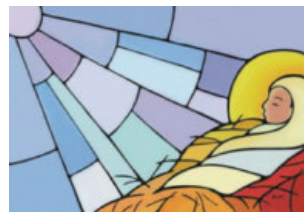


Oradell/New Milford, NJ

# Saint Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 24, 2023



### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Therefore the child to be born will be called holy,  
the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

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**Rev. Christian G. Scalo**

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**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

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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)**

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>December 23, 2023</b> 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
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>December 25, 2023 - Christmas Day</b> People of the Parish Kennedy and Grimm Families Deceased Members of the Burns and Tomassi Families Courtney Jensen
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 26, 2023</b> Daniel O'Grady Birthday Remembrance
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 27, 2023</b> Susan and Terence McCormack Louise Maloney
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 28, 2023</b> Marie L. Chiarella Edgardo C. Acosta
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 29, 2023</b> Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. Pam Talarico Birthday ~ Living
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>December 30, 2023</b> Teresita Tumang Adelaide and Ruben Silva
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>December 31, 2023</b> People of the Parish Lynn Gansley Vincent Tabone Imogene Papp

### 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,  
Justin Mehling, Robert Luyke

#### 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



### BREAD INTENTION

The **Bread**  
for the week of  
**December 24, 2023**  
Is Offered For The Deceased Members Of  
**The Fryberg and Schrader Families**



### WINE INTENTION

The **Wine**  
for the week of  
**December 24, 2023**  
Is Offered For  
**Onofrio Petrella and Family**  
Requested by Carolina Petrella



### ALTAR FLOWER INTENTION

The **Altar Flowers**  
For the week of  
**December 24, 2023**  
Are In Loving memory Of  
**Philip R. Vincenti**  
Requested by Connie and Cynthia Vincenti



### SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The **Sanctuary Lamp**  
For the week of  
**December 24, 2023**  
Burns in the Upper Church  
In Loving Memory Of  
**Philip R. Vincenti**  
Requested by Connie and Cynthia Vincenti



## A note from Fr. Christian



This Christmas and indeed every Christmas, we celebrate in a very special way the faithfulness of God who loves each and every one of us so deeply. Just think, God's love for us is so great that knowing our weakness, He sent His son Jesus into the world, born humbly in a manger. He knows us through and through, "for we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). He understands what it means to celebrate, the joy of being together with family and friends, and yes... even how it feels to mourn the losses that we have in our lives. Jesus is there for you and for me at every moment of our life, even in those times when we feel most alone.

We as Catholic Christians have a very special message. That Jesus Christ truly lived, that he suffered death on the cross for our sake, and that he rose again and ascended into heaven to open for us the path to eternal life. This is a day of hope. There is nothing that God wouldn't do for each one of us so that we could experience true happiness... even to the point of sending His Son to die on the cross. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

If this is your first time here at St. Joseph's, or if it's been a while, please know that you are very welcome here with us in our community of faith. We are strong together, united by the Baptism that we share as we strive each day to follow Jesus as his disciples.

**The world needs Jesus. We need Jesus.** He is the source of peace, joy, and light that we crave as human beings and we all have a role in spreading the love of Christ to everyone we meet. So, live joyfully in the light of Christ! Celebrate this day well. Yes, open presents... yes, enjoy a great meal... yes, share stories with family and friends. But don't forget the true reason that we celebrate... the Gift of Jesus Christ to you, me, and our entire world. There is no greater gift that we could ever ask for and receive. How blessed we truly are.

Best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas to you and your families.

*With prayer,  
Fr. Christian*



### 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



### PLEASE NOTE!


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

The Rectory Office will also be closed on **Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2** for the New Year holiday.

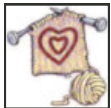



Saint Joseph Church  
Music Ministry Presents

An Afternoon of Christmas Joy



Sunday, January 7, 2024  
3:00 pm  
Saint Joseph Church  
300 Elm Street,  
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**The Shawl Ministry of St Joseph's Parish**  
will meet again on **Wednesday, Jan 10.**

This year we will meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 11am to 1pm in the Parish Life Center.

We welcome new members who can crochet and knit to our meetings. Just bring your current project with you, and enjoy our prayerful and happy group. We present shawls to those who are experiencing celebrations as well as challenging occasions.



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).



The St. Joseph Ministry of Motherhood would like to thank the Kloeber family (Oradell's corner farm) for their generous donation of all the fresh tree greens for our Advent wreath-making event! Their donations were given in memory of Charlie and Catherine Kloeber who joyfully served the Oradell community for many years.

**2024**  
**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS**  
**FREE THROW**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saint Joseph/Ascension Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its Council Championship on Saturday January 27, 2024

- All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Council Level competition.
- All participants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Each respective age division winner will proceed to the District Competition.
- All participants are required to provide proof of age (copy of birth cert.) and written parental consent. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2024. For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201-370-3404. [kofc3814@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3814@gmail.com)

**Date:** Saturday January 27, 2024

**Time:** 4:30 P.M. Registration, 5:00 P.M. START

**Place:** St. Joseph School Gym, Elm Street Oradell New Jersey.



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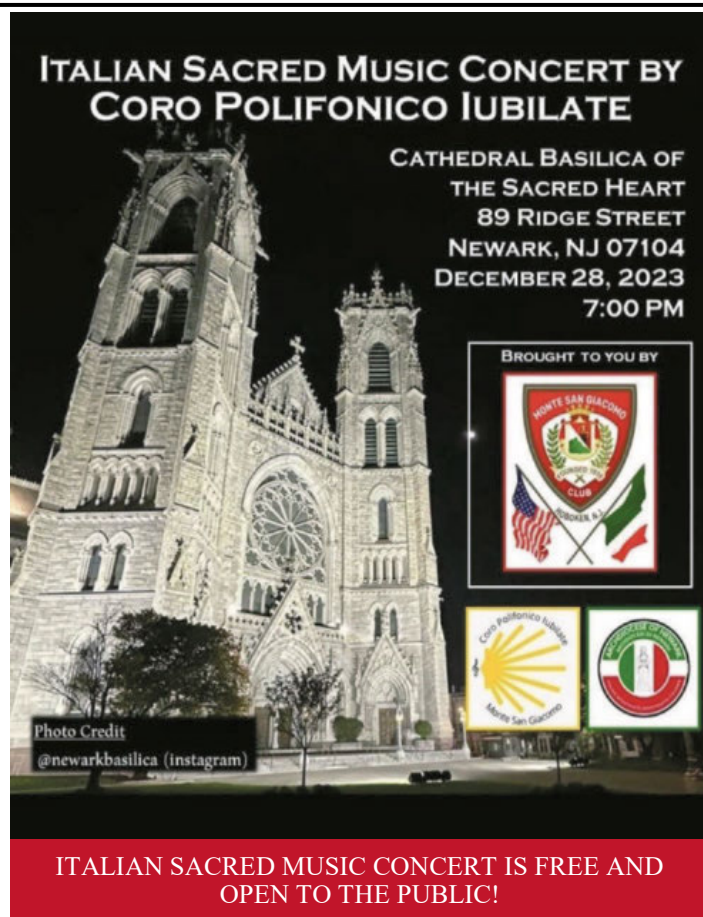


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There is a special Senior Citizen's Preview Performance on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 3pm**, including a "special nosh and a pre-show discussion" at 2:15pm, all for \$10. Tickets can be purchased in advance through various local Senior Organizations 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.



**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.

**2024 CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

Thanks to the generosity of **Boulevard Funeral Home and Cremation Service** in New Milford, **Beaugard-McKnight Funeral Home** in River Edge, and **Volk Leber** in Oradell, we have a large number of **2024 Calendars** available for our parishioners. We invite you to take one home.

**DO YOU HAVE PARISH NEWS TO SHARE?**

Bulletin announcements should be sent to [bulletin@sjcnj.org](mailto:bulletin@sjcnj.org).

All bulletin submissions for  
**Sunday, January 7**  
are due by  
**Friday, December 29.**

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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CYCLE B



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Advent • Luke 1:26-38



## GOSPEL

Think of the people you trust. These are people you can count on, no matter what happens. Both Mary and Elizabeth were amazed to learn that they were pregnant. God had surprised each of them with a special miracle - a baby. God trusted them both to take care of their babies. Mary and Elizabeth trusted God to help them. You can trust God, too.



## PRAYER

God, help me to trust you like Mary and Elizabeth did.



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