Father AJ De Silva USAR,
Capt. Ellen McPherson, GY Sgt. Brian P. McCarthy USMC
Capt. Michael McPherson, Capt. Michael Shuler



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WILL BE OFFERED AGAIN

The Archdiocese of Newark has released guidelines rolling back a number of restrictions that were put into place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to these guidelines, beginning on Pentecost Sunday, St. Joseph Church will return to offering the precious blood at Mass to anyone who wishes to receive from the chalice. There will be two chalices, one on each side with a Eucharistic minister. Since we are not sure how many people will wish to receive, we will make appropriate adjustments as we go along.



On Sunday, May 21 Cardinal Tobin will
ordain 2 new Transitional Deacons for the
Archdiocese of Newark.

On Saturday, May 27, Cardinal Tobin will
ordain 4 men to the Priesthood.



Please keep all these men in your prayers as they
approach this momentous occasion for them, and
for our Archdiocese.

For more information please visit rcan.org

BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The Bread and Wine
for the week of
May 21, 2023

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Msgr. David C. Hubba
Requested by The Liturgical Ministries.



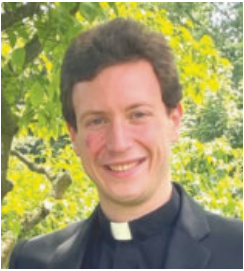
SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The Sanctuary Lamp
In the Upper Church
Burns In Celebration of

**Eamon and Mary McCarthy's
55th Wedding Anniversary**
Requested by Caroline, Dierdra and Brian
McCarthy



A note from Fr. Christian



The Lord has a special message and a mission for each and every one of us. Regardless of who is reading this article today... whether you are older or younger, still in school, working, or retired, a long time parishioner here at St. Joseph's or just visiting or joining us for the

first time: **You are chosen.** Really and truly chosen by God for a special purpose. Each one of us by our Baptism has been hand picked by God to help bring His presence into the world and to bring people closer and closer to Jesus. While there are certainly good things that happen in the world today, there is also a lot of suffering, fear, anxiety, and loneliness (just to name a few!). People are searching...deeply longing to find meaning in their lives, wanting to be loved, trying to discover something beyond the ordinary. Indeed, the human heart is a restless heart and frankly, we will never be completely satisfied by anything that "the world" has to offer. We were made by and for God! St. Augustine puts it best in his famous work, The Confessions of St. Augustine: "*You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.*" And this is where we as people of faith can play an important role in helping others.

Through the witness of our lives (by striving to live in a good and upright way), through our interactions with others, through our own growth in spirituality and relationship with God, we can point people in the right direction- toward the peace, love, companionship, and hope that is found in Christ alone.

It's true... no two of us are the same and we all will have different ways of bringing people deeper into relationship with God. That's the beauty of being a part of a faith community! We can all do our part in a unique way. God has blessed us with different gifts, different skills, different life experiences and perspectives so that we can understand and relate to a variety of people and share our own stories. Evangelization, helping others to become disciples or to grow in their discipleship, involves meeting people where they are in the midst of their current life circumstances- good, bad, or ugly- and helping them to see that they are not alone: that God made them in His image and cares for them, that God wants them and loves them and that God has a plan for them to prosper and succeed.

It's true, the work of evangelization takes a lot of time and effort, but the fruits of our hard work would be nothing short of amazing! Imagine if each one of us could bring back just one other person to the faith. Our church would be full at every Mass! It's not impossible... actually if we work with a spirit of intentionality and put our faith in God, we can and will bring people back. Sure we can't solve every problem, we can't promise a life free from "issues," we can't predict the future. But what we can promise is that Jesus will be with them and us at every moment of our lives... if our heart is open to journeying with Him, striving to make Him the center of our lives, and helping others to do the same.

**With Prayer,
Fr. Christian**



*Be still and know that I am God
(Psalm 46:19)*

Contemplative Prayer

We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words. But this is only one expression. In the Christian tradition contemplative prayer is considered to be a pure gift of God. It is the opening of our mind and heart –our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Through grace we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within. Closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing, closer than consciousness itself.

Centering Prayer: The Prayer of Consent

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of contemplative prayer by preparing our faculties to receive the gift. It presents ancient Christian wisdom teachings in an updated form. Centering prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.

If you feel called to learn more and have an experience of this simple, silent, transformative method of prayer, please join me, Maureen Hanley, on Saturday, June 3rd. 9:45 to 11:15 in the retreat house. Coffee/tea will be served.

Please contact me if you plan to attend. You can text, call or email. My cell number is 201-925-1035 or email moohanley@yahoo.com.

Annual Appeal ²⁰²³ THANK YOU, WE DID IT!

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH HAS EXCEEDED ITS GOAL



Thank you to the 182 families that have helped Saint Joseph Parish reach our 2023 Annual Appeal goal of \$80,762.

\$88,563 Pledges Received to Date
\$73,755 Pledges Paid to Date
\$ 7,007 Unpaid Pledges

BE SURE TO FULFIL YOUR PLEDGE BY JUNE 30

Please be sure to fulfill your pledge as soon as possible. If we collect 100% of our parish goal of \$80,762 by June 30, we will receive a 2% reduction in our parish assessment, which is a savings of approximately \$15,000. The Parish will also get back 50% of all monies received beyond our goal of \$80,762.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH PARISH!

Recently we have added a new way to support Saint Joseph Parish! You can now make a one time donation by using a credit card, or electronic payment by using a cell phone at one of our kiosks, located at the Elm and Harrison Street entrances. As always, we are very grateful to all of our donors for supporting our Parish!

Bible Study Brunch



One of our many Bible Study groups recently completed Ascension Press' study called "JESUS" and enjoyed brunch. Bible Study groups generally meet weekly, and studies are typically 8-10 sessions.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AT EASTER

Father Christian extends his deep appreciation to all our parishioners and supporters who contributed to our 2023 Easter Collection. We received a total of \$61,183 in the Easter collection and \$5,387 in the Easter Flowers collection.

Your support will help Saint Joseph Church and its ministries remain strong. Thank you!



PRO-LIFE MASS



Join us to pray together as a pro-life community!

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 AT 7:00 PM
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, NUTLEY, NJ
28 Brookline Avenue
Nutley, NJ 07110
Reception to follow

Presented by the Archdiocese of Newark
Respect Life Office and Pro-Life Commission

In gratitude to the Knights of Columbus and
the Order of Malta for their support.



St. Joseph School 8th grade class
will be selling candy bars the weekend of
May 20-May 21 at all the masses for
graduation. Candy bars are \$1.00.
Thank you for your support.



2024 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

The **2024 Mass Book** is now open. Mass Intention requests will be taken at the Rectory from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. The Mass Intention Form and instructions will be available in the Church and at the Rectory.



ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Beginning June 1st, we will begin accepting donations for the flowers that decorate the altar area. The flowers may be donated to commemorate the memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion like birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The offering for the flowers is \$100 dollars. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

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God Bless

Matthew Young
who made his
Confirmation on
Sat. April 22.

May he be filled with
the Holy Spirit.

“Do not fear, for I
have redeemed you;
I have called you by
name, you are
mine.”
Isaiah 43:1



The First Communion children crowned the Blessed Mother on Mother's Day at the 9am Mass.



FAITH GROUP

Our Faith Sharing Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Jackson Room. We pray the Breviary, read and discuss the formational materials, and share our faith. All are welcome to join us.

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



is a process of welcome and exploration open to any adult who is considering becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church or who wishes to complete the process of initiation into the Church. RCIA prepares adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. While the RCIA process is primarily for adults seeking baptism, adaptations are made for baptized Christians of other denominations who are seeking to join the Catholic Church, and for baptized Catholics who are seeking to complete their initiation into the faith. Please contact Melinda Rabbia at sjoradellrcia@gmail.com or melindarabbia@gmail.com for more information, and to learn if this might be the time for you to start the RCIA journey and grow closer to Jesus. Sessions will commence in September.



Saint Joseph Coffee Hour

Saint Joseph's coffee hour is where you can find fellowship, coffee, and some delicious goodies after feeding your soul at Mass.

Join us the **first Sunday** of each month after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses, and on the **fourth Tuesday** after the 8:30 Mass.

Please join us in Saint Joseph's Retreat House behind the church. (Follow the signs) We look forward to seeing you.



DO YOU HAVE PARISH NEWS TO SHARE?

Bulletin announcements should be sent to bulletin@sjcnj.org.

All bulletin submissions for **Sunday, June 4**, are due by **Friday, May 26**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2023 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

St. Joseph and Ascension Council No. 3814 will award \$1,000 Scholarships to two current 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2023.

Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell, NJ or Ascension Parish in New Milford, NJ. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity** and **Patriotism**.

Completed applications must be returned to the Council and postmarked no later than Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Winners will be announced in June. Family and friends can attend the Award Ceremony at the Council Hall on Thursday, June 22 at 7:30PM. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.kofcstjoseph.org. For additional information contact Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174.



SAINT JOSEPH CLASS OF 1973 50th CLASS REUNION

Calling all members of the **SJS CLASS OF 1973!** We will be gathering to celebrate our **BIG 50th class reunion** on Saturday June 10, 2023 from 1-5pm at Maywood Inn's Twin Door Tavern in Maywood NJ. We hope you can join us!

Please contact Jane Dunleavy for details at : jmd613@optonline.net



Parish Office Closed

The Rectory office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

There will be **NO 7:00 am Mass**, and **NO 7:00 pm Novena** on Memorial Day.

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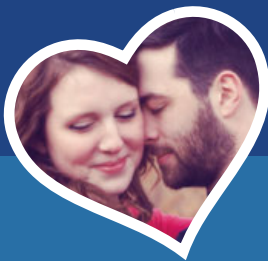
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