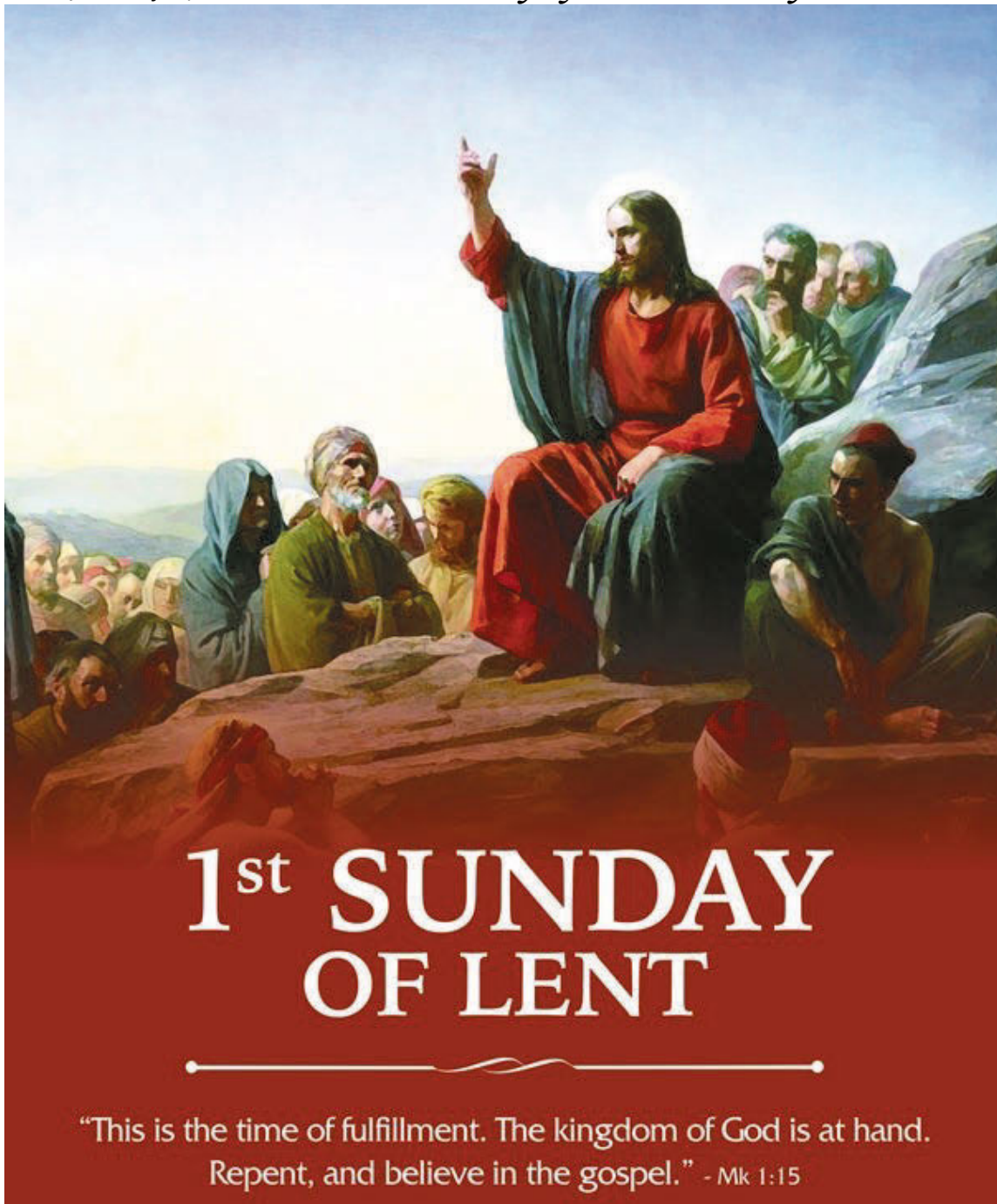


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Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

First Sunday Of Lent ~ February 18, 2024



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” - Mk 1:15

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.

For More Information
About:

Homebound/Hospital Visits

Christian Initiation of
Adults / RCIA

Parish Registration
Please 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)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Ed Grube, Annette Linder, Paul Toner,
Jonathan J. Benkovic, James Sweeney,
Susan Petrella, Jim McLane, Kathleen Thiele,
Bill Schmalz, Daniel Blair, Michele Meli,
Vincent Ferranti

Names of individuals added to this list will be read aloud at Mass for two consecutive weeks and then listed here for 3 months. If you would like to add a person again, please contact the parish office. Names should only be submitted with the permission of the individual who is sick.

Let us remember all those who have died.
Sharda Ramdas

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


Saturday 5:00 pm	February 17, 2024 For The Unborn
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	February 18, 2024 People of the Parish Amalia Aquino Birthday ~ Living Mariano and Leogarda Mendes Eugene Cunningham
Monday 8:30 am	February 19, 2024 Frei Thomas Jones, OFM 2nd Anniversary Remembrance
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 20, 2024 Msgr. David C. Hubba 1st Anniversary Remembrance Serafina DellaTorre
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 21, 2024 Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. Ann Marquez
Thursday 8:30 am	February 22, 2024 James Finan Msgr. David C. Hubba
Friday 8:30 am	February 23, 2024 George M. Carter Evaristo Dias
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	February 24, 2024 Marion Brennan Family John E. McHugh
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	February 25, 2024 People of the Parish Tony Leara May DelBove 18th Anniversary Remembrance Maria DeBenedetto

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.


Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, and scanning the QR code

BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The Bread & Wine
for the week of
February 18, 2024
Are Offered In Loving Memory Of
Msgr. David C. Hubba and Fr. Frank Gaetano
Requested by The Santaniello Family



HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Parish Office/Rectory will be closed on Monday, February 19 for Presidents Day.

There will be NO NOVENA

A note from Fr. Christian



It's hard to believe that we are already a few days into Lent! Amazing how time flies. We are blessed to celebrate this holy season. It's a time for inner renewal to take a few steps back, slow down, and really concentrate on our relationship with God.

That's what prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us to do! Even the tradition of "giving something up" for Lent helps us to go deeper into faith if we do so with the right mindset and from a place of prayer.

Prayer is the cornerstone of our relationship with God. It's in prayer when we have the opportunity to share with Jesus the things that are going on with our lives and in turn allow Jesus into the mix of it all. Perhaps the most difficult part of prayer is not necessarily finding the words or coming up with ideas (Jesus wants us to be completely honest in prayer... no fluff needed!), but rather, with making the time to do it. Going deeper into prayer begins with making the commitment to God and ourselves that we are going to set aside some time in our busy days to work on our relationship with God. Whether it's in the car stuck in traffic on the way to work or school, walking outside in nature, or kneeling inside the Church before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, the time we take to speak with God matters!

Imagine having a spouse or good friend and never sharing anything with them or even talking to them... I would imagine that the relationship would be rocky at best, or at least start going downhill. Any type of serious relationship is born of trust, mutual respect, communication, and love among many other things.

If you're struggling with prayer or honestly haven't done it often and want to make a change, start small. Take 10 minutes... or even just 5 good minutes... to speak with Jesus. Having trouble thinking of what to say? Maybe read some Scripture, be inspired by the love and mercy Jesus showed to all he met, place yourself in the story! It's just one way of immersing ourselves in the presence of God. Another way might be to consider how your day went with the knowledge that Jesus wants to help: What went well? What could we have done better? What are we most grateful for? And if we're still struggling... just having the discipline to sit in the silence and stillness with the intention to enter into prayer is a great start. Don't give up easily! Be persistent. The Holy Spirit will inspire if we commit ourselves to trying!

As we journey through these days of Lent together, may the Lord inspire us with a prayerful heart and disposition so that we can grow in deeper union with him and with one another.

**With Prayer,
Fr. Christian**



Our parish is participating in the **National Eucharistic Revival** by hosting a small group study called *Jesus and the Eucharist*.

The daytime group meets from 9:30 - 11:30 AM and the evening group meets from 7:00- 9:00 PM.

There is no cost for this study. For information or to sign up, please email journey@sjcnj.org.



2025 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

The 2025 Mass book is now open. Mass Intention requests will be taken at the Rectory from 9:30 am to 1:30 p.m. The Mass Intention Form and instructions are available at the Rectory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

Saint Joseph Church will offer the Stations of the Cross in Church, every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm. You are invited to attend.

LOCAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, Feb. 26 @ 7:00 pm - St. Mary's, Dumont

Monday, March 4 @ 7:00 pm - St. Joseph's, NM/Oradell

Monday, March 11 @ 7:00 pm - St. Peter's, River Edge

Monday, March 18 @ 7:00 pm - Our Lady of the Visitation, Paramus



FEATURING
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. Joseph **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is a division of Social Concerns. We are a dedicated group of members of the parish, who knit and crochet prayer shawls and lap robes.

The items are blessed, and the ministry then presents them to those who are celebrating a happy occasion. We also present blessed shawls to those who are recuperating from an illness or surgery.



In addition, the ministry crafts hats and scarves for children who are in underprivileged neighborhoods, as well as making baby hats for hospital nurseries. Many shawls are distributed in the Spring when the parish celebrates the Anointing of the Sick Mass.

The prayers of the entire ministry go forward with these gifts so that the recipients are comforted and experience the warmth of God's love.

We warmly welcome new members who know how to knit and crochet. Interested parishioners should contact **Gail** at office@sjcnj.org

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Presents
BEHOLD
A Eucharistic Revival
A LIVE 3-NIGHT ENCOUNTER

LOCATION:
St. Joseph Church
300 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ

DATES:
Monday, Feb. 26th, 7:30pm
Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 7:30pm
Wednesday, Feb. 28th, 7:30pm
Mass : 8:15pm

INCLUDING

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Array of Hope offers, in collaboration with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a 3 night encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The nights include talks, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, music provided by AOH Music and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The "BEHOLD" nights look to be very bright lights which the Lord will use to pour out streams of grace to those who attend (and) tie in very well with the bishops' recent document on the "Holy Eucharist: The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church."

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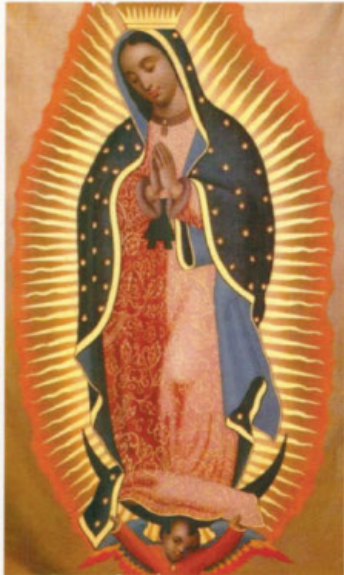
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**Respect Life Adoption Journey:
FEBRUARY - 1 MONTH**

I am now 10,000 times larger than I was a month ago (at conception), about the size of a grain of rice! My heart is formed and beating (at 22 days) and it is pumping blood through my blood vessels! My blood type may even be different from my mother's. My placenta is forming, and it will nourish me until I am born. Pray for me as I continue to grow.



Saint Joseph Church Oradell - New Milford

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Intercessor of the Unborn

To help stop the anti-life push in the world, the Church encourages the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. For 9 months, pray daily that one particular but unknown child's life be spared from abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

The name I wish to give my baby is _____
Spiritual Adoption Date _____

"Lord Jesus, Holy Mary and St. Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Lord Jesus, may your peace and your mercy embrace the hearts, minds and souls of the family, friends, and anyone who contemplates or encourages this abortion. Lead them all to conversion and to Your Sacred and Eucharistic Heart."

Offer one Our Father and one Hail Mary. Please pray! This baby is counting on you.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
-Jeremiah 1:5

Please continue to pray this prayer daily for the child you have spiritually adopted:

"Lord Jesus, Holy Mary, and St. Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Lord Jesus, may your peace and your mercy embrace the hearts, minds and souls of the family, friends, and anyone who contemplates or encourages this abortion. Lead them all to conversion and to Your Sacred and Eucharistic Heart."

Offer one Our Father and one Hail Mary. Please pray! This baby is counting on you. Please contact Melinda and Judy at StJosephRespectLife@gmail.com if you have any questions about our spiritual adoption program, which will continue through October (Respect Life Month).

"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works!" Psalm 139: 13-14

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, February 20, Tuesday, March 19 and Tuesday, April 23.** 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.

Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, March 3** Are due by **Friday, February 23.**
bulletin@sjcnj.org

Harrison House volunteers needed

Our parish will begin donating meals once again to Harrison House beginning in March. Harrison House in Paramus is a safe and secure home for people living with HIV/AIDS. If you like to cook and would be willing to donate a meal, please reach out to Jane Kiernan at jane.kiernan94@gmail.com to be put on the schedule. The more volunteers we get, the more meals we can provide. Not a cook? We will gratefully accept monetary donations or supermarket gift cards to help offset costs.

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 and click on the **Donate** tab.

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. You can also contact the parish office for more details.

To View Our Community



To Support Our Mission



LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of **Fast**, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. *Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.*

On a day of **Abstinence**, no meat may be eaten. *Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.*

2. The time for fulfilling the **Paschal Precept** (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially” or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

“Mission Possible: Being Eucharist Alive”

An Evening of Reflection with Sr. Marilyn Minter, CSSF
St. Mary’s Church, 280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ
Monday, February 19, 7:00 pm

Sr. Marilyn has been a member of the Felician Community for 49 years and has been involved in a variety of ministries as a Felician Sister. She spent a number of years in the field of education, and for more than a decade, has responded to an inner call of evangelization with and among the poor, which has led her to various mission immersion experiences in Africa, Mexico, Kamchatka in Russia, and Haiti. Sr. Marilyn has also served the Archdiocese of Newark as Associate Director of Youth and Adult Ministries. She has conducted parish missions, as well as retreats with youth, young adults, and the not-so-young. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Haiti Mission of the Felician Sisters.



Safe Environment Corner How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at
201-407-3256



Saint Joseph Track & Field Team 2024 Registration

Saint Joseph CYO Track & Field Registration Is Now Open!

Saint Joseph CYO Track & Field invites all parish boys and girls attending Saint Joseph School, or who are enrolled in the parish Religious Education classes (CCD) in grades K-8, to join!

Our exciting program provides an opportunity where children can learn fundamentals as well as develop competitively in track & field. Our program strives to provide a foundation where athletes participate, challenge themselves, and have fun.

Running events offered usually include 50M, 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1600M, & relays. Field events may include long jump, broad jump, shotput, discus and/or turbo javelin. Practices are typically held on Tuesdays/Fridays at Bergen Catholic and there are generally 3-5 league track meets in which our team will compete. Parents and volunteers are welcome to assist as coaches or to help at track meets. No experience is required.

For additional information on the track program, volunteering or registration, please email Mike Smith at mismitty2004@aol.com. Registration forms and payments can be dropped off at the Saint Joseph lower school office no later than March 19th.



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