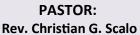


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rd. NJ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe ~ November 24, 2024

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34



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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPi

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



Saturday November 23, 2024

5:00 pm Edward and Marguerite Jackson

SundayNovember 24, 20247:30 amPeople of the Parish9:00 amTomassi Family10:30 amMary Velardi

12:00 pm Felice and Angelo Bartolomeo

Monday November 25, 2024 8:30 am Natalina Caitan Fernandes

Tuesday8:30 am
November 26, 2024
Jillian and Derek Reilly
1st Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday November 27, 2024

8:30 am Rita Petrie

Thursday November 28, 2024 8:30 am Margaret Connolly

Friday November 29, 2024 8:30 am William Joseph Mooney, Jr.

Saturday November 30, 2024 8:30 am Rita Petrie

5:00 pm Joseph and Grace Gaetano

Sunday
7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
Marie Flieger
12:00 pm
December 1, 2024
People of the Parish
Christian Whitaker
Marie Flieger
Joseph Vincent





BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The **Bread & Wine**for the week of **November 24, 2024**Is Offered In Loving Memory Of **Joan F. Murray**Requested by The McMillin Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Annette Linder, Dolores D'Angelo, Kathleen Thiele, Angela Schimpf, Alvaro Gutierrez, Cian Dankin, Patrick Kelley, Alex Wiseman, Ed Barrow, Lisa Gladwell, Sharon Melvin, Colleen Kelly-Borel, Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz, Jeffrey Fulton, Adam Nelson, Joseph Binetti, Patrick Valentino

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.

Dr. Alicia Fuhrman

Let us remember those serving in our military:

Capt. Harry Aquino USAF, 2LT Michael Kirwan USAF Chaplain (Capt.) Father AJ De Silva USAR, CWO2 Brian P. McCarthy USMC, Capt. Christopher Bascomb, USAR

Advent and Vocation Reflection

All are welcome to join us on **Monday, December 2nd, at 7:30 pm** in the Upper Church as we reflect on the significance of Advent and its connection to the discernment of one's vocation. Fr. Christian will share his personal vocation story with us, drawing parallels between the preparation and anticipation we experience during Advent and its connection to our own vocation journeys.



PLEASE NOTE!

The Rectory Office will be **closed Thursday, November 28**, and **Friday, November 29** for Thanksgiving.

Wishing you all a beautiful and blessed Thanksgiving!



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The **Sanctuary Lamp**For the week of **November 24, 2024**Burns in the Upper Church **For The Unborn**

Requested by The Respect Life Committee

A note from Fr. Christian



Wow... It's so hard to believe that we are already approaching Thanksgiving. So amazing how fast time flies! Sometimes, it can feel like the world jumps right from Halloween to Christmas and seemingly forgets Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays, and not just because it usually involves a very sizable meal. It is one day, even on our secular calendar, when everyone can draw their attention to the importance of showing gratitude in life.

The practice of giving thanks is a central part of our faith. In fact, the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word "eucharistia" which translates to "thanksgiving." Gratitude is powerful! Remember the passage in the Scriptures where Jesus heals the 10 Lepers? They were all calling out to Jesus for healing and He freely gave it to them! Yet, only one out of the ten returned to give thanks for the tremendous blessing he received:

"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God? "Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you" (Luke 17: 15-19).

All of us have received so many blessings throughout our life from God and it's important to take the opportunity to say "thank you." Having an "attitude of gratitude" is especially a great way to combat feelings of jealousy and discontentment! It helps us to take a good look at the present, to be happy with what we have, and to acknowledge those who helped us to get where we are today, especially God.

May this Thanksgiving Day be a special day for you and your families, an opportunity to spend quality time together, and above all, a moment to pause and remember the kindness, love, and mercy of God in our lives.

I am grateful to God for all of you!

With prayer,
Fr. Christian



This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, (Dec. 8) which falls on the Second Sunday of Advent is transferred to Monday, December 9th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Mass Schedule is: 8:30 am and 7:30 pm

ATTENTION: LECTORS



2025 Lector Workbook is available in the Upper Church (in the **Ministers' Gathering Room** at the Elm St. entrance). The book has your name on it (*bottom right hand corner*). Please be sure to pick up your copy before **December 1st.** (the first Sunday of Advent - the start of the new liturgical year).



LITTLE BLUE BOOKS, AN ADVENT COMPANION Available Nov. 23 & 24

As we prepare to enter into the season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation, we invite you to take home a copy of the "Little Blue Books" that will be at the doors of the church on **Nov. 23 and 24**. Each book contains daily devotionals that we hope will inspire all of us to enter more deeply into this Holy Season.



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.

Our next coffee hour will be on **December 1** after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 masses.

We are looking for our other church ministries to host as well. If you are interested in doing so, please reach out to us at fellowship@sjcnj.org. Many hands make light work!!

Please join us in Saint Joseph's Retreat House behind the church. (Follow the signs) We look forward to seeing you.

TURKEY TO DONATE?

Do you have a **Shop Rite turkey** that you would like to donate to the *Church of Ascension food pantry*? No need to pick it up. Requirements are that you spend \$400 at **Shop Rite** between October 20 through Thursday, November 28, to qualify. If you qualify for a free turkey and would like to **donate** it, please call the Ascension Church parish office at 201-836-8961 or Joan (pantry volunteer) at 201-446-6240 and provide both your telephone number and Shop Rite Price Club number. The Ascension Church food pantry volunteers will be happy to pick it up for you and give it to the needy and less fortunate.

Thank you!

PARISH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at Eva's Village, located at 393 Main Street, in Paterson, NJ on Tuesdays - November 26 and December 17. 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.





FOOD DRIVE AT SAINT JOSEPH THIS WEEKEND!! NOV. 23-24



Our traditional **Thanksgiving Food Drive** will take place **November 23-24**. Your generous donations will bless those in need at local food pantries. Below is a list of items most often requested. Please make sure that the food is **NOT EXPIRED.**

"Especially needed items" are in "bold."

Apple Sauce Juice - Apple **Baby Food** Beef Stew (canned) Juice - Grape **Bread Crumbs** Cake Mix/Frosting **Canned Chicken Canned Chili Canned Fruit Cocktail Canned Mandarin Oranges Napkins Canned Mushroom Canned Peaches**

Canned Pears Canned Pineapple Canned Spinach Canned White Potatoes Canned Yams

Cereal: Cheerios **Honey Nut Cheerios** Frosted Flakes

Oatmeal **Raisin Bran** Rice Krispies Coffee/Tea **Decaf Coffee** Cookies

Crackers **Cranberry Sauce** Deodorant

Diapers - All Sizes Dishwashing Liquid (Dawn, etc.)

Egg Noodles

Gravy

Juice - Cranberry Jello/Pudding Laundry Detergent Macaroni & Cheese Mayonnaise/Mustard Milk (powdered or canned)

Pancake Mix/Syrup **Paper Towels** Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Peanut Butter & Grape Jelly

Potatoes - instant (boxed) Pumpkin (canned)

Razors

Rice - Brown & Instant Shampoo & Conditioner

Shaving Cream

Soap - hand, face (bars) Soup - beef (canned) Soup - chicken (canned) Soup - ramen (box or can) Soup - vegetable (canned)

SPAM Stuffing Mix Tuna Fish (canned) Tissues

Toilet Paper Toothbrushes Toothpaste

Vegetables (green; canned)

FROZEN TURKEYS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS THE PARISH HAS NO REFRIGERATOR/FREEEZER CAPACITY.

If you prefer, you may make a **monetary donation**. Please make your check payable to "Saint Joseph Church" and mark the envelope "Food Drive." Thank you.

Please bring your donations to the Rectory garage, before or after any of the Masses, on the weekend of November 23-24.

Growing in Faith and Knowledge: Excerpts from the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

In this new section of the bulletin, we will highlight different teachings found in the Compendium, with the hope that it helps all of us to grow in basic knowledge of our faith, thereby leading us closer to Jesus!

Why does the Profession of Faith begin with the words, "I believe in God"?

The Profession of Faith begins with these words because the affirmation "I believe in God" is the most important, the source of all the other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God.

Why does one profess belief that there is only one God?

Belief in the one God is professed because he has revealed himself to the people of Israel as the only One when he said, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord" (*Deuteronomy* 6:4) and "there is no other" (*Isaiah* 45:22). Jesus himself confirmed that God is "the one Lord" (*Mark* 12:29). To confess that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also God and Lord does not introduce any division into the one God.

With what name does God reveal Himself?

God revealed himself to Moses as the living God, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (*Exodus* 3:6). God also revealed to Moses his mysterious name "I Am Who I Am (YHWH)". Already in Old Testament times this ineffable name of God was replaced by the divine title *Lord*. Thus in the New Testament, Jesus who was called *Lord* is seen as true God.

Excerpts are taken from the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as found on: https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html

Saint Joseph Church



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

PLEASE INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF THE GIFT CARD!

Gifts collected will be presented to:

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

All donations are requested by DECEMBER 15

Share The Spirit Of Christmas!

What better way to prepare our homes and hearts for Christmas than to share the blessings of the holy season with those in need? Our Giving Trees, an Advent tradition at Saint Joseph Parish, will be placed in the main entrance of the Church and at the Harrison Street entrance around Thanksgiving.

We will place red and green tags on the tree so that you can take one and have a reminder for yourself, but you do not need to return the tag with the gift card.

We ask that you purchase a **gift card**, <u>indicate the \$ amount</u>, and place in the box next to the tree the next time you come to Mass.

Gift cards from **ShopRite**, **Target**, **Amazon**, **and Walmart** are appreciated. Traditionally, parishioners have given \$25 or \$50 gift cards, but please feel free to give any amount you are able to give.

For more information, please contact Christine Maron or Melinda Rabbia at givingtree@sjcnj.org.

IMPORTANT

All Giving Tree Gifts need to be returned **NO LATER than Sunday, December 15**th, so that we have time to return to the agencies we support, and they can in turn help the families in need BEFORE Christmas. Thank you for your support.



Safe Environment Corner

November 18th has been designated by the United Nations as World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence. The establishment of this national day helps to increase international awareness about the sexual abuse of children. Additionally, it reminds everyone to continue to develop prevention strategies and to bring healing, and justice for our survivors and their families. (USCCB 11/2024)

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to survivors of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocese Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.



"Thanks-giving" A Distinctive Meaning!!

Catholic Charities is deeply thankful for your positive response to the donation bins. As we all know, one way to give "thanks" is by "giving." Just as the Lord has given us so many blessings, this is an ideal time to give any unwanted clothing to the Catholic Charities Donation Bins. Please note that in addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, toys, novels and children's books. Happy "Thanks-giving"!

EARLY DEADLINE!

Bulletin submissions for Sunday, December 8 Are due by Friday, November 29. bulletin@sicni.org

CORNERSTONE CORNER

Anyone who has made Cornerstone at St. Joseph's Church or elsewhere is welcome!!

Women's Meeting Dates

Second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Retreat House January 8, 2025

Men's Meeting Dates

February 12, 2025

Third Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm in the **Retreat House** January 15, 2025 February 19, 2025

Key Dates for both Men & Women

December 4, 2024: Christmas Party 7 pm at **Knights of Columbus**

January 29, 2025: **Evening of Reflection** at 7:30pm in Upper Church

March 7-8, 2025: WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE **WEEKEND** at Retreat House

March 21-22, 2025: MEN'S CORNERSTONE WEEKEND at Retreat House

LIFENET's 30th Anniversary Fundraising Gala "A Child is Born" on December 11th

Please come to LIFENET's 30th Anniversary Fundraising Gala, "A Child is Born," on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 PM at the Westmount Country Club in Woodland Park, NJ. Tickets are \$180 per person with Open Bar and Viennese Table. All proceeds will go towards LIFENET's vital pro-life / pro-chastity educational work! For more information or to purchase tickets, visit lifeneteducation.org/ gala or call 973-497-4520.

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Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient method of making your Sunday offertory to the church. For more information or to sign up, you can visit signi.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.

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