



Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

First Sunday Of Advent ~ December 1, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

LET US WALK IN
THE LIGHT OF THE
LORD

1st Sunday OF ADVENT



PASTOR:
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	religious@sjcnj.org	sjcnjre.org
Saint Joseph School the Greenhouse PreK	305 Elm St., Oradell	201-261-2388	office@sjsusa.org	sjsusa.org
Youth Ministry	Meets in the PLC	201-410-5930	youthministry@sjcnj.org	sjcnj.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:

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, Manuel Relucio, Soledad Relucio

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.

Allan Meredith, Adolfo DeLuna

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

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 30, 2024 Joseph and Grace Gaetano
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	December 1, 2024 People of the Parish Christian Whitaker Marie Flieger Joseph Vincent
Monday 8:30 am	December 2, 2024 Maria Bonelli
Tuesday 8:30 am	December 3, 2024 Vitaut Kipel
Wednesday 8:30 am	December 4, 2024 Patrick Valentino ~ Living
Thursday 8:30 am	December 5, 2024 Thomas J. Byrne
Friday 8:30 am	December 6, 2024 Betty Markey 9th Anniversary Remembrance
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	December 7, 2024 The Gereghty Family Robert Garrison
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	December 8, 2024 James Kelly People of the Parish Deceased Members of the Dias and Melo Families Felice and James Capuani



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

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 vocation journeys of any kind.



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

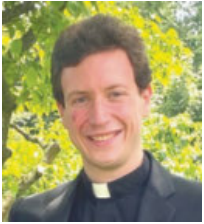
The Bread & Wine for the week of **December 1, 2024** Is Offered In Loving Memory Of **Marie L. Chiarella** Requested by her husband, Anthony



ALTAR FLOWER INTENTION

The Altar Flowers For the week of **December 1, 2024** Are In Loving Memory Of Our Dad **Joseph P. Hoock, Sr.** Requested by Sharon, Michael and Nancy

A note from Fr. Christian



Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent and Happy (Church) New Year! The countdown to Christmas has now begun and I'm sure this time of year becomes even more busy for everyone: trying to find the right gifts, maybe baking some Christmas cookies, planning out family gatherings, menus, etc! Yet, in the midst of everything, the Lord Jesus invites us to use this time of Advent to take a step back and prepare our mind and heart for Christmas.

These next few weeks aren't just about checking off the calendar until Christmas Day; they invite us to step into the journey of recognizing the presence of Jesus in our midst. We are called to be vigilant and alert! To keep watch. To take a deep breath and to wait. It can be so hard to wait, can't it? Patience doesn't always come easy. I'm thinking of when we go to a restaurant, really looking forward to the meal... but it's so crowded that we have to wait for the table let alone the food! An extra minute over the amount of time we were told we'd be waiting can feel like it takes forever. And yet, without the wait, we wouldn't be able to enjoy that beautiful meal on the other end.

During these next few weeks, take time to step back, slow down, and rest. Take some extra moments for prayer, look for the presence of God in the beauty of nature, have some deeper or more spiritually meaningful conversations with others. The more we are willing to invest in preparation, the greater the spiritual fruits we will experience when Christmas comes.

Jesus is coming! Watch, wait, and pray.

***With prayer,
Fr. Christian***



The members of the Ascension Church Food Pantry would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who called in their ShopRite card numbers to us to donate a turkey for our clients. Thanks to your help each family was able to have a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner again this year. May God bless your generosity.

As a coordinator of the food pantry at Ascension Church, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our entire staff to thank the parishioners of St. Joseph's for the generosity once again in helping us to keep our shelves stocked with essentials for those in need. We all know how tough times are right now, which has led to more need than ever. Thanks to your help we will be facing these cold winter months with a good amount of stock on our pantry shelves. May God bless you for your generosity, and may all have a blessed Christmas season.

Joan Stephens

ATTENTION: LECTORS



The **2025 Lector Workbooks** are now available for pick up for those Lectors currently serving at Mass. Your copy of the **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).



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.



The SJ Youth Group, led by Ellen Solinas, is pictured here with Melinda Rabbia, one of the co-chairs of the Giving Tree committee. The Youth Group kindly helped prepare the tags for our Giving Tree. Gift cards are due back Dec. 15 – please help a family in need to celebrate the joy of Christmas.
(Photo and caption provided by Melinda Rabbia)

Saint Joseph Church

Giving Tree

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**, indicate the \$ amount, 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 15th**, 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.



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!

Is God the only One who "is"?

Since creatures have received everything they are and have from God, only God in himself *is* the fullness of being and of every perfection. God is "He who is" without origin and without end. Jesus also reveals that he bears the divine name "I Am" (*John 8:28*).

Why is the revelation of God's name important?

In revealing his name, God makes known the riches contained in the ineffable mystery of his being. He alone is from everlasting to everlasting. He is the One who transcends the world and history. It is he who made heaven and earth. He is the faithful God, always close to his people, in order to save them. He is the highest holiness, "rich in mercy" (*Ephesians 2:4*), always ready to forgive. He is the One who is spiritual, transcendent, omnipotent, eternal, personal, and perfect. He is truth and love.

"God is the infinitely perfect being who is the most Holy Trinity." (Saint Turibius of Montenegro)

In what way is God the truth?

God is Truth itself and as such he can neither deceive nor be deceived. He is "light, and in him there is no darkness" (1 *John 1:5*). The eternal Son of God, the incarnation of wisdom, was sent into the world "to bear witness to the Truth" (*John 18:37*).

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

SEEKING OUR BLESSED MOTHER IN DIFFICULT TIMES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th @ 1:45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
along with Prayers to Our Blessed Mother
led by Father Vincent D'Agostino, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy

Presentation by **Marylène D'Jamoos @ 2:15pm**

She became a Lay Carmelite 43 years ago and served as their Northern New Jersey Regional Coordinator for 17 years, continuing to grow in love with Jesus, Mary and Carmelite Spirituality. Marylene used her early French training to open and direct a successful Catholic Montessori School for 18 years. Marylene has always overflowed with an enthusiastic response to her Catholic faith, sharing it powerfully and joyfully with others so they can come to discover the unfathomable love that Jesus and Mary have for each and every one of them.

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The **Saint Joseph Youth Ministry** meets on Tuesday evening from 7:30-9:00 pm. All teens from 7th to 12th grade are welcome to join us. We are now meeting in the **Parish Life Center**, 268 Grove Street, Oradell, NJ, (behind the lower school). For more information regarding St. Joseph Youth Ministry, please email Ellen Solinas at youthministry@sjcnj.org

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 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.

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.

Saint Joseph Regional High School Presents

ALL IN THE TIMING



A Student-Directed Play

December 13 at 7 pm & December 14 at 2 pm*

*Senior Show - Nosh & Live Music at 1 pm

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Food Drive with Santa

12-07-2024 Saturday
9:30am - 3pm

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Photo with Santa! *From 10 am to noon*
With you, yours kids or your fur babies!
\$10 donation. Photo will be emailed to you!

FOOD DRIVE

Items needed

- Personal care items and diapers for St. Joseph Care Corner
- Non-perishables for the local food pantries

GLADLY ACCEPT

Grocery Store Gift Cards and Cash



Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, December 15**
Are due by **Friday, December 6.**
bulletin@sjcnj.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

February 12, 2025

Men's Meeting Dates

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**.

To Support Our Mission



Electronic Giving

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 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.

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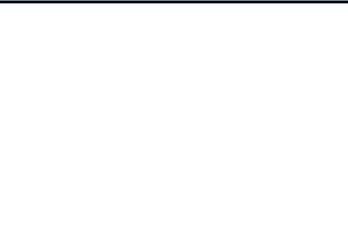
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