



Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



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
Monday - 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
Parish Office	105 Harrison St., New Milford	201-261-0148	office@sjcnj.org	sjcnj.org
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Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 am-2:00 pm. PLEASE TELEPHONE FIRST (201-261-0148)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday 5:00 pm	December 9, 2023 Robert Garrison
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	December 10, 2023 People of the Parish Vincent Armenio Charles G. Wyllie Thomas Fahey, Jr.
Monday 8:30 am	December 11, 2023 Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. Domingo Jamil
Tuesday 8:30 am	December 12, 2023 Dan O'Connor Birthday Remembrance Marie L. Chiarella
Wednesday 8:30 am	December 13, 2023 Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. For The Unborn
Thursday 8:30 am	December 14, 2023 Betty Ann Dates Sgt. David Solinas, Jr.
Friday 8:30 am	December 15, 2023 Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. Teresita C. Lagdameo Anniversary Remembrance
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	December 16, 2023 Anna Frikker William J. Sweeney
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	December 17, 2023 Dennis A. Murray Nicholas M. Frikker Vincent Trabone People of the Parish



PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Ed Grube, Annette Linder, Paul Toner,
Rita Petrie, Jonathan J. Benkovic,
James Sweeney, Cooper Kurella, Rosemary Iessi,
Susan Petrella, Jim McClane, Kathleen Thieli,
Bill Schmalz, Martin Mackin, Daniel Blair

Let us remember all those who have died.

Janusz Pryka

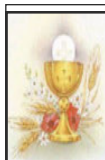
Let us remember those serving in our military:

Capt. Harry Aquino USAF, Capt. Christopher Bascomb,
Chaplain (Capt.) Father AJ De Silva USAR,
Capt. Ellen McPherson, Capt. Michael McPherson
Warrant Officer Brian P. McCarthy USMC,
Capt. Michael Shuler, 2LT Michael Kirwan USAF



Mark your calendars!

The Saint Joseph Church Annual Christmas Concert, *"An Afternoon of Christmas Joy"* will be held on **Sunday, January 7, 2023 at 3:00 pm** in the **Upper Church**. This very popular concert will feature our spectacular Adult and Children's Choirs, Cantors, and instrumentalists in a beautiful concert of Religious, Holiday and Popular music. Please be sure to mark your calendars and spread the word. *An Afternoon of Christmas Joy* is a beautiful way to close out the Christmas Season.



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The Bread and Wine
for the week of
December 10, 2023

Is Offered In Loving Memory Of

Philip R. Vincenti

Requested by Connie and Cynthia Vincenti

A note from Fr. Christian



We are now entering the second week of the Season of Advent! I hope these days leading up to the great celebration of Christmas have been and are beautiful times for you and your families. I've always been fascinated by the changing of seasons... both in the climate and in the Church. When seasons change, the things around us change too, giving a different "feel" to what we experience. The hot and humid heat of Summer is very different from the cold and snowy nature of Winter. The multicolored leaves of Fall are different from the new green growth of Spring. As we move into a new Church season, the things around us change too! In Advent, the green vestments of the priest and altar linens are replaced by purple, there are not as many decorations around the church, we do not sing the Gloria at Mass, the music changes, the readings focus on themes of hope, peace, preparation for the coming of Christ, and many others. We are in a new season!

The days and weeks leading up to Christmas are surely very busy for all of us. Making plans for dinners and get-togethers, going out to try to find the perfect gifts for our family and friends, and even decorating the house inside and out can take a lot of time and effort! All of it could easily get exhausting. That's where truly entering into the spiritual nature of Advent can really help. It's a time to joyfully wait for the coming of the newborn Christ. A time, perhaps in our own mind and heart, to enter into a bit of stillness... To take some time each day or week to spend some quiet time with the Lord. To allow his peace and love and gentleness to touch our hearts. It's surprising just how big of an impact a few moments of silence and prayer with the Lord each day can have! Give it a try! As we get closer to Christmas, I pray that we will all take the opportunity these days to rest in the gentle arms of Christ, and be ready to welcome him this Christmas. Peace and blessings to you and your families.

***With prayer,
Fr. Christian.***



Memorial Christmas Ornament Blessing Ceremony

Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 7pm

All are welcome to join us in the Upper Church for the blessing of the ornaments followed by placement of the ornaments on the church's Christmas trees.

Those who purchased ornaments this year will be able to place their ornament(s) on a tree. All ornaments will remain on the trees throughout the Christmas season. After the Christmas season, the ornament(s) will be returned to you as a treasured keepsake. If you purchased ornament(s) and are unable to attend on December 20, please let us know by emailing pastoralcouncil@sjcnj.org

Thank you!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Our parish is planning to participate in the **National Eucharistic Revival** by hosting a small group study called *Jesus and the Eucharist*. The 7-session study will begin on January 16, 2024. The daytime group will meet from 9:30 - 11:30 AM and the evening group will meet from 7:00- 9:00 PM. There is no cost for this study. For information or to sign up, please email journey@sjcnj.org.



Saint Joseph Shawl Ministry wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 10**. There will be no meeting on Dec. 13, as previously mentioned.

This year's shawls, hats and scarves were picked up and hospice will distribute them to people in nursing homes and orphanages. Many of the recipients would not otherwise get a present for Christmas.

Pictured are : Jan Burns, Janet Humiston, Anna Morgan, Cheryl Helbig, and Gail Fabiano.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

You are invited to make a donation, in memory of a loved one for a special intention, toward the cost of decorating our worship spaces for the Christmas season. Please use the **"Flower Envelope"** that you received in the mail. (Extra envelopes are available at the doors of the church or in the parish office.) Donation is \$10 per name/family and payable to **"Saint Joseph Church."** Your envelope may be dropped in the collection basket. **Thank you!**

Saint Joseph Church

Giving Tree

Bless our Christmas Giving Tree with your donation of a Gift Card from Shoprite, Target, or Walmart

Simply drop your gift card in the collection boxes located in our foyer, next to our Giving Tree.

Gifts collected will be presented to:



Catholic Charities
St. Joseph's Parish, Jersey City
Senior Housing Authority (Linden)
Covenant House
Several Sources Shelters

All donations are requested
by **DECEMBER 10**



HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Join us on Sunday, December 17 at 1:00 pm to help decorate Saint Joseph Church for Christmas! If you are interested, please email Tom Moran at tmoran61@gmail.com All are welcome!!

ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS 2023

- **Monday, December 11th at 7:00 pm**
Annunciation Church
50 West Midland Avenue, Paramus
- **Monday, December 18th at 7:00 pm**
St. Therese of Lisieux
120 Monroe Avenue, Cresskill

An Advent Carol
Presented by *the Xavier Company*

A musical drama celebrating the Advent Journey



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PLAYWRIGHT: J.S. Pecorella

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Rebekah Rawhouser,* Brandon Schraml* Tony Bartoli, Percussionist
*Courtesy of Actors' Equity Association

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→

Donations Welcome

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th
4:00 PM**



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Friends of the Oradell Public Library Present



The Monroe Quinn Trio
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Holiday Jazz Concert

Monday, December 11, 2023 7:00 pm

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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



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THIS WEEKEND - DECEMBER 9-10

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

PARISH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at Eva's Village, located at 393 Main Street, in Paterson, NJ on **Tuesday, December 19**. Approximate time commitment is 11:00 am- 1:30 pm. For more information, or if you are able to help, please call Tom Kelly at 201-657-4352.

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS

We are accepting donations for the flowers that decorate the altar area. The offering for the flowers is \$100. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Click on the **COMMUNITY** tab in our parish website to see photographs from some of the recent Parish special events!

<https://sjcnj.org/community>



CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING



The 52nd annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 13th and Thursday, December 14th at 8:00 pm (two performances). Doors open at 7:00 pm both nights. Christmas music in several languages will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more info call 973-484-2400, or visit : Www.cathedralbasilica.org

Benedictine Sisters December Retreats

Big Screen Theology: It's a Wonderful Life

Virtual Retreat | \$10 per session + nominal fee for copyrighted download

George Bailey, the bedraggled hero of this classic movie, can become a friend to each of us as we both enjoy its story line and pray about its deeper meaning. Because of the sequential nature of this series, each evening session will be repeated the following morning so that participants don't have to miss a segment.

Thursdays: Dec. 14, 21. 7:30– 9:00 p.m.

Or Fridays: Dec. 15, 22. 10:15 – 11:45 am

Register at: <https://bensisnj.org/retreat-calendar-1>

December 6-20, 2023

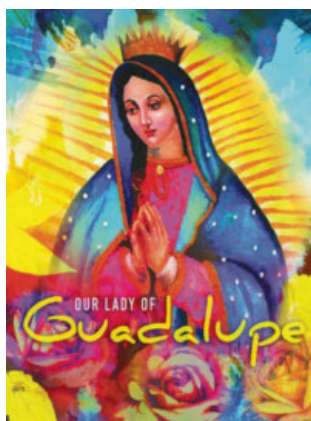
Advent Reflections with Sr. Philomena Fleck, OSB

Virtual Retreat | Freewill Offering Accepted

Wednesday Afternoons | 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Zoom link & reading materials provided with registration)

Email Sr. Philomena to register at: PeacetwoU2@gmail.com



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 12



DO YOU HAVE PARISH NEWS TO SHARE?

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

All bulletin submissions for

Sunday, December 24

are due by

Wednesday, December 13.

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