

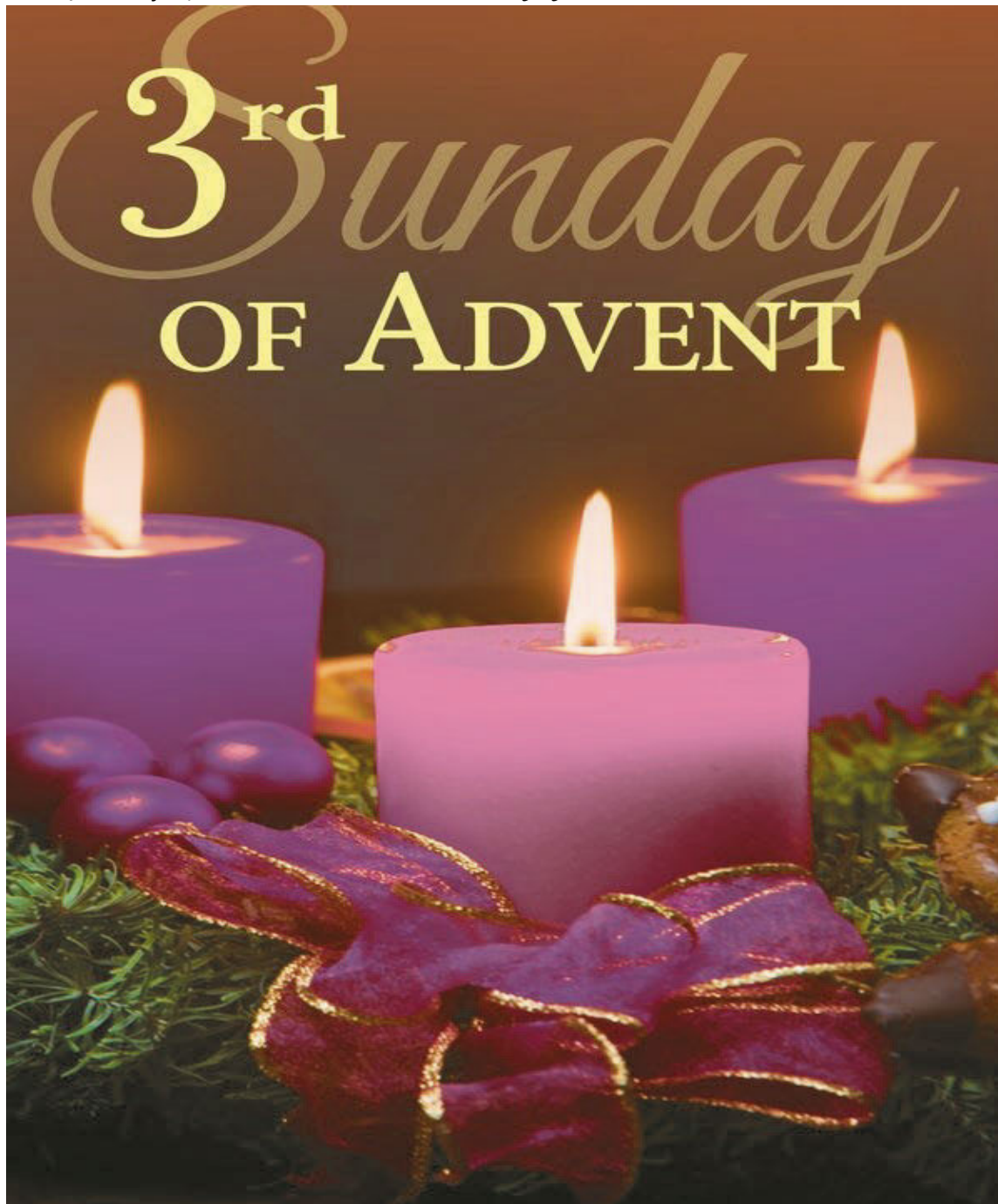


Oradell/New Milford, NJ

# Saint Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 17, 2023



**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
Religious Education	105 Harrison St., New Milford	201-261-1144	religioused@sjcnj.org	sjcnjre.org
Saint Joseph School the Greenhouse PreK	305 Elm St., Oradell	201-261-2388	office@sjsusa.org	sjsusa.org

Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 am-2:00 pm. PLEASE TELEPHONE FIRST (201-261-0148)



<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>December 16, 2023</b> William J. Sweeney
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>December 17, 2023</b> Dennis A. Murray Nicholas M. Frikker Vincent Trabone People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 18, 2023</b> Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. Marie L. Chiarella
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 19, 2023</b> Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. Living Members of the Valentino Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 20, 2023</b> Robert Joseph Bailey, Sr. 1st Anniversary Remembrance Connor Glen Walsh Birthday Remembrance
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 21, 2023</b> Ronald Sgambati Warren Tuohy
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 22, 2023</b> Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. Msgr. David C. Hubba
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>December 23, 2023</b> Joseph Civitello Mildred O'Leary Birthday Remembrance
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	<b>December 24, 2023</b> People of the Parish MaryAnn Vincenti 9th Anniversary Remembrance Barbara Piersa
4:00 pm 7:00 pm 10:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve - December 24, 2023</b> Louise and Theodore Kachel (UC) People of the Parish (MC) Elise and Frederick Mueller Felice and Angelo Bartolomeo

## 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.

Marianne Graff, Rev. Raymond T. McKeon  
Barbara Cantamessa, Christopher Williams

### 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



### Please Note:

**Both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on December 24th.**

The Masses for the **4th Sunday of Advent** are  
7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am on December 24th.  
These Masses are **NOT** Christmas Eve Masses.

### Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24  
4:00 pm - (Upper Church, & Mary's Chapel)  
7:00 pm & 10:00 pm (Upper Church)

### Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25  
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12 noon  
Upper Church

### New Year's Day

**Solemnity Mary Mother of God**  
Monday, January 1 at 10:00 am  
Upper Church



## BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The Bread and Wine  
for the week of  
**December 17, 2023**  
Is Offered In Loving Memory Of  
**Connor Glen Walsh**  
Requested by his mother



## A note from Fr. Christian



I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks to everyone who helped us on Friday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, when the relic of St. Jude visited our parish. It was such a beautiful experience for us as a community

and there are so many people who came together to make the day a success, from our dedicated staff members, to our countless volunteers who gave some, if not all of their day to help us (if I started giving names the list would be way too long!). Please know that you and all of our volunteers are all so greatly and deeply appreciated. This is what being a community of faith is all about... allowing the grace of Christ to work through us, coming together as a parish family to help each other, sharing our love for Jesus, and going out to help others come to know God's love. IT'S INSPIRING! We are so richly blessed here at St. Joe's.

As we enter the third week of Advent, the last full week before the great celebration of Christmas (since the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th), we have a nice opportunity to take inventory of where we stand on our journey of faith. How have these days of Advent been for you and your families? Have they been peaceful or a bit hectic? Do we feel spiritually ready to welcome Jesus into our heart this Christmas? It is a challenging time of year for sure with all of the preparations we have going on for Christmas in addition to our other school, work, or home obligations. But, regardless of how these days have been or what is coming for the days ahead... **know that Jesus is with you and has been with you** each and every day. Take a moment, even if it is a short one, to acknowledge his presence, to ask for his grace, and to experience his love. He never turns anyone who seeks him away, but welcomes us with open arms. May God continue to bless us all.

***With Prayer,  
Fr. Christian***



### Parishioners line up to view the Relic of St. Jude

"Saint Jude was one of the twelve disciples appointed by Christ to be His Apostles. Apostle is a Greek word meaning "emissary" or "one who is sent." St. Jude's body was buried in the place of his martyrdom - Beirut or Persia (sources vary). His relics were later transferred to Rome. His and Simon's relics share a common tomb resting directly below the main altar to the left transept of St. Peter's Basilica. St. Jude is typically presented as a bearded man resembling Jesus Christ. Such a depiction makes sense since he was the Lord's first cousin.

As the patron of hopeless cases and desperate situations - The Apostle of the Impossible - St. Jude is one of the Church's most popular saints. St. Jude gives hope to those in adversity, affliction, and anxiety. Millions have found solace after seeking his assistance and finding their prayers answered."

(Photos provided by John Fuhrman. Information taken from panels on display in the church.)

For more information about the Relic of St. Jude, please visit [www.apostleoftheimpossible.com](http://www.apostleoftheimpossible.com)



## YOUTH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The **Discipleship Award** is presented to a youth who responds to the call to discipleship through service or ministry to their parish or school community. This year Saint Joseph Youth Ministry recognized Brendan Sullivan and Thomas Murray. Our ministry is blessed by their leadership and commitment to live out their faith and serve our community.



The **Light of the World Award** is presented to adults to express appreciation and gratitude to adults who have demonstrated a commitment to young people and youth ministry in their parish or school. Judy Rosenberg is our recipient this year. From day one Judy has been engaged and an active part of our Youth Ministry. Her dedication and support of our teens is greatly appreciated and this recognition is well deserved.



Photos and caption provided by Ellen Solinas.



**THANK YOU!!!**  
**AN INCREDIBLE RESPONSE!**

Thank you to all those families and individuals that have responded to this effort. Your support is a testament to the dedication and commitment our parish family has to the future of St. Joseph Church.

Your sacrifice is an investment in the future of our parish and is important so that we may better serve the spiritual and ministerial needs of our parish community.

**YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE**

*Even though the active phase of our **Increased Offertory Program** has come to a successful completion, please know you can participate at any time.*

Any increase will help us meet our financial needs as a parish. We realize that your sacrifice will require reflection and prayer.

Our parish relies upon your ongoing support, generosity and commitment to your intention. In doing this we are, together, able to live the Gospel message through our ministries and service to others.

**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.

**Please Note!**

There will be NO NOVENA on Monday, December 18



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](mailto:journey@sjcnj.org).

Saint Joseph Church  
Music Ministry Presents

An Afternoon of Christmas Joy

Sunday, January 7, 2024  
3:00 pm

Saint Joseph Church  
300 Elm Street,  
Oradell, NJ 07649  
[sjcnj.org](http://sjcnj.org)



*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](mailto:pastoralcouncil@sjcnj.org)

Thank you!



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There is a special Senior Citizen's Preview Performance on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 3pm**, including a "special nosh and a pre-show discussion" at 2:15pm, all for \$10. Tickets can be purchased in advance through various local Senior Organizations or the day of the show at the nosh. Discounted tickets are available for all shows for groups of 10 or more by contacting [asseltaj@sjrnj.org](mailto:asseltaj@sjrnj.org). Regular tickets are \$17 & \$23 and are **ON SALE NOW** purchased through [SJR.Booktix.com](http://SJR.Booktix.com) or in-person one half-hour before each show.

Questions should be sent to [SJRTheater@sjrnj.org](mailto:SJRTheater@sjrnj.org) or by calling 201-391-7422.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS 2023**

**Monday, December 18th at 7:00 pm**

St. Therese of Lisieux  
120 Monroe Avenue, Cresskill

**Bulletin submissions for Sunday, December 31  
Are due by Friday, December 22.**  
[bulletin@sjcnj.org](mailto:bulletin@sjcnj.org)

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

<https://sjcnj.org/community>

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**PLEASE NOTE!**

The Rectory Office will be closed on  
**Monday, December 25, and  
Tuesday, December 26**  
for the Christmas holiday.



**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!**

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