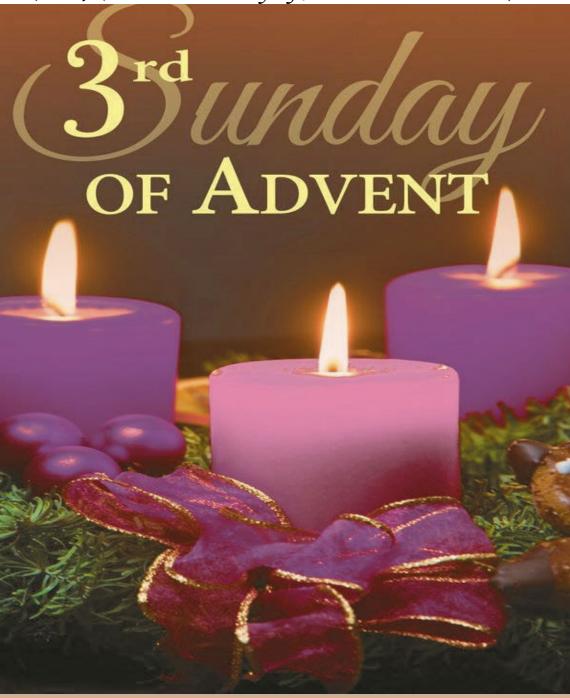


Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church Third Sunday Of Advent ~ December 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF **ADVENT ONE MIGHTIER** THAN I IS COMING Luke 3:16



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 Parish Office 105 Harrison St., New Milford Religious Education 105 Harrison St., New Milford Saint Joseph School 305 Elm St., Oradell the Greenhouse PreK

Meets in the PLC

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



Saturday December 14, 2024 5:00 pm Anna Barbagallo

SundayDecember 15, 20247:30 amPeople of the Parish9:00 amJudene Maron Baglieri10:30 amWilbert and Ann Norton

12:00 pm Helen Low

Monday December 16, 2024

8:30 am Ana Tumang Anna Frikker

Tuesday December 17, 2024 8:30 am Bonanzo VonUrff

Wednesday December 18, 2024 8:30 am Nicholas Frikker

Thursday December 19, 2024 8:30 am Deacon Edward J. Maron

Friday December 20, 2024 8:30 am Connor Walsh

Birthday Remembrance

Saturday December 21, 2024 8:30 am Ronald Sgambati 5:00 pm Joseph Vincent

1st Anniversary Remembrance

SundayDecember 22, 20247:30 amPeople of the Parish9:00 amJoseph Vincent10:30 amAmelia Diaz12:00 pmKenneth Bevillard

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be NO NOVENA on Monday, December 16



PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Alvaro Gutierrez, Cian Dankin, Patrick Kelley, Alex Wiseman, Ed Barrow, Lisa Gladwell, Sharon Melvin, Colleen Kelly-Borel, Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz, Adam Nelson, Joseph Binetti, Patrick Valentino, Manuel Relucio, Soledad Relucio, Marie Pucher, Natasha Martinez-Prosser,

Annette Linder
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.

Robert Bruschi, Jr., Kenneth Monaco, Anne Williams

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



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The **Bread & Wine**for the week of **December 15, 2024**Are Offered In Loving Memory Of **Connor Walsh**

Requested by his mother



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The Sanctuary Lamp
For the week of
December 15, 2024
Burns in the Upper Church

In Loving Memory Of

Connor Walsh

Requested by his mother



ALTAR FLOWER INTENTION

The Altar Flowers
For the week of
December 15, 2024
Are Offered In Loving Memory Of
Joseph E. Vincent
1st Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by The Vincent Family

A note from Fr. Christian



This Sunday, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday (with the word "Gaudete" coming from the Latin word for "rejoice"). It is one of the very rare occasions during the church year

where the priest may wear the color "rose" (which also matches the rose candle that we light on the Advent wreath) rather than the traditional violet color of the season. It's a special day!

Today is a day to be joyful! Christmas is almost here. Jesus is with us. Sometimes, we might think that joy and happiness are the same thing, but really they are not. Joy is not merely a feeling of happiness or contentment. It is not something that can be given to us simply from things that we might enjoy in the world. True joy is much deeper. It is that feeling, that state of mind and heart that comes from a deep awareness of God's presence with us. It is an internal feeling of fulfillment and peace that goes beyond anything temporary or external, but rather, points towards things that are eternal.

Typically, we are feeling the most happy when things around us are going well, when everything is happening the right way, when we are deriving some form of satisfaction out of life. Joy is something that endures even in the most difficult times and seasons of our life, because it is not dependent on external circumstances, but rather, is deeply rooted in the peace that comes from faith in Christ.

As we continue to move toward Christmas, I pray that the Lord Jesus will bless us all not just with daily happiness, but also with an abiding joy deep within ourselves as we await the beautiful celebration of Christmas.

With Prayer,

Fr. Christian

Deanery Advent Penance Service

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (10 County Rd. Tenafly) Monday, December 16 at 7:00pm 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

Mark your calendars!

The Saint Joseph Church Annual Christmas Concert, "An Afternoon of Christmas Joy" will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 3:00 pm in the Upper Church. This very popular concert will feature our spectacular Adult and Children's Choirs, Cantors, and instrumentalists in a beautiful concert of Religious, Holiday and Popular music. Please be sure to mark your calendars and spread the word. An Afternoon of Christmas Joy is a beautiful way to close out the Christmas Season.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

You are invited to make a donation, in memory of a loved one for a special intention, toward the cost of decorating our worship spaces for the Christmas season. Please use the "Flower Envelope" that you received in the mail. (Extra envelopes are available at the doors of the church.) Suggested donation is \$10 per name/family and payable to "Saint Joseph Church." Your envelope may be dropped in the collection basket. *Thank you!*

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH ORADELL/NEW MILFORD, NJ

Fr. Christian gave a wonderful presentation to the Liturgical Ministers on their Morning of Reflection.







During the first week of Advent, Fr. John blessed the Advent wreaths in the St. Joseph Lower and Upper Schools. *Let us be reminded that we are preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord.*







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Oradell Girl Scouts Troop 97957 Pitches In for the SJCC!



During the month of November, Oradell Girl Scout Troop 97957 visited the SJCC and brought a large donation of many items currently needed. The girls learned about the mission of the SJCC and helped stock all of the donations. The SJCC is fortunate to have widespread community support and thanks these scouts for their care and concern.

The SJCC is always ready to accept your donations of non-perishable items such as diapers, wipes, laundry detergent, paper supplies, cleaning supplies, and all toiletries.



The local organizations that we help are always looking for these items. Please drop them in the bin marked SJCC on Grand Street.

Questions: contact Peg Kohli – <u>tkohli@optonline.net</u> or 201-391-0224.

The support of the parish enables the SJCC to help so many – Thank you!

It's all about lending a hand...

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!

Can the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity be known by the light of human reason alone?

God has left some traces of his trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but his inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries.

What did Jesus Christ reveal to us about the mystery of the Father?

Jesus Christ revealed to us that God is "Father", not only insofar as he created the universe and the mankind, but above all because he eternally generated in his bosom the Son who is his Word, "the radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature" (*Hebrews* 1:3).

Who is the Holy Spirit revealed to us by Jesus Christ?

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son. He "proceeds from the Father" (*John* 15:26) who is the principle without a principle and the origin of all trinitarian life. He proceeds also from the Son (*Filioque*) by the eternal Gift which the Father makes of him to the Son. Sent by the Father and the Incarnate Son, the Holy Spirit guides the Church "to know all truth" (*John* 16:13).

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

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



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 **January 5** 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.

2025 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Thanks to the generosity of Boulevard Funeral Home and Cremation Service in New Milford, Beaugard-McKnight Funeral Home in River Edge, Volk Leber in Oradell, and Catholic Cemeteries, we have a large number of 2025 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, 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.

EARLY DEADLINE!!

Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, December 29**Are due by **Friday, December 20.**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

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



Christmas

In Luke's Gospel we read, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with the one who has none (Lk 3: 11)."

Perhaps you received new clothing for Christmas.

Why not donate your used clothing and other needed items such as small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels and children's books to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin accessible on the Church's grounds.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

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Holiday Jazz Concert Monday, December 16, 2024 7:00pm

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THIRD SATURDAY MASS FOR RECOVERY AND HEALING

All are welcome to the Church of St. Mary - 20 Legion Place, Closter for the Third Saturday Recovery and Healing Mass on Saturday, December 21st at 12:00. This special Mass speaks to those affected by the use and abuse of drugs and/or alcohol and for those who love them. At our December Mass, we will continue the tradition of collecting new socks and underwear, hats and scarves for the needy in treatment. For information please visit our website at https://fatherjimmckenna.org/.

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.

To View Our Community



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