



Oradell/New Milford, NJ

# Saint Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~ December 31, 2023



### THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

**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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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 30, 2023</b> Adelaida 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
<b>Monday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 1, 2024 - New Year's Day</b> Mary and Bill Codner
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 2, 2024</b> Lauris Mary Pearce Dennis Maloney 2nd Anniversary Remembrance
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 3, 2024</b> Frank Fritzky Catherine Colangelo
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 4, 2024</b> Kieran McPartland John Dickson
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 5, 2024</b> Connor Walsh Catherine Colangelo
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>January 6, 2024</b> William E. McGovern Jaime and Conchita Bazon
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>January 7, 2024</b> Jane Murray Statesir Fredrick Burns Michael Rabbia, Sr. 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 McLane, Kathleen Thieli,  
Bill Schmalz, Daniel Blair, Shane McCooe,

### Let us remember all those who have died.

Lawrence Rutigliano, Suzie Ann Siew,  
Joseph Vincent, Humberto Campos Ureña

### 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



### 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, January 1** and  
**Tuesday, January 2**  
for the New Year holiday.



## ALTAR FLOWER INTENTION

The **Altar Flowers**  
For the week of  
**December 31, 2023**  
Are In Loving memory Of  
**Connor Walsh**  
Requested by his mother



## BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The **Bread & Wine**  
for the week of  
**December 31, 2023**  
Is Offered In Loving Memory Of  
**Connor Walsh**  
Requested by his mother



## SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The **Sanctuary Lamp**  
For the week of  
**December 31, 2023**  
Burns in the Upper Church  
In Loving Memory Of  
**Connor Walsh**  
Requested by his mother



## A note from Fr. Christian



Well...we made it! Here we are at the last bit of 2023 and getting ready to make the leap into 2024. We really never know what a new year will bring... but one thing that we can all count on is that Jesus will be walking right beside us, guiding us through whatever ups and downs we will face. Just think, regardless of what we went through in 2023... we are still here now! Some things that we experienced this past year may have been very hard. There may have been losses in our life or things that didn't go the way we've planned. But we are still here! God helped us to get through. We never walk the journey alone, and in fact the feast day we celebrate this weekend gives us a great insight into that! Jesus was born into a family with his mother Mary and his foster father Joseph. They stayed together, cared for one another, and loved each other.

We all were born into a family too! We have our individual families or extended relatives who love, nurture, and support us. Perhaps we might have some "issues" that we need to work out... but in the end, we have God and each other. By the grace of our Baptism, we also have the family of the Church as well as our own individual families! All of us are a part of God's family as his beloved sons and daughters. Isn't that something? Just think, the family portrait would be huge!!! God our Father gives us his support and love no matter what difficulties we face. He looks out for us and wants the absolute best for us. He would do anything for us without counting the cost..., "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). We begin this new year together walking as disciples of Christ... together as the parish community of St. Joseph. May God continue to richly bless our vibrant, growing parish and all of us who call St. Joseph's our spiritual home in this new year and always.

Happy New Year!

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

## BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



Father Christian blessing the memorial Christmas ornaments on December 20 as John Furman, President of the Parish Pastoral Council assists.



Sharon Murdock and Roy Williams, Council members assist in hanging the ornaments.

(Photos and captions provided by Roy Williams)

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED THROUGH OUR "GIVING TREE"

A heartfelt thank you to the many parishioners who contributed to our annual Christmas "Giving Tree." This year, the Giving Tree was a big success!

Parishioners donated **over \$10,000 worth of gift cards** (to such businesses as Shop Rite, Target, Amazon, Marshalls/TJMaxx, Walgreens and Walmart, as well as Visa/MC).

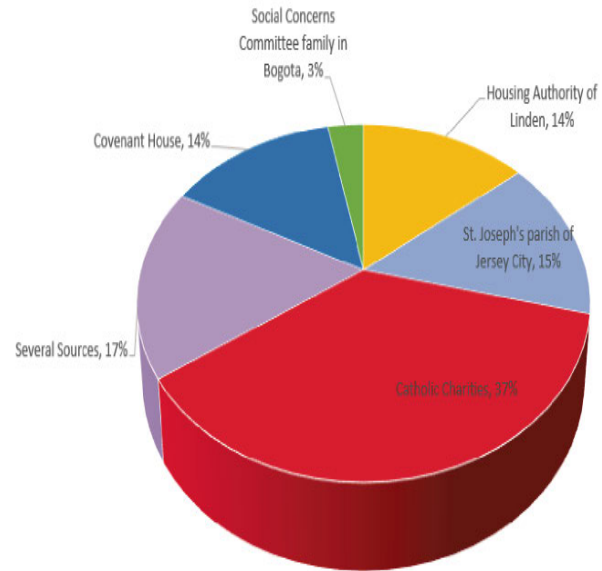
Because of your generosity, Saint Joseph Parish has been able to help a number of organizations (see chart) make Christmas a little happier for families in need. Thank you for making a difference.

*"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."*

(James 2:14-17)

(Report submitted by Melinda Rabbia)

### 2023 SJ Giving Tree



A special word of thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the Church for Christmas!

Thank you for all of the time, effort, and attention to detail that you put into making our decorations so beautiful! Your help is deeply appreciated.

### 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.

### 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, January 23**, and **Tuesday, February 20**. 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, January 1, 2024

A festive poster for Saint Joseph Church Music Ministry. The background is dark red with gold starbursts and a large gold star at the top. The text "Saint Joseph Church Music Ministry Presents" is in white. Below it, "An Afternoon of Christmas Joy" is written in a large, elegant white font. A central photograph shows the church's altar decorated for Christmas with a large cross, candles, and small Christmas trees. Below the photo, the event details are listed: "Sunday, January 7, 2024", "3:00 pm", "Saint Joseph Church", "300 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ 07649", and "sjcnj.org". A large, stylized gold treble clef is on the right side.

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  
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FEATURING  
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
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**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** at Saint Joseph serve the parish by assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. They are called upon to distribute the consecrated host, the Body of Christ, or the consecrated blood, the Blood of Christ, to their fellow parishioners.

Those who wish to serve in this ministry are required to attend a **workshop and training session** in the parish, after which the candidates will be mandated for this ministry by the Archdiocese of Newark.

Those who serve in this ministry must have a love, reverence, and devotion for the Eucharist, as well as a love and reverence for their fellow parishioners who make up the Church, the living Body of Christ.



Anyone interested in this wonderful and fulfilling ministry can email us at [euchmin@sjcnj.org](mailto:euchmin@sjcnj.org)



**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).



## 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.



Follow us on Facebook  
[facebook.com/church.st.joseph](https://facebook.com/church.st.joseph)

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

<https://sjcnj.org/community>

**To submit photos, please contact Melinda at [webmaster@sjcnj.org](mailto:webmaster@sjcnj.org).**

## 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 14**  
are due by  
**Friday, January 5.**

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth at St. Walburga Monastery will host a Vocation discernment Retreat from January 5 through 7 for single women ages 18-55. For more information, please contact Sr. Rosemary Kenny, Vocation Director, at 908-352-4278 x206 or by email at [Rosemaryosb@bensisnj.org](mailto:Rosemaryosb@bensisnj.org).

The Spirituality Center at St. Walburga Monastery will also present two retreats for lay Catholics in January: **"Wintering With God"** - a morning mini retreat - will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 9:15 am to 12:30pm, and **"Thomas Merton - Contemplative Activist"** takes place January 26-28. To learn more, visit: <https://bensisnj.org>.

Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth  
851 North Broad Street  
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## 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

## 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.



## GIVE IT A SHOT!

## Electronic Giving

**Electronic/Online Giving** is a convenient, no hassle method of making your Sunday offertory to the church. For more information or to sign up, you can visit [sjcnj.org](http://sjcnj.org) and click on the **Donate** tab. You can also contact the parish office for more details.

**If you are a current online giving user** and you participate in the Increased Offertory Program, you will need to log into your account and update your giving to reflect your intention.

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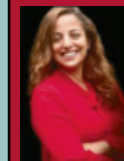
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